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Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:56 AM

To: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Forwarding pictures that Larry provided/ Please see in conjunction with my letter.

Hi Sean,

This is taken from the August e-mail of L. Brandhorst. Please see photos.

I was just wondering what has been done to address this?

Thank you!

My letter will follow in just a minute!

Best,
Ilona

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The civil drawing shows the LFF Elevation at 487.0.

It also shows top of East wall behind the Existing House at 483.8.

It shows the top of existing Block Wall between the properties at 486.7.

You can see in our photos the top of the Block Wall.

Actually the LFF is even higher than what I show on my photo drawing sent to Town committee.

I suggest you have the surveyor get an actual elevation of 93 Broadway Main Floor Level at back patio.

I couldn't believe what I was finding when I was drawing my section.

I checked and checked several times because I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

Thanks,
Larry D Brandhorst, AIA



TOP OF BLOCK WALL
486.7'

TOP OF WALL
483.8'

TOP OF
BLOCK WALL
486.7'



LFF 487.0'
TW 486.7'

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Cc: Larry Brandhorst <lbrandhorst@thearchitectsalliance.com>; Karen Kurtz <KurtzK@comcast.net>

Subject: Incorrect Story Poles/ Re-placement

Dear Sean,

I just saw the “new” story poles and they look incomplete. Not only that, I am reviewing the town regulations to see if there is anything that states what happens when the “Applicant” makes an “error” of this nature, in his favor. Do you know the answer? Does the 30 days waiting period start over? Please advise.

I will check with our attorney only if absolutely necessary, in an effort to keep costs down.

Moreover, I need to check to see if the mistakes that Larry Brandhorst found would change the story pole height as well. I will get back to you on that.

Thank you,
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Cc: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>; Karen Kurtz <KurtzK@comcast.net>; Larry Brandhorst <lbrandhorst@thearchitectsalliance.com>

Subject: Story Poles/ Incorrect reflection of height/mass in proposed plans 101 Broadway, LG

Dear Mr. Paulsen and Mr. Schultz,

I am turning to you for advice and assistance regarding the proposed project on 101 Broadway in Los Gatos. Mr. Sean Mullin has been helping us, and is very knowledgeable should you need to see paperwork, or have additional questions.

I am very concerned about misrepresentation, lack of transparency, and due diligence regarding this proposed house.

So far, we have found a minimum of two (probably more, but who knows?) egregious misrepresentations in the numbers. After TWO MONTHS of asking planning commission to come and compare plans to story poles, Mr. Mullin finally (thankfully) came to the site and acknowledged the discrepancy. Rather than apologize and acknowledge the neglect involved in this misrepresentation, the Applicant is simply stating that it would have been dangerous to properly post poles because of partially burned roof. **However, there is was no mention of this in ANY of the meetings, nor is it posted anywhere on the property or in the plans. It's frankly, a very poor excuse.**

Additionally, there is a SIGNIFICANT discrepancy on floor elevations and how they have been represented in the plans.

At this point I don't TRUST the plans or the people involved in representing their accuracy; I am not an architect and cannot sieve through all of the drawings and numbers to assess their accuracy on my own. Must I hire an independent party?

Additionally, this is a very political issue, as it involves long-time and well-liked Los Gatos architects and builders. It has been very difficult for neighbors to get support and advice from attorneys and architects because of the friendships and alliances within the town and surrounding city.

I hope that you are able to see impartially and advise me to the best of your ability. ** I also respectfully request that the 30 day period begin once the CORRECT representation of the story poles is in place.

Best,
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Subject: Height Certificate

Good Morning!

One more thing: where can we find a copy of the Height Certificate from the Licensed Surveyor? I would like to see the original, as well as the new one. Is it accessible on line?

Please advise:-)

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From: Ilona Merli <ilonamerli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: 101 Broadway floor level

Hi Sean —

I can't figure out the floor level . . . is it 482 feet? What is the floor level of the existing house?

Thank you
Ilona

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