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Subject:

FW: comment at July 29 Landmarks Commission meeting

From: info1**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 3:23 PM**To:** Bailey, Heather <HBailey@cityofmadison.com>; Bunnnow, Kyle <KBunnnow@cityofmadison.com>**Subject:**

Hi Heather. I would appreciate your reading this letter to the Landmarks Commission members during the 'comments' time at the beginning of tonight's meeting. I have nearly completed the repair work on the Suhr house. Heather and Kyle today made a list of remaining items that need to be done. The painting is done on the house except for today's request to paint one band of fascia high on the house, and finishing the front porch which is happening today and should be done tomorrow. This is all that remains to be done for the restoration of the front porch. It was completely taken apart, the columns removed and shored up for the process. Stone pedestals were removed with new concrete footings, new column bases were milled. Additional railing spindles were milled. All fascia and trim work was repaired. All masonry and tuck pointing is approved. Carpentry work is done except for five or six minor items pointed out today during the review. Except for the items told us in today's review, the work orders are substantially complied with at this time. In other words, all of the carpentry has been done, all of the painting except as noted above, all of the masonry and tuck pointing. One of the two new porches was removed on Friday, the other is being removed today. These porches will be completed by this week's deadline. We will have completed all of the work, as I told you at your meeting four weeks ago. You will recall that I asked you to postpone your neglect finding and allow me to get the work done by the city negotiated deadline date. One of your members, when you were deciding about approving the neglect finding, said he thought the vote should go forward and added: "we can rescind it." I now understand that there is no process that allows the Commission to rescind, that being the prerogative of the City Council. I am, however, in light of the above, requesting you to recommend to the City Council that the rescission take place. I will remind you that your prior decision to proceed without allowing me the four weeks remaining under the agreement with the city was in part based on statements at the meeting, and in your staff report, that I would not be able to get the work done "during 2019". Given the incorrect and misleading effect of that opinion, I am asking you to request the City Council to rescind the finding. Harold Langhammer