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Mr. Bradley Glass  
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**RE: Draft Scope  
No. 257 (AKA 259) South Pearl Street  
H&H File No. 2021-0042  
Case File No. 00411**

Dear Mr. Glass:

On August 5, 2022, the Planning Board made a positive declaration in accordance SEQRA. On behalf of the Applicant, I propose herewith the following Draft Scope.

1. A brief description of the proposed action;  
The Capital City Rescue Mission seeks to build an addition to their facility located at 259 South Pearl Street in order to better accommodate the homeless and needy who are presently residing at the Mission. Presently, the facility provides sleeping accommodations for 246 people. 108 of which are on sleeping mats on the floor. This plan allows for sleeping accommodation for 246 in beds which will also have storage lockers. Applicant proposes to demolish a one-story brick building at No. 80 Trinity Place which currently house administrative functions which will be located elsewhere in Capital City Rescue Mission facilities. Capital City Rescue Mission proposes to, consolidate Nos. 80, 82 & 84 Trinity Place, Nos. 245, 249 & 257 South Pearl Street into a single parcel to be known as No. 259 South Pearl Street and construct a new 4 story building (32,000 +/- SF) facing on Trinity Place to house a men's dormitory. Included in this addition, along with beds, lockers and laundry will be a counseling office, and a classroom for education and group recovery classes. Also, provisions for daytime activities will be provided both indoors and outdoors. There will be a section that offers transitional housing that will allow those who find employment to have a more suitable place to live while seeking independence within the community

2. The potentially significant adverse impacts identified both in Part 3 of the environmental assessment from and as a result of consultation with the other involved agencies and the public, including an identification of those particular aspect(s) of the environmental setting that may be impacted;  
Two Impacts were identified as “potentially significant impacts” on Part 2 of the FEA they were:
  10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources  
Item: The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource.
  18. Consistency with Community Character  
Item. The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.
  
3. The extent and quality of information needed for the preparer to adequately address each impact, including an identification of relevant existing information, and required new information, including the required methodology(ies) for obtaining new information;
  10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources  
Item: The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource.  
Based Upon the finding that “The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places” and that “The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property”.  
  
A letter from SHPO is being sought that the new building will not “result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property” of a building with historical value. In the absence of obtaining a letter indicating that the new building will not “result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property” a review by a competent and qualified individual will be undertaken.
  
  18. Consistency with Community Character  
Item. The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.  
Based Upon the finding that “The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)” and “Compatibility with

surrounding uses." This is based upon 3 underlying identifications which are listed as "No or small impact might occur". They are:

- a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community
- c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing
- d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.

Applicant will present data, reports, letters, data and information indicating that the cited impacts will not occur or any impact under this item will be small and not be sufficient to deny this application.

4. an initial identification of mitigation measures;

Applicant does not believe that any of the items identified in Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form require mitigation measure be considered as they either do not exist or that only "small impact might occur".

5. the reasonable alternatives to be considered;

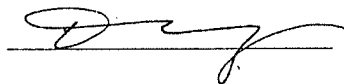
The Applicant lists below reasonable alternatives to the proposed action:

No Action – The addition is not built and existing Mission facilities remain as they currently exist.

Smaller Addition – A smaller addition is constructed requiring elimination of some sleeping facilities, education space, and activity space.

If the Lead Agency agrees with this Draft Scope, we request that you move forward with the process as defined in SEQRA. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience

Sincerely yours,  
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