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To Paula Nasta and the McKinney City Council,

On February 1, 2021, my husband and I contracted with Weston Ryon of Ryon Construction for the façade project at 117/119 W Louisiana St, McKinney TX 75069. We paid a \$35,000 deposit on the work. Both addresses have been approved for TIRZ Grants for their renovations. It has now been nearly 8 months and neither project is complete. They will not be complete before our September 30 completion date as specified in the TIRZ Grants. I am requesting an extension to our completion date. We have experienced many delays due to construction scheduling during covid and the research of an appropriate way to repair the newly-exposed historic cast iron columns.

In January 2021, Mr. Ryon stated his plan was to order all the necessary materials so they would be onsite before the demo. He said they would remove the existing façade and rebuild the new wall in a week, with only some punch list items to wrap up on a second week. At the time he said the windows would take 6-8 weeks and that would be the longest wait. So, we were anticipating an April completion.

Fast forward to August. Demo finally started August 8th, so we made a reasonable assumption that the project would be finished well before the end of the month. It is now the end of September and we just found out the solution for the repair of the columns cannot be completed for 4-5 weeks. I've been told by Mr. Ryon that the researched fix for the broken columns was approved by the City of McKinney. It sounds like it has also received approval from the Texas Historical Commission and the National Parks Service. So, there shouldn't be any more delays.

On September 9, a second installment of \$25,000 was paid to Ryon Construction.

At the end of last week, we were on target to have everything complete before the end of the month, with the exception of the columns, until the door installer got sick after a Covid vaccine. I'm hoping the doors will be installed this first part of this week along with completion of the interior trim and paint. Pictures have been attached showing progress to date. I also included a before photo of the exterior of the building. The change is remarkable and I believe the building is going to be a very attractive space in downtown McKinney.

We are very eager for a completion of this project. We have done everything in our power to get this project done on time. I believe everything will be done by September 30 with the exception of the repair and painting of the exterior columns. I am asking for an extension on the TIRZ Grants until the columns can be completed. Mr. Ryon assured me the work has been ordered, but I question his ability to schedule anything with any accuracy so therefore I am asking for an extension until December 31, 2021. We have a strong hope the columns will be finished much sooner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ginger & Tom Hayes