

January 19, 2023

Ms. Julia Cedillo
Village Administrator
Village of La Grange Park
447 N Catherine
La Grange Park, IL 60526-2099

Re: 555 N. Kensington / Kensington Place

Dear Ms. Cedillo

I preparation for the village board meeting of January 24, 2023 and in light of the public comments regarding the demolition of the existing building at 555 N. Kensington we wanted to share with the village the research that we have done on demolition and deconstruction.

Our demolition contractor, Green Demolition, is an experienced demolition contractor that is based in Chicago and is extremely familiar with the demolition and recycling of all types of residential, office and commercial properties. As their company name would suggest, Green Demolition is very committed to recycling and sustainability. The most recyclable materials in the existing building include, but are not limited to, masonry, concrete, steel and wood. As the building is demolished the materials will be segregated on site prior to haul-off and sorted even further once it is delivered to its destination. Cook County demolition requirements will mandate that seventy-five percent of these types of materials be recycled. While the requirements are in place the demolition contractor is incentivized to exceed this percentage due to the fact that there is a financial benefit to them in providing additional recyclable materials.

In addition to the demolition requirements, all county and state permit applications will be submitted and received for the removal of any hazardous material in the building prior to that demolition. The physical removal of the material will be completed in a safe and commercial standard fashion in accordance with all county and state regulations. The removal process will take approximately two weeks and once this is complete the building demolition, along with the parking lot removal, will take another four weeks.

Regarding the topic of deconstruction, we researched the idea with Murco Recycling, which is a La Grange Park firm with over thirty years' worth of experience in demolition sales and building recycling. After a site visit, it the opinion of the principal of Murco Recycling was that the building was not a candidate for either a demolition sale or deconstruction. There is not a sufficient mass of interior fixtures to make a demolition sale viable. In their professional opinion, the recycling requirements of the county demolition permit would result in a higher level of and a much more efficient process of recycling the existing building materials. In addition, it was also their opinion that the process of deconstruction is a much more effective process when the structure being deconstructed is a upper end single family residential structure verse a converted office building structure such as the building at 555 N. Kensington.

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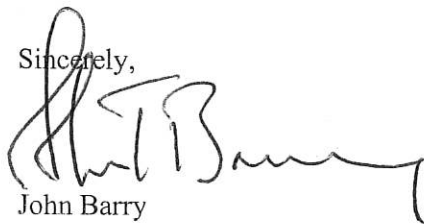
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Our investigation has led us to the conclusion that in this instance deconstruction is not a viable alternative to traditional demolition. Deconstruction would result in a very lengthy and labor-intensive method which would in turn lead to a very expensive process, one that is not economically viable for our company or for this project.

We appreciate the community input however, based on our research and knowledge and that of our expert contractors, we have come to the conclusion that a traditional demolition of the building is the most effective recycling process and the way we must proceed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John Barry