

FINNICUM BROWNLIE ARCHITECTS

April 19, 2012

Mr. Brian Dunphy Chairperson Rochester Hills Historic Districts Commission 1000 Rochester Hills Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Re: 1855 / 1899 Washington Road, HDC Submission

Dear Mr. Dunphy,

On behalf of CP Ventures LP, we are pleased to transmit herewith a revised Request for Appropriateness for constructing a new single-family house on the above referenced property. The Request submission includes the following items:

Application

A narrative description of the actions taken to bring the proposal into greater compatibility with the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District

• Narrative appendix:

Winkler Mill Pond Historic District plat map Recommended Native Planting Pallet for SE Michigan and the District

· Site plan drawings showing all required information

Revised site plan

Revised site plan superimposed on the original site plan

• Architectural drawings:

First and second floor plans

N, S, E & W elevations

3 site sections with the original design superimposed over the proposed design

Site Preservation Plans:

Existing site conditions

Tree modification plan

Naturalized screening plan

· Renderings: Current and proposed views of:

East drive from Washington Road

West drive from Washington Road

View from East neighbor

View from pond shore, East corner

View from pond shore, West corner

Close up of entrance courtyard illustrating materials

Material samples:

Will be brought to the meeting with details of proposed building elements

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Historic Landscape Designer Andrew Poehlman of Historic Courtyards and Gardens has 13 years experience in the historic landscape profession. Andrew and Mr. Jim Meyers, owner of the 25 year-old company, have traveled extensively throughout Europe, New Zeeland and Australia studying the origins of landscape architecture throughout various civilizations. Andrew has successfully approached the project as a site preservation project creating a natural, far less formal landscape plan than previously submitted.

For the past ten weeks the Team has been hard at work designing substantive responses to your concerns. We feel the system is working and that the project is better for it. We respectfully request a Certificate of Appropriateness enabling Mr. Peyerk to construct his home.

Yours truly,

Finnicum Brownlie Architects

William J. Finnicum

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