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**Re: Mendocino Movement**

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To: Collin Maxwell <collin@napavalleyonly.com>

Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 3:57 PM

Hi Collin,

I am having trouble reaching you at the number below (707-900-1112). I will talk to the in-house building inspectors about developing a checklist and listen to the recording of the meeting to see exactly what was asked for by the MHRB. I am on a deadline right now for another project but will try to get back to you with something specific next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

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&gt;&gt;&gt; Collin Maxwell &lt;collin@napavalleyonly.com&gt; 9/27/2018 12:38 PM &gt;&gt;&gt;

Hi Bill,

Please don't forget about me Bill... I have a lot invested in this project, and I'm not about to disappear. I listed to property for sale to allow someone else to step forward with the dream of knocking the structures down. I believe one of the buyers may have already contacted you. This is plan B going into effect simultaneously while I continue to pursue plan A. If a buyer does step forward, then I'll pass the baton. For me and plan A, I do not want to knock the structures down. I want to keep them there, the way they are (except for the tower).

I left you a voice message last week to find out about the after effect of the MHRB meeting on Aug 6th. I felt like you were going to mail me something formal that stated what I was to do in order to move the property forward. I have not received anything from you via mail.

From my memory, there was a short list of demands the board requested in order to evaluate the proposal. One was to hire Kelly Grimes to prepare proper architecturally drawn plans. I must say, I feel that the board was overreaching in pigeonholing me to work with a specific service provider. However, I am willing to hire him on, and will do so when the time comes.

Another request I remember was to have a contractor come through and get an estimate of the percentage of salvageable structures. I flew out last week and took one through the buildings. Before I ask him to put pen to paper, I felt like it was a good idea to make sure he's putting together something that will be useful.

The contractor had never been asked to come up with an answer like the board had requested. Brian from Crosscut Construction said that what was difficult for him was tagging a percentage figure to the situation. I asked him to evaluate what would be "salvageable" and what has expired.

The conundrum is that a house is a combination of many systems/pieces. The toilets are unbroken, the sinks are still there, most of the windows have glass, the doorknobs, hinges, and many other individual elements are certainly available for continued use. It would be impractical to itemize and evaluate what percentage of a house would be attached to cement steps or countertops and cabinet doors.

The situation from the broader picture is that in order to remove what is not good, areas of the house would have to be disassembled and reassembled. When reassembling, it wouldn't make sense to reassemble the improperly installed materials. As an example, the electric wiring through out the house was all functioning, and could be "salvaged" but the way the wiring was installed (exposed and outside the wall) is not in compliance with today's codes. Although the power is on, and the wiring would conduct electricity, at the locations where the timber behind the wires has rotted, the wires would need to be removed in order to repair the timber from which it was attached. Once removed, it would make no sense to reinstall the wiring the way it is currently installed.

This conundrum left the contractor unable or unwilling to nail down a percentage figure for the board.

Another point that Brian made was about the life expectancy of construction materials. For example, a roof has an expected lifespan, and this roof's lifespan has been far surpassed. With no new capital having been put into the roof for several decades (if not half a century) then of course it will/has failed in many areas...

To make the call about whether the door handle that is over a hundred years old could be salvaged (or should be salvaged) is above and beyond what anyone else stepping in front of the MHRB has had to make. I feel the board has stepped outside of their role, and have made a request which is incongruent with their authority.

What I propose is to limit the conversation to the walls only. I can ask Brian to come back out, and armed with a floor plan and a poking device, determine how much of the walls could be salvaged. Would this be acceptable to you?

Please let me know, and also please give me a formal checklist that I can follow to complete the tasks, and get another spot at a future MHRB meeting.

Thanks,

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