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Re: ER# 2006-2823-003-LL
DEP: Phase I/II Archaeological Report, Lower Hill
Redevelopment Area, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Dear Ms. Lombardi:

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 *et seq.* (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

This report meets our standards and specifications as outlined in *Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations in Pennsylvania* (BHP 2008) and the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeological Documentation. We agree with the recommendations of this report. It is our opinion that the 88-90 Crawford Street (36AL0636) and Trinity Church and School Site (36AL0637) are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is also our opinion that the 29 Fulton Street Site (36AL0635) is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. However, based on the amount of the site that has been excavated to date, we do not believe that additional excavation would provide additional information. Consequently, no further archaeological fieldwork is necessary for this project.

We would like to take the opportunity at this time to complement the excellent quality of the work, both archaeological fieldwork and historic background research, undertaken for this project. This report is well written and well researched, as well as a fine example of how historic background research and archaeological data can be used in tandem to deliver a more holistic interpretation of history. The Lower Hill District has been underrepresented in the archaeological record of Pittsburgh. We feel that the information collected as part of the Phase I/II investigation

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has helped to fill this gap and collect/record valuable information that would have otherwise been lost.

We believe that the information collected for this project is of a quality that an attempt should be made to make the results of the archaeological work available to the greater public. We would like to see, as part of this project, a popular booklet produced or possibly a local exhibit created illustrating what this project discovered about life in the Lower Hill District prior to the 1958 redevelopment project. Please contact Kira Heinrich to discuss potential public outreach options.

Please send three copies of the final report (one unbound) for our files and distribution to the various repositories. For all copies, photographs must adhere to the National Register Photo Policy. If you need further information in this matter please consult Kira Heinrich at (717) 705-0700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McLearen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

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