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Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 11:04 AM

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Good morning all. Thanks for your note John. Yes, I saw the change order email over the weekend from Katherine. It is fine to go ahead and do the engineering for the shoring under this change order. PPC will pay for this, either to Katherine as a reimbursement, or directly to JMWilliams.

As an update for everyone, I was finally able to speak to my board member who is a construction management expert yesterday. I'm sorry it took so long to get to talk to him, but he wasn't getting my emails from when this first happened.

He strongly recommends that we get the City of Atlanta Watershed Management in the lead position on this issue. He also recommends that we create a separate contract for PPC and JMWilliams for this scope. (I have attached a scope document that we should review and agree on) This change in direction doesn't reflect any concerns about our relationship Katherine and Dave, but is in consideration of the potential risk of the unforeseen conditions, potential risk to the base building and the situation PPC may find itself in with City of Atlanta Watershed Management if they don't accept responsibility and conduct or authorize repair work in a timely fashion.

PPC is going to keep working with the City to acknowledge that this condition was caused by a failed sewer line and have them provide authorization/notification on how to proceed. I think we are fine to have done the initial structural engineering assessment as well as engineering for the shoring but we need them to take responsibility for identifying and executing the proper means and methods to repair the line, back-fill and compact the soil in the hole.

John, please forward the shoring engineering drawings etc as soon as you have them. This will provide another key milestone for us to request the City to provide guidance and action based on this issue as a "life safety emergency" as well as re-emphasis that time is of the essence from a construction cost perspective.

Please let me know if we need a conference call to discuss any of this. Katherine and Dave please review the attached scope to be sure this aligns with your understanding. John, please forward a "Cost Plus" contract at your convenience and also review the attached scope.

Thanks all,  
Mark

On Mon, Aug 6, 2018, 6:31 PM John Norton <johnn@jmwilliamscontractors.com> wrote:

Mark,

FYI

Over the weekend Katherine released us to start the shoring engineering. I hope to have the engineered drawings by the end of this week or first of next week. I'll forward them to you as soon as I receive them.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Re: Follow up on site visit

Good afternoon Maher,

Thank you for your note from July 23. We are concerned that we haven't heard anything from contracted support or your team for the last two weeks regarding the void and collapsed floor in the Community Center Building.

We believe that this sinkhole and undermining of the collapsed floor meets the criteria of a Life Safety Emergency. Last week during the heavy rains, water could be heard rushing in the void underneath the collapsed slab. In addition, we have a structural engineering report, attached, that is recommending shoring of the building based on what they observed during their site visit.

We don't want to proceed without your team's acknowledgement and guidance for next steps and process to shore the building, facilitate repair of the sewer line and remediation to fill the void to bring the building back to base building condition. Please provide guidance on next steps.

Respectfully,

Mark

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On Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 3:45 PM, Abed, Maher <[mabed@atlantaga.gov](mailto:mabed@atlantaga.gov)> wrote:

Mark,

Good afternoon! We have done our assessment of the sewer line underneath this building. This repair is beyond our crew capability, so we will solicit assistance from our contracted support to complete the repair. I will keep you posted on our progress. Thanks, Maher

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Good afternoon Maher. Thank you for your assistance with getting the crews out to inspect the sewer line running underneath the Piedmont Park Conservancy Community Center, [1071 Piedmont Avenue](#). They were out Wednesday and Thursday to assess the situation.

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