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Historic Preservation Commission
Zeidler Municipal Building
841 N. Broadway, Room B-1
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Commissioners:

We look forward to the opportunity to present to you on Monday concerning the renewal of our request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to reposition the Goll House at 1550 North Prospect, making it more visible and accessible from the street, and creating space for the construction of a high-end, multi-family apartment development on the site.

In advance of that meeting, we wanted to address the questions raised in letters recently submitted to HPC by two neighboring property owners. We are committed to being good neighbors and maintaining open lines of communication with neighboring property owners and the community, not only during the construction process but throughout our long-term ownership of the site.

As is standard in construction projects of this type, our General Contractor will develop and implement appropriate plans and monitoring for the safety of the development site, the bluff, the Goll House and neighboring properties. These plans are subject to City review as part of the permitting process for construction. In addition, we are committed to providing further assurances through the implementation of appropriate monitoring plans for our adjacent property owners to the north and south and have provided these commitments in writing to the owners of the property to the south and have offered to do so for the property to the north..

Regarding the specific concerns raised by Mr. Radler about the integrity of the foundations and retaining wall on their site, we have provided a letter from our structural engineers, Pierce Engineering which provides an overview of their work to-date to ensure the safety of neighboring structures and concludes that “the planned foundation for the relocated Goll House does not present a risk to the stability or performance of the existing retaining wall.”

We agree with Mr. Dubin that the beauty of the Frederick J. Goll House is best evidenced by its front and south structures. Our plan calls for making both the west and south sides of the building **more** visible to the community by repositioning the Goll House closer to Prospect Avenue. The new development will be positioned entirely behind the Goll House, ensuring that the House is more prominent than it is today.

We look forward to addressing any other questions you may have.

Best,

Chris Houden, Jr.
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