



Coral City Elks Lodge # 610

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Coral City Elks Lodge # 610 & Temple # 400 *“Most Unified”*

TIF Board / City Commission / City Manager
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Re: Coral City Elks Lodge bathroom remodeling

We, the officers and members of Coral City Elks Lodge No. 610 and Coral City Temple No. 400, IBPOEW, Inc., referred to in this letter as the “Elks” write you to express our frustration using the generous grant you awarded us more than 3 years ago as part 2 of a three phase project.

Kenneth Sullivan the Exalted Ruler of the “Elks” was one of the original members of Key West Main Street Inc., the architects of the TIF board and the intent at that time was to join members of the benefiting organization / family with the surrounding community residents, and a local contractor featuring an apprentice modeled program, in a government/private sector partnership to benefit the contractor by creating a pipeline of trained workers; to benefit the community by creating jobs and on the job training. With this added benefit this will allow the citizens to provide a service to the City of Key West, which would allow a win/win outcome for all concern, your grant becomes a financial investment in community by providing a clean & safe environment that is handicap accessible. With that being said, the program was supposed to remove the governmental red tape; but in reality there are too many obstacles and barriers in place to allow the program to function as it was originally intended.

We need your assistance to simplify the process and create a special category in the build permitting process to allow the planning department to expedite the granting of necessary permits for TIF board projects and allow the families and organizations to complete some of the work, that will allow the organization to offset the cost and get the city more of a return on its investment.

As we continued to stay focus and on track with project, we finally were able to complete a majority of work and we are very close to beginning the demolition phase of the restrooms remodeling. The Fire Marshal had some concerns about our emergency exit and it has since been addressed. [See attached photos] We have built the partition wall and fire exit, which the Fire Marshal required.

During the exploration phase we found seriously damaged to the sewer lines and had to repair them all once we started. [See attached photos]

In Conclusion, Coral City Elks Lodge #610 and Coral City Elks Temple #400, are asking the board to stay the course with us. We ask that you do not defund our program and that you help us to keep the project moving by lifting the red tape and pushing staff to complete this project now!

We appreciate the patience and time you have given to us. We hope you will vote to continue to help us see the project to completion. With respect to City of Key West Officials, we would like to request and seek your approval to allow the members of the organization who have the knowledge, aptitude and skills to do this type of work, and would like to volunteer to do more in-kind service and be credited for services as part of the upfront budget process to lessen the impact of the cash investment that the family or organization has to contribute, in the same manner as a Habitat for Humanity project; where sweat equity counts. We can assure you, our bathroom renovation construction will physically start any day now.

From the officers and members of Coral City Elks Lodge and Temple, we respectfully ask you not to defund this project. At this time, we would like to thank you again for patience, your continued support. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to invite the members of the board to come visit with us, see what your investment has done for Coral City Elks and the Community, most importantly answer any questions or concerns of the board.

Respectfully yours,

Ken Sullivan

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Emergency Exit



Bad Y Pipe



Bad Metal Pipe



Replacement Y Pipe



Kitchen Drain



**Bar Drain
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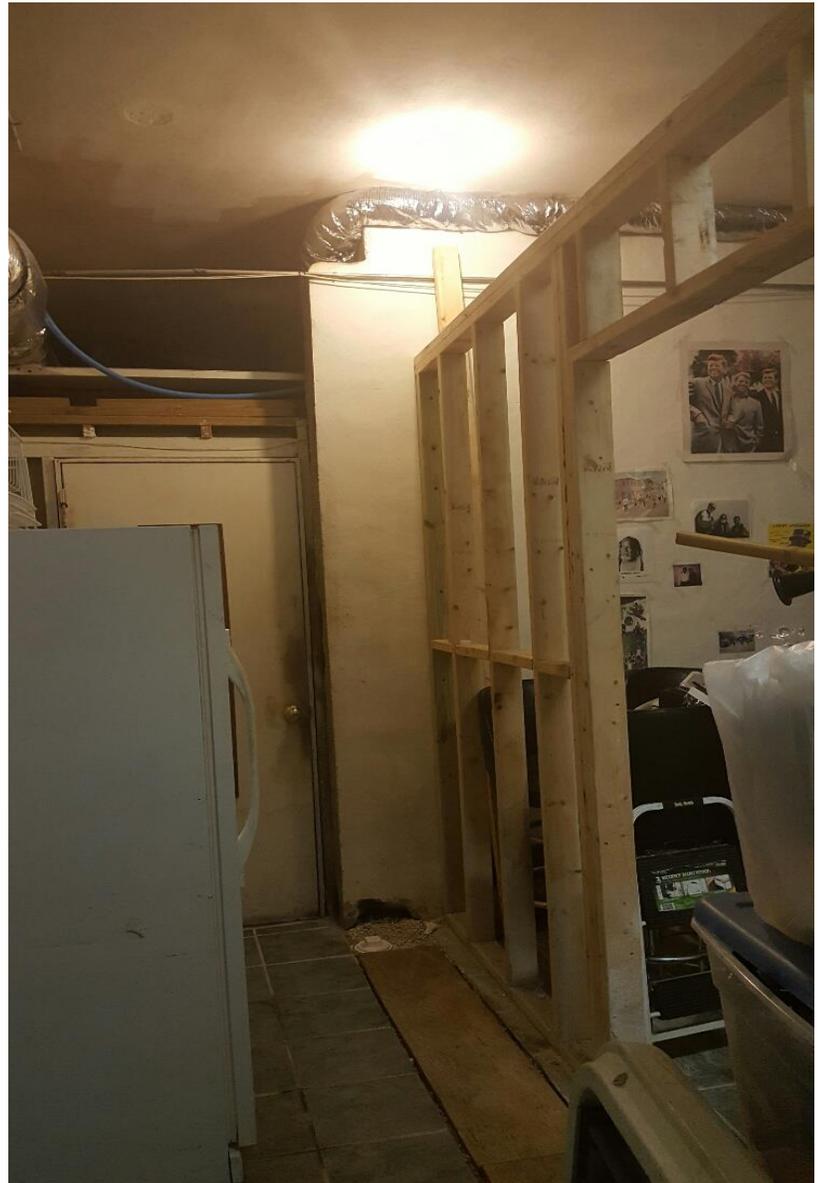




Before any work could be done we had to upgrade our fire exit to current safety standards that required the city Fire Marshalls approval.

The members who act for the organization have to learn the permitting process

The organization has no full time staff. Only dedicated voluntary members who have full time jobs



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