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Hello Tim

Thank you again for the fast reply yesterday. I honestly did not know I was in violation and take this very seriously. I was on-site to speak with Mathew within 10mins to get all info needed to comply. O need to contest because I understand the value of Historical Societies efforts.

Per your request-

Attached to this email are just a few pictures of property before we touched anything that detail the severity to continue, replacements and upgrades. Many more pics available but these alone illustrate a lot

Retaining wall

Many pictures speak for themselves but I wanted to point out on the single retaining wall. I have better pics available but am trying to get info to you ASAP but notice the "bulge" from SE corner. I could wiggle wall just by pushing on it myself. Imagine how unstable that would have to be. I'm shocked that whomever built the single wall would have decided to do that design because it was a matter of time before it broke because of all the hydrostatic pressure and no drainage. There was no backfill behind wall or drainage system. It was a poor job to be fine with. Although, in fairness, it did make it this long. The bludgeoning was covered by vegetation in front of wall and was not noticed till about a month ago when area was cleared out during regular maintenance. It was so bad that we coned the wall. We can discuss more when necessary. Our solution is adequate and should have been done long ago. We would never build a brick wall that was 5' high for that property. It should be tiered with proper backfill and drainage. Walls will be less then 4' high, and backdropped from sidewalk 4. The 4' back from sidewalk was and still is a good idea in our opinion so that is the only reasons I would never have guessed I needed a permit. Otherwise, we are a 20yr local business and pull permits constantly.

Driveway

Pics show the damage being caused over time and a window into future. I have a homeowner who wants the driveway replaced because of a plethora of cracks and also the water rushing to neighbors to the East. The neighbors to the East have significant damage to their foundation due to this property's driveway and everyday it will be worse for them. I had a lengthy conversation and they were pleased to hear we were willing to fix that along their house included into our project for the inconvenience of not being able to use driveway for a few weeks. Everyone wins. I'll have to assume the house to the east is a historical property as well, if this driveway is not replaced ASAP, I need to be noted that damage was being done to both historical homes and will continue even more now everyday that goes by. We have done 100s of driveways throughout area and will continue to do so (many historical). Although now that I know more about what's expected and additional guidelines for the Milwaukee Historical, this will not be a problem and I assure you we will be calling in to check on any home over 40yrs old.

Staircases

We are just replacing , using same dimensions, treads, risers and overall sizes of steps. Although, instead of cracked and degraded concrete we will be upgrading project to bluestone stairs. It will be magnificent and only add to the beauty of historical property. One of the existing cases had dipped and no longer safe (a tripping hazard) and not a 7” risers

Railings

Again, same detail and specs. Just replace with high grade iron railing where the were. No change

Please consider-

All our work falls into the improvement and safety category. No dimensions have changed, just updated material and functioning water management for both homes to avoid damage and possible future lawsuits between them.

As of now, they are both homeowners are thankful this is being taken care of. The owners are seniors and one just had eye surgery and I’m very worried about them getting in and out easily. It’s a hard job that many couldn’t do. We will meet and exceed your expectations, I give you my assurance and word.

As mentioned earlier I have strong ties to the Shorewood Historical society and hope let’s you know that not only am I aware of its historical existence, but also I am an advocate for the cause. I’ve done many projects for the SHS and even have a google review from them!

Tim, I’m not asking to finish, just to let us continue taking out a driveway till we meet. To PLEASE take down the “do not work order “ while you and I (or Mathew?) meet up -when you have time. Once we do a walkthrough together I can better explain and comply. I apologize for not pulling the permits and will gladly do my diligence to appease historical Society moving forward. Please give me permission to proceed

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