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September 24, 2014

Plan Commission
c/o of the Planning Division,
Department of Planning and Community & Economic Development
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room LL-100
Madison, Wisconsin 53701-2981

Re: Demolition of 5102 Spring Court,
Merrill Springs Park

Dear Members of the Plan Commission:

On August 28, 2014, an approximately 30-inch diameter oak tree in Merrill Springs Park fell onto the cottage located in the park, which is addressed as 5102 Spring Court. The tree crushed the entire porch and the west wall of the house, and the roof is currently unsupported on the west side. City staff has determined that the building, which is open to the elements as a result of the accident, is a total loss and has secured the site until demolition can proceed. Photos of the cottage taken shortly after the accident show the extent of the damage incurred.

The 1.5-story cottage contains 3 bedrooms and 1 bath and was vacant at the time of the accident. Previously, the cottage was a private residence prior to the City acquisition of 5102 Spring Court (Lot 2 of CSM 12633) in late 2011 as an expansion of the original Merrill Springs Park, which contains the spring and the park's frontage on Spring Court. Use of the cottage as a residence or as an accessory structure for the park was not contemplated.

As the photos show, the current condition of the cottage presents an unsafe condition. Demolition of the building will commence as soon following Plan Commission approval as possible and will be completed by City crews. Following demolition, the grade of the park surrounding the house will be stabilized to prevent erosion. Our goal is to complete the demolition and site restoration work prior to this winter. Prior to issuance of wrecking permits and commencement of demolition activities, a reuse and recycle plan will be approved by the City's Recycling Coordinator as required by the Zoning Code.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact my office at 266-4714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kay H. Rutledge".

Kay Hellenbrand Rutledge, PE
Acting Assistant Parks Superintendent
Parks Planning and Development Manager

cc: Randy Wiesner, City Engineering Division