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**NOTICE OF  
DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT**

Address: 1841 Crooks Road  
Sidwell: 15-20-428-003  
HDC File No. 99-011

Dear Mr. Dunn:

This letter is to inform you of the action taken by the Historic Districts Commission at its May 14, 2009 Regular Meeting.

The City's Historic Districts Commission discussed the above referenced property and noted that some of their concerns about the resource had been addressed pursuant to a *demolition by neglect* notice issued in November, 2007. However, it appears that additional problems have developed and the Commission once again expressed its concern about the current condition of the historic structure located on the property.

Therefore, the Commission found the historic resource to be threatened by *demolition by neglect*, which is a violation of Section 118-33 (Duty to maintain and repair) of the City's Historical Preservation Ordinance, and passed the following motion:

**MOTION** by Thompson, seconded by Stamps, that the Historic Districts Commission makes a determination of *demolition by neglect* for the property located at 1841 Crooks Road, Sidwell Number 15-20-428-003, and that the Historic Districts Commission supports and encourages the property owner to move forward with all appropriate action to mothball and secure the structure against damage from the elements, with the following Findings and Conditions:

Findings:

1. That the property is a designated Historic District, and is in clear violation of the *demolition by neglect* portion of the City's Code of Ordinances and it is the Historic Districts Commission's belief that the structure at 1841 Crooks Road needs to be protected before any irreparable damage occurs.

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2. That the property is part of a renovation and construction project approved over a year ago by the Historic Districts Commission.
3. That the photographs provided to the Historic Districts Commission show clear deterioration in the structure of the building.
4. That the inspection by the Building Department dated November 7, 2007 details specific deterioration of the building.

Conditions:

1. That the defects identified by the Building Department's Field Inspection Report be remediated by July 31, 2009.
2. That the mothballing be done in accordance with U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Preservation Brief 31 (Mothballing Historic Buildings).

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

A copy of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Preservation Brief 31 (Mothballing Historic Structures) is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director  
Staff Liaison to the Historic Districts Commission

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Enclosure

cc: Mayor Bryan K. Barnett  
City Attorney John Staran  
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File