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**Fwd: FW: 1071 Piedmont Ave NE Documentation - sinkhole ide powell**

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**From:** Powell, Kishia  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2019 11:12:45 AM  
**To:** Ide, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Bhandari, Roger  
**Subject:** Re: 1071 Piedmont Ave NE Documentation

Good morning Councilmember Ide,

I was finally able to review the documents attached to this email which I will forward to the DOL.

I believe the statement provided by the Conservancy is inaccurate. We did not provide an engineer's report (nothing was signed and stamped as such). We performed inspection of our utilities to determine if they were the cause of the void and the Linear Infrastructure team deemed the utilities to be sound. That inspection data was provided to them after consulting with our DOL.

**It is my understanding that Chris Lewis discusses with them their need and responsibility to do further due diligence to assess, determine cause and repair the void as it is private property and their responsibility.**

I will forward the documents to DOL so they can opine on how to address the conservancy's notice.

Kishia L. Powell, P.E.\*

Commissioner

City of Atlanta

Department of Watershed Management

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2019, at 3:25 PM, Ide, Jennifer <[jnide@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jnide@atlantaga.gov)> wrote:

Hi Commissioner,

This is with regard to the void under the slab at the Piedmont Park Conservancy building, which we discussed several weeks ago. The parties are still in disagreement over what was or wasn't done after the city inspected. I just wanted to run this by you again and make sure you are in agreement with the statement made by the conservancy on their website or if you think we should ask them to rephrase it. There seems to be some lack of clarity around what is meant by "repairing the void." Thank you for any clarification you can provide.

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From: Mark Banta <[mbanta@piedmontpark.org](mailto:mbanta@piedmontpark.org)>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:50 AM  
To: Jennifer Ide; Ide, Jennifer  
Cc: Mitchell King  
Subject: Fwd: 1071 Piedmont Ave NE Documentation

Good morning Jennifer,  
Thanks for the call yesterday evening. As requested, here is the letter from Deputy Commissioner Lewis. I've also attached the "camp parent" statement. I believe it accurately relays the facts but please let me know if you think we have overstated the City's reference to the void repair. Thank you for all you do.

Mark

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Date: Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 5:01 PM  
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Good afternoon Mark,

Attached are the following documents related to the matters at the aforementioned subject address:

1. Memorandum summarizing activities by Department of Watershed management
2. Exhibits to support attached Memorandum

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Chris Lewis

Deputy Commissioner

Department of Watershed Management

770-560-5225

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<1071 Piedmont Ave. - Letter Exhibits - 2018-10-10.pdf>

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**Fwd: FW: Sinkhole under Piedmont Park Community Center**

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**Katherine Drolett** <drolettlaw@gmail.com>  
To: Katherine Drolett <drolettlaw@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 20, 2019 at 12:52 AM

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**From:** "Orchid, Lance" <lrorchid@AtlantaGa.Gov>  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 8:01 AM  
**To:** "Powell, Kishia" <kpowell@AtlantaGa.Gov>, "Ide, Jennifer" <jnide@AtlantaGa.Gov>  
**Cc:** "Campbell, Rukiya" <rucampbell@AtlantaGa.Gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Sinkhole under Piedmont Park Community Center

Thank you, Kishia.

**Lance Orchid, Esq.**, Chief of Staff, Council Member Jennifer Ide, CD-6

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**From:** Powell, Kishia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:07:02 PM  
**To:** Orchid, Lance; Ide, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Campbell, Rukiya  
**Subject:** Re: Sinkhole under Piedmont Park Community Center

Thank you, I was not aware of the press release. We did not make any repairs as this is deemed private property. I have copied my communications director to follow up so that if there are any corrections they can be made. I don't believe we heard from them following sending them our report of findings for our infrastructure. If they still have a void it needs to be addressed. Rukiya, I will forward the press release for follow up.

**Kishia L. Powell, PE\***

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**From:** "Orchid, Lance" <lrorchid@AtlantaGa.Gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 12:09 PM  
**To:** "Powell, Kishia" <kpowell@AtlantaGa.Gov>, "Ide, Jennifer" <jnide@AtlantaGa.Gov>  
**Subject:** Sinkhole under Piedmont Park Community Center

Commissioner Powell and Councilmember Ide,

After our conversation last week regarding the City's inspection of the sinkhole under the Piedmont Park Community Center, my understanding is clear that we (DWM) inspected the erosion and determined that it was not caused by the City's infrastructure. At that point we informed the property owner and sent them the report. The City though did not say that the issue was resolved and/or repaired. This ended our involvement.

I happened to see the PPC press release regarding the issue yesterday and am concerned that the majority of their language is vague enough to make it sound like the City signed off on the repair. I am sending this to the two of you for review because I would hate to see the City be at risk of any liability related to the issue.

Please look at this paragraph specifically:

*"The void under slab has been repaired since September 28, 2018. The methods used to inspect the void, access the sewer asset and repair the void, have been deemed reasonable, and thorough by the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management engineers as well as the building's Engineer of Record. In addition, The City of Atlanta has conducted numerous inspections and tests on the sewer structures underneath the building and those in the area. They have provided these results to the tenant and the Conservancy. According to the Engineer*

*of Record's report, there are no other signs of significant soil erosion or underslab voids other than the void that has been repaired. There is no distress in the building structure or finishes that one might associate with soil settlement. Although the City of Atlanta's tests did not confirm that it was the city's asset that caused the under-slab void, having specific and current understanding of the footings, soils, soil and void repair, the Engineer of Record is confident the structure is sound and well founded. He has provided a stamped engineering report stating the same."*

They do later in the release state:

*"Although the City of Atlanta's tests did not confirm that it was the city's asset that caused the under-slab void, having specific and current understanding of the footings, soils, soil and void repair, the Engineer of Record is confident the structure is sound and well founded. "*

It seems to me that it is inferred that the City was more involved than we were.

Anyhow, I am passing this over to you.

Let me know should you need anything further from me.

Best,

Lance

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