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June 5, 2012

Mr. James R. Owczarski  
City Clerk  
City of Milwaukee  
200 East Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Interim Historic Designation – “Sydney Hih” Complex

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

I am writing as a follow-up to the opinion letter sent to you on May 30, 2012 regarding the Sydney Hih Complex. Since writing that opinion, we received clarification from the City's Condemnation Section that, although a demolition permit was applied for by the building owner, the permit was not actually issued prior to the filing of the interim designation petition on May 23, 2012. Pursuant to MCO 320-21-13-c, the demolition permit cannot be issued until after the Historic Preservation Commission (“HPC”) concludes its hearing and enters a decision on the interim designation petition. In the event that HPC approves the interim designation petition, the demolition permit will be withheld pending any appeals of that decision and the time allowed for making such appeals. The issuance of the demolition permit “may further be delayed or otherwise affected by the [HPC]’s and common council’s decision regarding interim and final historic designation.” MCO 320-21-13-c. The City’s Condemnation Section has been informed of the petition and will withhold issuance of the demolition permit at this time.

Very truly yours,

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