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[EXTERNAL] RE: 892 W Boston

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 1 attachment (76 KB)

Westside Forestry Arborist Tree Assessment.pdf;

See comments below in **red**. Attached is tree assessment.

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Thank you. We have received it and are going to review it tomorrow as a team and see if it is complete to be included on the May agenda. I have preliminarily reviewed it and have a few questions.

Could you provide a bulleted, detailed scope of work? Perhaps one already exists you could send me.

**Does the slideshow 'scope of work' need to be in a written format?**

On a related note, could the scope of work describe how the existing historic masonry elements will be washed? How will the mortar/grout be removed and how will it be matched? (This question relates to the front yard masonry stairs/walls/piers, entry porch, entry plaza, courtyard walk, and rear upper terrace.)

I can adjust slideshow/written scope of work, whichever is preferred. The washing method uses Klenstone masonry cleaner and a hose to wash off.

For the entry plaza, will any existing stone paving remain? For the entry porch, will the limestone elements with patches be replaced with new limestone?

Yes, all the original stone that is not broken will be used. Broken/non-original stone will be replaced with new limestone.

Can you describe how you arrived at the Buff Tayko stone? Were you seeking to match existing/ is there an area that provides clean stone to match to/ were you seeking to match the house?

We had a masonry expert, Scott Albaugh, on site to determine the original stone. Buff Tayko is the name of the existing/original limestone on site and will be sourced to replace and match any broken/concrete patched pieces.

Could the bulleted scope of work include dimensions of the existing service court wall and what those dimensions will be once rebuilt? (Perhaps I have overlooked this on the drawings—if so, please direct me to those dimensions and I apologize.)

There is a soft line that shows the existing, I can provide dimensions on there.

Will the completed, rebuilt driveway have curbs?

Yes, will match the existing.

Regarding the existing text about the Fountain restoration: It appears to me that this text/narrative describes the work proposed to the concrete basin. Is that correct? Yes. For the north water feature, please describe what of the Haddonstone feature will be used and how the completed, restored fountain will look. I can provide a written description. Regarding the south fountain, do you have a dimensioned drawing for the replicated, currently missing water feature? We can provide dimensioned drawing for the fountain.

Could you please provide an inventory of the existing trees at the rear of the backyard that are proposed for removal? If any are old, please provide a health assessment. (I believe when we were on site, there was a large cottonwood that is likely of historic age.)

See attached. We had an arborist provide a tree assessment.

There may be additional questions we have or documents needed after our team review tomorrow, but these items are based on my questions. Thank you very much.

Ellen

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