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MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Delacourt and the Rochester Hills Historic Districts Study Committee members
FR: Kristine M. Kidorf
RE: Updates on questions from February meeting

Based on our discussion from when we met earlier this month I wanted to update you with what I've found out.

920 South Boulevard – I have re-drafted this report and have attached it for your review. Deed research did not reveal very much, and I still don't know when the house was constructed. I followed up on your survey leads, the information is included with the report. I did the best I could with the time and information available. Please let me know if you have any questions. Note that I did not include the history of the Hildebrant brothers. After referring to the National Register Guidelines I realized that even though they moved in over fifty years ago, their significant accomplishments are within the past fifty years, and the work that makes them important was not completed at this property. More specifically, the NR states:

3. Contributions of individuals must be compared to those of others who were active, successful, prosperous, or influential in the same field.
4. Properties that were constructed within the last fifty years, or that are associated with individuals whose significant accomplishments date from the last fifty years, must possess exceptional significance to be listed in the National Register.
5. A property that is significant as an important example of an individual's skill as an architect or engineer should be nominated under Criterion C rather than Criterion B.
6. Significant individuals must be directly associated with the nominated property.
7. Eligible properties generally are those associated with the productive life of the individual in the field in which (s)he achieved significance.
8. Documentation must explain how the nominated property represents an individual's significant contributions.
9. Each property associated with someone important should be compared with other properties associated with that individual to identify those resources that are good representatives of the person historic contributions.

CLG – Specifically the requirement that City Council direct the study committee. I spoke with Amy Arnold and it is her opinion that City Council should give the charge to the study committee about what to study. She thought a yearly resolution was fine. She was double checking with Nick Bozen (the attorney in her department who is an expert in the state law) but has yet to hear back from him.

Frank Farm – archaeological component. I spoke with Dean Anderson in the Office of the State Archaeologist and he indicated that the next phase in evaluating the site is to conduct a Phase II archaeology study to determine if the site meets the criteria for listing in the national register. Two additional questions came up in my conversation with him – is the existing site within the two parcels that are proposed to be designated? Is it worth exploring whether or not there are historic archaeological sites on the property that might also be worthy of designation? For more information on evaluating whether archaeological properties meet the national register criteria refer to the National Register Bulletin on Archaeological Properties, found at this website:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/arch/index.htm>