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RE: Beacon School complex

Mr. Rotenstein:

This is to follow up a bit on Lyn Menne's response to your inquiry. No federal funds have been used nor are any contemplated for this project. No federal permits will be required for the work.

We are not aware of any conflict of interest related to the participation of Mr. Rutledge's firm in designing the project. The property is not located in a local historic district and no action is necessary by the City's historic preservation commission to proceed with the work. The City conducted an open and competitive process to select the design team for this project. Twenty-one firms submitted proposals for the work and Rutledge Alcock Architects was judged by the City's selection team to have taken the most comprehensive and responsive approach to achieving the City's goals for the project.

The City employed Lord Cultural Resources of New York to lead the public engagement effort during the master planning. A summary of the planning process is available at www.decaturga.com/index.aspx?page=367.

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From: Lyn Menne
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 11:26 AM
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No federal funds are being used on this project so there would be no Section 106 requirement. The architectural firm was chosen through a competitive bid process.

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Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this (City) greater, better, stronger, prouder and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us." The Athenian Pledge

From: David S. Rotenstein [mailto:david.rotenstein@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 9:01 AM
To: Amanda Thompson; Lyn Menne
Subject: Beacon School complex

Amanda and Lyn,

Can you tell me if the City will be using federal funds or if federal permits will be required for the proposed Beacon Hill Center redevelopment illustrated at last night's City Commission and School Board meeting? From the renderings I saw, a substantial portion of the school property will be altered, including the demolition of character-defining architectural features and alteration of the cultural landscape in ways that would appear to adversely affect the historic property. If there is a federal handle, please advise me of the City's Section 106 consultation (e.g., 36 CFR Part 800) -- not just initiation with the Georgia SHPO but also how the City is identifying consulting parties (36 CFR §800.2).

On a related note, I wonder how the City can reconcile the appearance of a conflict of interest because the project's lead architect, Andrew Rutledge, is also the City's Historic Preservation Commission chairman.

Regards,

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