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TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Henri Marchand, Director

DATE: January 31, 2019

RE: C. Mercier – Req. City Mgr. Allow Youth Build Students Under The Leadership Of Artist, Glen Szegedy, To Paint And Restore Statues And The City Manger Back To A More Brilliant Beauty.

In response to this request, I met with Siobahn Sheehan, CTI'S Lead Case Manager for Youth Build and artist Glen Szegedy recently to review plans for building a new Manger and restoring the figures. They are excited about this project and look forward to bringing Lowell's Manger back to life.

We discussed initial ideas for creating a plan and timeline for accomplishing these tasks in time for this year's holiday season and City of Lights Celebration in November.

Mr. Szegedy submitted an initial concept design for building a new Manger but will finalize the sizing after identifying all the elements that will go into it and consulting with our Lands and Buildings staff on how best to construct for minimizing weight, maximizing durability, making assembly/disassembly and transport and storage as simple as possible. Ms. Sheehan has a new class of Youth Build staffers coming on board and will assign this as one of their primary tasks.

We will arrange access to Smith Baker where the Manager is stored for Mr. Szegedy to assess the number and the condition of the Manger figures. They will create a schedule for transporting 1-2 figures at a time to the CTI/Youth Build facility for restoration beginning late April/early May. Figures will be kept at the CTI facility until installation in November. Completion target is October.

Youth Build will develop a budget and be solely responsible for conducting a fundraising campaign to cover all costs.

We will also consult with our City Electricians regarding options for possible lighting of the general area to include other religious displays and provide security.

We look forward to working with Youth Build and Mr. Szegedy on this project and will provide updates as it moves forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions.