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SECONDARY SUBMISSIONS

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Re: Case No. DIR-2016-1397-BSA-1A

President Nam and Members of the Commission:

I am the appellant in the above case that you heard and decided on October 3, 2019. I appear here today because the City agencies responsible for carrying out your decision have to date made no effort to do so, leaving me with a successful appeal but no meaningful remedy.

Your determination issued December 2, 2019 covered two issues. The first issue concerned obstructions in the equestrian trail within Tract 62958 that effectively curtailed its use and rendered it hazardous to both horses and riders. You directed the Department of Building and Safety to consult with the Bureau of Engineering about these obstructions in an effort to have them removed, and further directed that if the Bureau of Engineering did not respond Building and Safety should raise the matter with the Executive Team of the Department of City Planning.

In mid-December I wrote to the Department of Building and Safety asking that the staff comply with your decision and keep me informed of progress in resolving the matter. Over a month has passed and I have not heard from Building and Safety, or seen any other indication that any City agency is going to pursue the removal of these obstructions.

Your decision also dealt with gates placed across both ends of the public equestrian trails within the tract. You found “the gates violated the purpose of the tract conditions,” and directed Building and Safety to “order the subdivider to remove the gates.” I have spoken with Building and Safety staff seeking to have your order complied with, and have now been told the agency does not have jurisdiction to deal with the gates, and will leave the matter to the Bureau of Engineering. I would like to point out that at your October 3 hearing several City staff argued that Building and Safety did not have jurisdiction to act on the gates. Your decision was rendered after considering these arguments and clearly rejected them.

I now ask that you take appropriate action to secure compliance with your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Plumb

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