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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 5:14 PM
To: mbanta@piedmontpark.org
Subject: Fwd: 1071 Piedmont - Piedmont Park Conservancy Center

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From: "Powell, Kishia" <kpowell@AtlantaGa.Gov>
Date: April 18, 2019 at 1:47:59 PM EDT
To: Katherine Drolett <drolettlaw@gmail.com>
Cc: "Ide, Jennifer" <jnide@AtlantaGa.Gov>, "Orchid, Lance" <lrorchid@AtlantaGa.Gov>
Subject: Re: 1071 Piedmont - Piedmont Park Conservancy Center

Good afternoon Ms. Drolett,
Yes to clarify, we assessed for structural damage of the sewer including whether or not smoke testing yielded any outflow of smoke in the building. There was no smoke detected in the building.

Whether or not it was explicitly stated to the Piedmont Park Conservancy at the time I cannot speak to as I was not on site and Mr. Lewis is no longer with the City. They are aware it is not our building and that we provided an investigation of the sewer. However, I will be sharing this communication with them and have already requested they provide some clarity in their notice on the subject.

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On Apr 18, 2019, at 12:00 PM, Katherine Drolett <drolettlaw@gmail.com> wrote:

Commissioner Powell,

Thank you so much for getting back to me so quickly. I so appreciate it.

Just a couple points of clarification please -

Below you say that the Deputy Commissioner relayed that "there was no structural damage identified in the area of the center." To clarify, are you saying there was no structural damage to the sewer near the Community Center?

You also said it is outside the scope of the City to otherwise investigate the void, deem the site safe to build or make repairs. Was it relayed to the Piedmont Park Conservancy at the time of the sewer investigation that it was their responsibility, not the City's, to investigate the void and make repairs if necessary?

Thank you very much.

Have a great day,

Katherine

Katherine Drolett
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On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 1:18 AM Powell, Kishia <kpowell@atlantaga.gov> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Drollet,

In response to the Piedmont Park Conservancy's request to investigate our utilities to determine if the void was related to the sewer line that runs beneath the community center building, the sewer was investigated using CCTV, smoke testing and dye testing. This work was performed by our Linear Infrastructure Operation.

The Deputy Commissioner for that operation relayed that there was no structural damage identified in the area of the center. Documentation of the field investigations was provided in September to the Conservancy and this did not include an engineering report.

As this is considered private property, it is outside the scope of the City to otherwise investigate the void, deem the site safe to build or make repairs. You will need to follow up with the Piedmont Park Conservancy for further information on their efforts.

I hope this help provide clarity.

Kind regards,

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On Apr 17, 2019, at 11:13 AM, Katherine Drolett <drolettlaw@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Powell,

Thank you in advance for you time.

My name is Katherine Drolett. I am an owner of Be Our Guest Investments, LLC - the entity currently working to open two restaurant locations at 1071 Piedmont Avenue - The Piedmont Park Community Center.

There has been a continuing issue regarding a sinkhole under the Community Center.

In July, we were told by the Piedmont Park Conservancy (PPC) President that the city had done an investigation, determined city assets were not to blame for the sinkhole, and that the PPC would need to undertake its own investigation and repair.

In September, the city again did an inspection of the site. We have received conflicting information regarding that last inspection, and I am hoping you can bring some clarity to the matter.

Can you please tell us what the September city inspection encompassed?

We have the memorandum, and are wondering if there are any engineering reports regarding the same, as they were not attached to the memo?

What were the results of said inspection?

Did the city identify the cause or make any repairs to the sinkhole?

Did the city determine that the site safe to build?

Finally, have those results been communicated to the PPC? When were they told the results?

Thank you so much, again, for your time. If you have any questions for me, I can be reached at this email, or at 404-610-0800.

Have a great day,

Katherine Drolett
Be Our Guest Investments, LLC