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Field Report #1

Pocahontas Building Implementation Plan

Hill Studio Project # 0908.06

December 13, 2011

Meeting Date: December 9, 2011

Present on the Site Visit:

Pocahontas Management Team: Greg Jones
Dr. Hunley
Arthur Scott
Benjamin Gibson
Johnathan Gibson
Garland Roberts
Doug Creasy
Hunter Greene

Hill Studio, P.C.:

The parties met at 3:00 pm on December 9, 2011 to review the emergency clean up progress to date. The primary items of discussion were as follows:

1. The group visited the site and it was evident that the building had indeed collapsed across both lanes of the adjacent road. The photos shown in the December 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes were taken at 12:00 noon and some of the debris had been removed by then. The building collapsed at about 3:00 or 4:00 am. Luckily no one was hurt. Below are two views of the remaining building parts at the beginning of this meeting.



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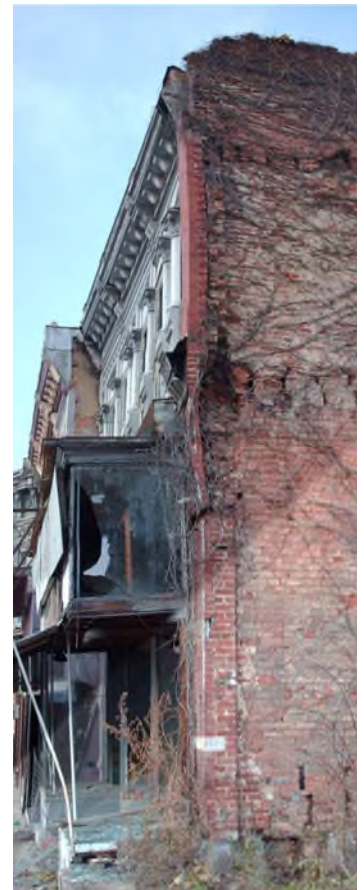
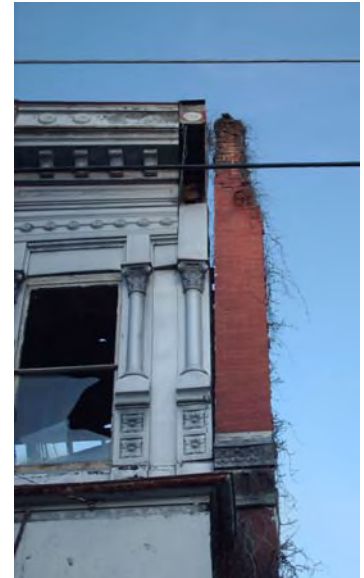
2) With the collapse of that portion of the building, other parts became unstable and hazardous to the public as well. The Town strongly requested that the other unstable portions that were directly connected to the collapsed portion be removed under this emergency action as well. The only board member of Historic Pocahontas that was in the vicinity, Dr. Hunley, said that while he couldn't speak for the whole board he understands the need and suggested the Town do what is needed to secure the alley. Hunter and Mr. Creasy coordinated on the extent of the portion of building that needed to be removed to get rid of the immediate hazard. Below are photographs of that area to be removed.





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3) The southern most of the four Ironfront facades was reviewed for apparent additional settling and movement of the front and side façades in the last few weeks. Members of the group stated that the brick wall and the front of the façade have moved farther apart from each other. The second floor of the front façade appears to be getting pulled back as the roof continues to collapse. Please see the photos below.





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The town representatives expressed their concern that this part of the building appeared to be very close to collapsing and asked Hunter if this could also be removed as part of the emergency effort. Neither Hunter nor Hill Studio, as consultants, has the authority to make this directive. Hunter will get the contractors Nickels Inc and Mr. Creasy together to coordinate their work as soon as possible and focus their immediate energies on this building. Hunter will also consult regarding the position of the Department of Historic resources and report back on his findings.

The above paragraphs illustrate the main issues addressed in the Site Visit. Any amendments should be made in writing and provided to the author within two weeks of the receipt of this report.

Submitted by:
HILL STUDIO, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hunter Greene'.

Hunter Greene, RA, LEED AP
Director of Architecture

cc: Joy Rumley, Jimmy Wallace, Jackie Stump, Debbie Milton, Greg Jones,
Dr. Darrel Hunley, please copy members of the Pocahontas Management
Team and Doug Creasy, David Hill, Alison Blanton, Evie Slone and File
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