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From: Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Zangs, Larry (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Fwd: Commodore fire exit stair and temporary C of O

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "John R. Rupp" <JRRupp@commonwealthproperties.com>
Date: September 18, 2015 at 11:06:19 AM CDT
To: "Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul)" <stephen.ubl@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Commodore fire exit stair and temporary C of O

Good Morning Steve

Please see below.

From: Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul) [mailto:stephen.ubl@ci.stpaul.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 5:20 PM
To: John R. Rupp <JRRupp@commonwealthproperties.com>
Cc: Williamette, James (CI-StPaul) <james.williamette@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Sutter, Todd (CI-StPaul) <todd.sutter@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Commodore fire exit stair - same design made of wood

Hi John,

There appears to be a lot going on with this building. Please respond to anything that is not accurate below:

- The 2012 permit specifically notes that the exit and exit stair is not in the scope of work

That is not true. The permitted plans show that the HPC will approve the design by a separate permit, but that the stair was in principle approved.

- The building's type of construction will require a steel stair

On what basis? If steel is required - then the permanent stair will be steel.

- The letter from licensing indicates a formal process is required through council for any expansion of the facility's use

I have no idea what "letter" you are referring to. The Commodore's use is not being expanded. The project is only to upgrade an existing licensed facility. When I received my permit - Licensing confirmed that I was not expanding the use, which is why I received the permit.

- Any expansion of the facility will require additional parking

There is no expansion

It would be difficult to issue a permit with these issues. Please provide any additional comments to help us streamline this project for you.

I am hosting a several events beginning the end of next week, that have been planned for months. Hundreds of guests are expected. They cannot be canceled.

The State Health department has approved temporary use for a few events while I finish my project, which BTW is nearly done.

I am going to build an approved wooden exit stair – because the HPC refuses to approve my steel one, or even tell me if my design needs to be changed in any way to get approval.

I sent HPC and John Skradski the plan for the wooden stair.

My thought is that you give me a temporary C of O and consider my wooden stain only a temporary one until I work through the months of utter lunacy that the HPC will put me through.

The question after all is the safety of occupants not the dysfunction of the HPC.

I do BTW have, I believe, the current right to occupy the rest of the facility minus the ballroom (that contains the stair).

After my experience with the HPC on the 344 Summit Project, and the tens of thousands of dollars of damage that HPC's incompetence caused me, I have decided that the staff will not do that to me again. I will continue to submit as required plans to the HPC on my projects, but if I am ignored and/or blocked my hope is that you and I will be able to work out a solution that we will both find workable, before I take other action.

I think the above answers your questions and addresses your concerns.

I am planning on opening to the public the end of October and will need a permanent C of O then. I and my numerous contractors will of course continue to work with your department.

If you would like to take a tour – please let me know.

Thank you for your interest and concern.

John

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Thank you,



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The attached is the revised fire stair design in wood. Essentially identical in appearance as the steel one.

Treat as a permanent solution or for now temporary – don't care. Need permit NOW.

From: bryan ford [<mailto:bford@mclarchitects.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:10 PM
To: John R. Rupp <JRRupp@commonwealthproperties.com>
Subject: RE: fire exit

See attached.

From: John R. Rupp [<mailto:JRRupp@commonwealthproperties.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:21 PM
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Subject: fire exit

CAN YOU DO TODAY IN WOOD?!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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