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Ms. Moermond:

In the meeting today, you asked me for my timeline on 11 items that were listed in a private letter from Steve Ubl to Ricardo Cervantes. I will address them all, but for simplicity I will "group them".

1. Install emergency lighting in mezzanine
4. Install exit signage and emergency lighting in 378 to direct patrons to the emergency exit at 374
10. Remove the exit sign at 378 and add emergency lighting

We agree with the scope of this work 100% and will have it done by the end of September assuming there is no hold up with the city issuing permits. The work will be performed by licensed contractor Marquardt Electric and all appropriate permits will be pulled.

3. The front door at 374 must be the primary exit with exit sign, emergency lighting and panic hardware and must swing in the direction of travel.

We agree 100%. The electrical work will be performed by Marquardt Electric as describe above. The permit for the door swing has been pulled and we are waiting on the HPC and the city to issue permits.

5. Signage must be installed indicating a maximum occupant load of 16 for the mezzanine.

I will order the sign today and it will be installed as soon as it's delivered.

6. Signage must be installed at the spiral stairway limiting its use to one directional travel at one time.

To us this seems to be common sense and unnecessary as there are essentially no children in the restaurant and 2 adults could not pass on the steps. Also, we are not certain exactly what you want the sign to say and where you want it placed. Therefore, more clarification is needed. Or better yet, we would like this requirement waived.

7. Doorway between the front spaces of 374 & 378 must remain clear at all times.

This is already done. Prior to today we were told this area could be marked with reflective tape (or duct tape). Now we are being told that it needs to be more of a permanent installation. We will discuss this amongst the owners of the restaurant and the owners of the building to come up with a suitable plan for all involved. That said, the restaurant is small, the employees all know to keep this area clear. No patrons are routinely in this area unless there is an emergency, so this area is kept clear!

9. 2 additional fire extinguishers need to be installed at the top and bottom of the spiral staircase.

We can comply with this by the end of September.

11. Permanent floor marking in the 374 space identifying an exit access path from the doorway between the two front spaces and the front exit of 374.

Ms. Moermond stated today that she wants to meet with the owners of the restaurant to discover what this might look like. Ms Moermond stated that there may be funds from an undisclosed government body to perform some of this work. So, I have agreed to discuss this with the

restauranters to discuss what this might look like and an associated timeline. I will begin contacting contractors this week.

2. Shall be no curtains installed in the building the could constrict the accessing of any doors.

Since it was told to me and the restaurant owners COULD keep curtains by at least two inspectors and our code compliance consultant also stated that we could since the door at 378 is not our emergency exit, I have not agreed to remove the curtains.

However, in light of new information that was presented to me today, that perhaps there is a government body that can help with building out of the space at 374 to accommodate for a new entrance, we would ask the following:

Allow the owner of The Strip Club Meat and Fish to use the curtains only until the space at 374 is built out and funded by government dollars. Keeping in mind that removing the curtains effectively removes seating in the restaurant and even a minor reduction in seating is a major problem for the restaurant in terms of revenue.

8. Install an alarm system (early detection system, horns & strobe) in the restaurant area within 60 days.

Mr. Niver is looking into the cost of this . 60 days might be a tight time line, but we are exploring options on this. I don't feel that installing an early detection system is unreasonable request and we will make every attempt possible to accommodate this within 60 days.

If anything was missed, please let me know. Also, please note that someone needs to let me know if we will be attending the city council hearing or if it will be held over as Ms. Moermond suggested it might.

Respectfully submitted

Will Anderson
MFCA President