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Subject: FW: 310 E. Market courtyard wall

See below. May I approve administratively the removal of the curved wall and tree?

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Hi, Mary Joy.

If you recall, at the 310 East Market (Sylvan Arms) project we intend to propose comprehensive changes to the courtyard shown in the attached image in addition to replacements for the two deteriorating storefront glazing systems and the end of the courtyard. The landscape architects have not completed the courtyard design yet, and we are still a few cycles out from submitting to BAR for approval. The work currently permitted and underway does not include changes to this area (or anything else within BAR purview for that matter).

BUT...

It is becoming clear, in an urgent way, that the low brick wall and the scrawny tree in the courtyard are in the way of construction staging, which is already a headache given the typical downtown conditions. Could removal of just that wall and tree be approved administratively? It is not original, as the Honeycomb space used to serve as a garage for the Sylvan Arms building. Neither the wall nor the tree are part of the developing plans for the courtyard. Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects will be occupying the building and are doing the design work outside the shell of the building.

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