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Subject: City Staff & Society Meeting Recap: 19 June 2017

TO: Naples City Council

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Good Afternoon:

This morning, Naples Historical Society met with three members of the City's staff: Robin Singer (she called the meeting), Craig Mole and Christa Carrera. With the Society were Denny Glass, Richard Prebish (Chair of the Board and Vice Chair, respectively), and Elaine Reed. Council Member Doug Finlay was also present.

We discussed the attached list of *Outstanding Issues*, and found general agreement. Also presented today was a process flowchart, but that will be revised slightly. Lastly, I explained that the Historic Preservation Program has been written (95%) completed. I said this written program and the aforementioned flowchart will be forwarded to City Council and staff later this week.

Two related items generated much discussion:

1. There was a lot of discussion on the breadth of preservation. Historic preservation includes houses like Historic Palm Cottage™, but that is the epitome of a well-preserved historic house. It does not represent the extent to which an historic house can be rehabilitated AND still remain historic. For the last two years, I've presented the four *Approaches to Preservation* which is a phrase used by the Secretary of the Interior, the National Register, and the State Historic Preservation Office. See the attached; you've seen this before now. The text is from the Secretary of the Interior, not from the Society. Not every historic rehabilitation effort will render a replica. We must keep an open mind to what preservation includes and embodies.
2. Design Guidelines will be a governing document to facilitate the Design Review Board to render judgment on the rehabilitation plans for a given historic house. Because Florida Building Code (FBC) specifically references the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines, Mr. Mole wants to include a 37-page document in the historic preservation program. We agreed, noting that FBC states restoration plans, "shall be guided by the recommended approaches in rehabilitation...".

There is nothing prescriptive nor black and white here; in fact, it is a **guideline for recommendations**. If it were prescriptive, or if any restoration effort had to reflect minimal changes as with Historic Palm Cottage, this program would not be effective. Ruben Acosta, from the State of Florida, has repeatedly commented that the local community is to apply its judgment based on the **recommended guidelines**. Everything will be judged, ultimately, on a case-by-case basis.

This serves as a recap, should you have comments or questions about this email, please let me know. Otherwise, I will be in touch later this week with a draft of the Naples Historic Preservation Program and the accompanying attachments. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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