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Madison, WI 53711

David Wallner
James Madison Park Surplus Property Disposal Committee
Room 312
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Madison, WI 53701-2985

November 6, 2011

Dear Mr Wallner,

I write in support of Mr Klebba's application to develop the Collins House. Bob contacted our firm in the spring of 1993 to consider working on his residence in Riley, WI. He gave us a set of architectural drawings and a copy of his own detailed specifications to prepare a bid. Bob, the owner, was to do demolition, electrical work, and painting. Our bid was \$75,000 and included an allowance for remedial work. With these documents he obtained bank financing and engaged us to do the work. Demolition began. Immediately we discovered charred roof rafters and other structural members that were compromised. After consulting the architect we repaired and reinforced the damaged sections and proceeded with the project. The many surprises and challenges we met were efficiently and decisively handled by our team of owner, architect, and contractor.

I write the above description of the construction process, because, for the first time doing it, Mr Klebba displayed an easy grace and mastery of the situation. Knowing what he wanted, hiring an architect and a builder to do the things he knew he couldn't do himself, owning the project by doing the things he could do, albeit dirty and messy, performing the electrical work completely up to code, these are actions I, as a builder, admire. He lived in the house, so that he could work on it himself and to make sure our work was proper. Bob's aesthetic choices, I think, enhanced the space, while not damaging the look from the road of the rural character of the dwelling. In short he displayed what I think are the essential traits of a good project manager and developer. He was a pleasure to work with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nels Diller", written in a cursive style.

Nels Diller
Ironwood Construction
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