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Summary of Activity – Renovation Project
Presented to the Board
(Update Number Seven)

Several thoughtful commentaries have been received in response to the March 27 presentation of Advent Design's proposal for the renovation of common areas at The Westbury. This feedback will be considered carefully as the project moves forward.

Key areas of interest to unit owners in attendance at the presentation were:

FLOORS. Among those submitting their ideas in writing, response to the suggestion of carpet tiles ranged from "against" to "skepticism." It was felt that quality traditional broadloom offers better soundproofing, longer wear, more comfort and an appearance of luxury.

In addition, each responder preferred keeping the existing slate tiles in the outer foyer of each building, either because they like them and feel they are in keeping with the character of the buildings or because they did not like the appearance of the proposed replacement.

With respect to porcelain tiles in the inner lobby of each building, there was concern that they could be slippery, noisy and involve high maintenance.

LIGHT FIXTURES. All responders requested more examples of light fixtures featuring higher grade materials and more attractive designs. As has been mentioned before, it is possible that restoring our existing lighting fixtures may be a really good option and this should be considered as well.

COLORS. There was an expressed desire to see more colors and more effective coordination between elements of the design. Patrick Miller's suggestion that Advent Design provide several computer-generated representations of color schemes received warm applause.

WALLS. There was general interest in exploring wallcovering versus paint for wall areas, based on our experience with the wallcovering in place now.

REAR ENTRYWAYS. These areas are still a work in progress.

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In summary, the design scheme that was presented offered some good components. It is clear that people who care about The Westbury and its refurbishment are confident that improvements can and should be made to this working model. They have made a valuable contribution to the quality and the success of the renovation project.

By coincidence, we learned a few days ago that Sheri Gold was admitted to the hospital, and she anticipates being moved to a rehab center shortly. At this moment, we have no more information. Most importantly, we wish Sheri well.

Some board and committee members held an emergency meeting this afternoon to discuss action plans that will ensure minimal interruption in the implementation of refurbishment of our common areas. First and foremost, we will re-evaluate the design scheme taking into account the reviews and suggestions that have been received.

So starting tomorrow:

We will contact other well-respected vendors and professionals, asking them to look at our buildings and the design work done so far.

Then we will invite them to return with suitable examples of carpeting, lighting fixtures, color combinations, etc.

Building on information gathered to date, we will continue the process of assembling design sketches.

As we move forward, we are fully committed to keeping the lines of communication with interested owners open and encouraging feedback.

We see ourselves as a group of people working together to make The Westbury one of the the most sought-after complexes in the area, whether we be board members, committee members or meeting participants. We all want the same thing: We want our home to be beautiful.

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