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Community Center is Structurally Sound

Thank you for your support of the Piedmont Park Conservancy's EnviroVentures Summer Camp program. A couple of months back, the Conservancy received media attention from a local news station related to the Community Center. This building is home to our camp facility, Willy's Restaurant and a new restaurant project under construction but stalled since mid-September 2018.

The media attention results from a commercial dispute between the tenant and the Piedmont Park Conservancy related to the cost and schedule of tenant improvements to the building's interior. The tenant stopped work on the project and has not returned, and the Conservancy has placed the tenant on notice.

Safety is paramount to the Piedmont Park Conservancy for all of our facilities and program participants. The Community Center was and is structurally sound according to two separate reports from the Community Center's Engineer of Record. The tenant has disputed the stamped engineering report but has not produced any stamped engineering report that counters the Engineer of Record's findings.

The void under slab has been repaired since September 28, 2018. The methods used to inspect the void, access the sewer asset and repair the void, have been deemed reasonable, and thorough by the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management engineers as well as the building's Engineer of Record. In addition, The City of Atlanta has conducted numerous inspections and tests on the sewer structures underneath the building and those in the area. They have provided these results to the tenant and the Conservancy.

According to the Engineer of Record's report, there are no other signs of significant soil erosion or under-slab voids other than the void that has been repaired. There is no distress in the building structure or finishes that one might associate with soil settlement. Although the City of Atlanta's tests did not confirm that it was the city's asset that caused the under-slab void, having specific and current understanding of the footings, soils, soil and void repair, the Engineer of Record is confident the structure is sound and well founded. He has provided a stamped engineering report stating the same.

Please contact the Conservancy with any questions or concerns in this matter.

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