



December 23, 2010

David Corliss, City Manager
City Hall
6 E. Sixth Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear David,

The School of Architecture Studio 804 is pursuing a project for construction in Spring 2011 on the site of the Chamney Barn and House located on the southeast corner of Bob Billing Parkway and Westbrooke Drive. I've enclosed a program document that further illustrates the project concept and a preliminary site development plan.

The proposed Studio 804 building would be approximately 1000 square foot with open walkway connections to the Chamney Barn and House, and would be the first new module in development of a Center for Design Research involving interdisciplinary research for current and developing energy performance systems. Additionally, this project will serve as a demonstration model of sustainable building construction that will be a campus and community educational resource. The Studio 804 goal is for this building to achieve a LEED-Platinum rating and Passive Solar certification. Studio 804 projects are student constructed as pre-fabricated buildings built in the East Hills Business Park Studio 804 Building, then transported to the site and erected. The proposed completion date for this project would be May 20, 2011.

The Studio 804 project is unique, involving student design and construction, a site on KU Endowment property, privately funded, and thus not subject to State design review and approvals or inspections, with the exception of submitting the construction documents to the State Fire Marshall Office for review and approval. Therefore the University is requesting an outline of the City's requirements for the design review, permits, and inspection processes. Since the project site is within the 150 foot buffer zone of the perimeter of campus, the project is subject to the KU and City of Lawrence Cooperative Agreement. Therefore, the University will be requesting an ad hoc Community Advisory Committee by separate letter.

We appreciate your willingness to help the University proceed with this project on what we realize is a very tight schedule. Thus, we look forward to meeting further with City staff regarding this project in early January 2011, and Studio 804 submitting formal construction documents to the City in late January 2011 to initiate the review and permit process.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barry Swanson
Associate Vice Provost of Operations (Interim)