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Ann and Justin,

The IDNR-ORCP and the SHPO have been working with the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture/Humboldt Park (CERP 2103692) to resolve on-going questions about the project. In 2020 we requested a copy of plans for the proposed 1,500 square foot archives building, as described in the grant application. We never received the plans but did have an artist's sketch of the proposed building. The project was then approved based on the sketch and an E-mail from the museum noting the type of exterior planned for the building. The Oct. 7 SHPO approval letter is attached as Viewer.aspx (24) and the CERP was approved. After this the SHPO began receiving calls from local preservation groups, the landowner (Chicago Park District), and the public who had concerns about the proposed archives building. So ORCP and SHPO staff had a call with the applicant's architecture firm and only then did we receive the plans for the new building. After reviewing the plans, SHPO staff noted that the building had increased from 1,500 square feet to 6,800 square feet. In addition, the exterior was to resemble a stable but the plan included too many windows. The building is described as an archives building but there are no HVAC or other climate control plans. The landowner wasn't even aware of the project but has since received a copy of the grant application.

Based on the unanswered questions, conflicting information, and concerns from the landowner and local preservation groups, IDNR-ORCP is rescinding CERP approval. The first attachment is a SHPO letter requiring consulting parties be included in future conversations about this project. We are also requesting that the grant administrator be included in future discussions so we (ORCP and SHPO) better understand your process and to help find a way to move this project forward within the bounds of the state preservation law.

Ann – two specific questions for you: 1) does the status of the grant change now that the scope has changed or would the applicant still receive the grant? And 2) does the approval of the landowner affect the grant/grant process? In other words, do you need written approval from the landowner in order to complete the grant application?

Thank you-

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

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