

## Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

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**Cc:** Niver, Tim; Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul); Howes, Mike; Dezelske, Angela; Cervantes, Ricardo (CI-StPaul); Wiese, Angie (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: 374-376-378 Maria

Marcia:

Did you have a chance to review this email? Again, I am hoping it is agreeable to everyone that we ask for an extension from the City Council so we can continue to explore some of the newly presented options.

Can you please confirm.

THANKS!

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**Subject:** Re: 374-376-378 Maria

Marcia:

Tim and I had a chance to talk at length today. What we feel is fair is asking the city council for an extension. The purpose of the extension would be to allow Tim and me some more time to explore some of the options that have been recently presented and allow us to complete some of the items that are already in the works.

If you, Mr. Ubl and Mr. Cervantes are agreeable to this, please let me know by replying to all.

Tim and I will then meet and contact Mr. Repke to discuss some of the additional options.

Respectfully submitted

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 11:23:59 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 374-376-378 Maria

All,

This has been an unfortunate occurrence to say the least. I know the city's intention is to secure the safety of my guests and I can appreciate the many opinions/codes/laws used in an attempt to best achieve an outcome that works for all of us. Sadly I was not invited to attend this meeting. While I am now fully aware of what happened the outcome is not as I had hoped. Had I been invited to this meeting I would have been able to give my point of view and shed light on the finer points and efficiencies of my business and how it operates. At this point everyone but the business owners have had the opportunity to say his or her piece.

This business operates on a thread. I fail to see the logic in how the city can now demand we pay for the changes necessary to fix a problem that comes directly from multiple mistakes made by former inspectors and city officials. Furthermore we were city approved, inspected and reinspected on these premises multiple times before I signed my lease and again had the premises inspected and approved multiple times. This is error after error. The end result is that I can't use my front door on any bad weather day. Without curtains and some protection from the elements my room is too uncomfortable to seat. If I dont use curtains I will have to fill the mezzanine every night to offset the cold and blowing. Changing my main entrance and entering and exiting out 374 will make up to 10 seats in the dining room extremely difficult to use as no one wants to sit by a busy door and still have to pay for a fine dining experience. These changes create stress on the everyday flow of the space and may require additional hiring to staff the door for security and extended service reasons. We cant leave a door unattended in this neighborhood. These decisions change the face and the personality of my business and I am unsure what the repercussions of these decisions will have on our future.

While there may be "funds" to help us improve our space, the logistics don't work.

What I write I write with all due respect. I am forthright and honest in my dealings with everybody. I am willing to proceed with some of the changes requested but I am not willing to concede on all of the points provided in the meeting summary by Mr. Ubl. If it is true that we will not be heard again at City Council then I am afraid our appeal will be denied. If our appeal is denied The Strip Club will be faced with making even harder decisions.

I am available at 612.251.6594 should any of you desire to speak with me in person.

Sincerely,

Tim Niver

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Will,

I will consider the plan you have outlined below.

As we discussed this morning, the City is in earnest about not allowing the curtain, but is interested in exploring the use of discretionary funds available toward some of the fire safety items, including the development of the alternate entrance/exit.

I am copying Chuck Repke, as it is my understanding NENDC holds mortgages on this property. Chuck may be able to facilitate some of the capital improvements we are discussing.

Marcia

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**From:** Will Anderson [mailto:willanderson32@comcast.net]  
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**Subject:** 374-376-378 Maria

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 restaurateurs 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 that 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