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RE: *Lesesne House – 415 Center Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida*
Florida Master Site File #8NA102
Accessibility to the House

Dear Rob:

The Lesesne House is a contributing structure to the historic fabric of Fernandina Beach and part of its National Register listed Historic District.

The renovation of this house from a residence to an events venue has required careful consideration and design in order to minimize the impact of the renovations for accessibility on the historic fabric of the house. The design has done everything possible to provide accessibility as follows:

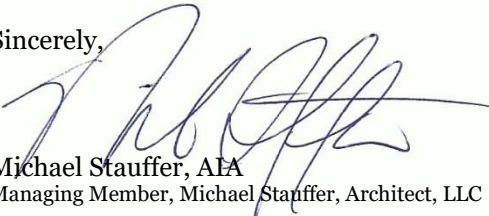
- A ramp is being installed on the west side of the house to provide accessibility to the first floor of the house. This will allow guests access to the home.
- Accessible restrooms will be provided in the existing garage in the rear of the house. It is the intention of the renovation to provide event space primarily outside and therefore construction the accessible restrooms in this location will provide code required restroom facilities and prevent significant impacts to the main house.
- In addition, the outdoor spaces, patios, walkways etc. will be designed to provide an accessible route through-out the site.

These efforts will provide accessibility to the majority of the property. The biggest issue is accessibility to the second floor.

It is my professional opinion that providing vertical accessibility (elevator) inside this home would significantly alter the historic fabric of the structure. This is in part to there not being an easily available location to provide the elevator through two floors, plus the second floor has multiple level changes which would create further issues and degradation to the structure. It is also my opinion that trying to attach and elevator on the exterior of the home would affect the exterior appearance and still create significant interior interruptions.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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