

Izak Gilbo

From: Planning Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:50 AM
To: Izak Gilbo
Subject: FW: Floros Building
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Good morning Izak,

The email below came in to the Planning Info email. I am not sure where you want this saved so I haven't saved it yet. Thanks,
Tracy

From: Matthew Beebe [mailto:matthewdbeebe@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Planning Info <Planning@cityofportsmouth.com>; Nicholas J. Cracknell <njcracknell@cityofportsmouth.com>
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Subject: Floros Building

Hi Nick:

As a member of Working Stiff Properties, LLC (92-94 Pleasant Street), I am a direct abutter to the proposed reconstruction and renovations at 84 Pleasant Street and the accompanying new construction of the burned out properties on the corner of State and Pleasant.

I'd like to make the following statements regarding the proposal before the HDC:

- I think the theme of wood clapboard siding to match the original intent of the historic structures is important to the integrity of the facade.

I do not think the use of Hardy or some similar "Lap" siding is appropriate or warranted. An Historic-like cladding on any of the portions of the new construction and renovation of the Floros property that abuts or can be seen from perspectives that include our property would be ideal. We have plans to reconstruct the facade of our building to match the original intent—and hope the HDC sees fit to maintain the appearance of the original facade. I will include pictures gleaned from the Atheneum to bolster the point.

- Although they are on portions of the original building, I would prefer the HDC not mandate the use of historic working shutters for the Floros Building. While attractive in limited use, they perform no true function when coupled with a modern window, and present a maintenance and perhaps a hazard when installed on a public walkway, which would come into play on the two sides of our building that abut public sidewalks. There are no shutters on several abutting or adjacent structures including the recently renovated 232 Court Street.

- We ask that the HDC request/require the removal of the disintegrating blue tarps that have been left to rot on the building since the fire almost four years ago. We have reached out to both Peter Floros and the former owner, Keith Malinowski about the debris from those tarps blowing all over town. The Floros group has not responded and Malinowski said it wasn't his problem. We approached the City about it and the City response the only remedy was to call the Police. We'd prefer not to get law enforcement involved in a property-ownership issue. Perhaps the HDC can help.

It's a nuisance at the least (we have been picking up blue threads from the tarp off our property for two-plus years now...) but a responsibility of the property owner to not create "waste." I am hoping the HDC can implore the property owner to do the right thing and take care of this problem.



Description

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, Pleasant Street, Portsmouth, NH. Built in 1807; burned March 28, 1890. Had a Revere bell.

c. 1900













