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From: Erin Hunt On Behalf Of Fred Mohs
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Bill White
Cc: Scanlon, Amy; Cover, Steven; Cornwell, Katherine; Monks, Anne; Ledell Zellers; Jason Tish; Stuart Levitan
Subject: 127 West Gilman

Bill:

It is 2:15 on Monday afternoon and I have just left the Plan Department where I have met with Amy Scanlon and Heather Stouder. Franny Ingebritson and Ross Wuennenberg were also there and participated.

As you know, I have been disappointed that members of the Mansion Hill Neighborhood Association and our experts have not received permission to enter and examine the interior of 127 West Gilman Street, which as you know, is the subject of a demolition by neglect controversy as well as being a part of a proposed project that our neighborhood has opposed and that we believe it is contrary to all of the protections that the Landmarks District relies on in order to succeed. The subject at hand has to do with our belief that the house at 127 West Gilman Street does not need to be demolished because of its condition. We would like to prove that and if necessary purchase the property. It would be logical for us, at this point, to be able to enter the premises, along with our architect, engineer and contractor so that we could evaluate not only what needed to be done to improve the property, but also to make it a viable economic property.

At this point, we intend to make an offer on both 127 and 123 West Gilman Street subject to an inspection by our experts. We would like the Landmarks Commission to adjourn its decision on any new project on the West Gilman Street site until we have had an opportunity to make such an inspection if Brown's employees continue to object to our examining the property. During the Quisling Clinic development process, the neighbors and their experts were given free access to the property in order to make an evaluation. The same was true with the Edgewater project.

This part of the process should not be so hard and I am hoping that you will be able to convince the Brown employees that it would be okay for us to inspect the interior of 127. We will execute a release of all potential liability prior to entering. I think you know that Amy Scanlon and an engineer for the City went through the property, and of course, the Brown employees are in there all of the time.

Specifically, what we want to understand what would be involved in repairing or totally replacing the foundation and in knowing where all of the walls are so that we could

evaluate what would be necessary to repartition the property into something that would be attractive to the demographic that we usually rent to.

I hope you will take this up with the Brown employees as soon as possible and get back to me.

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