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Rob Psulkowski
Built to Last Construction Inc.
710 Beech Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Re: Laserne-Friend House, 415 Centre Street, Fernandina Beach (Florida Master Site File #8NA102)

Dear Psulkowski,

We received your request to review the ADA accessibility for the above referenced property pursuant to CFR Part 36.205 and Section 553.503, *Florida Statutes*. This review is based on information provided in drawings, photographs, and a written description you submitted to this office by email on March 24, 2021, as well as a virtual walkthrough of the property on April 13, 2021.

The Laserne-Friend House is a contributing resource to the National Register listed Fernandina Beach Historic District. It is the opinion of this office that the addition of an elevator to the property would cause an adverse effect to this historic property and would threaten or destroy the historic significance of this National Register listed resource. Furthermore, the multiple levels and steps throughout the second floor do not make an elevator a feasible option for this property.

It is the recommendation of this office that alternative methods of accesses to public accommodations be used pursuant to 28 CFR 36.405(b), as incorporated by reference in Section 553.503, *Florida Statutes*. Our discussions with you, as well as the site plan and construction drawings you provided, indicate that alternative service areas will be available on the first floor of the house, through the addition of an ADA ramp on the side of the house and new ADA accessible restrooms installed in the garage behind the house.

We find that the ramp design and the garage renovation drawings you submitted are compatible with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. While a brick ADA ramp to the back patio may be the preferred option aesthetically, a concrete ramp (perhaps colored or painted to match the brick) may be a more viable option for wheelchair accessibility to the patio and would still meet the Standards. If you have additional questions or need clarification of this review, please contact me at 850.245.6357 or Alissa.Lotane@dos.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alissa Lotane".

Alissa Slade Lotane
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer &
Bureau Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation