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To: Mayor Craddock, Mayor Pro-Tem Armstrong, Councilmen Hundley, Thornton, Farmer and Smith

From: Ken Gamble – Manager

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Subject: Core Group Recommendation to Change Downtown Pocket Park Design

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The Town Council approved the Downtown Pocket final design at its September 5, 2017 regular meeting. The design included incorporating the east and south walls of the building with the partial roof into the design rather than removing them. I have contacted numerous brick masons in the Rockingham County area but have been unable to get anyone interested in providing a quote to stabilize the brickwork so the remainder of the roof can be removed and the deck installed. I recently contacted a commercial contractor who agreed to come out and provide an unofficial estimate for the work. The contractor advised that the Town could spend up to $100,000 just stabilizing the walls, one of which has an obvious tilt, and doubted any contractor would guarantee the structural integrity.

I brought this information back to the Core Group on October 18, 2018. The consensus of the group was that the two walls in question be demolished and a waist high brick wall be installed around the deck included in the original design. The group also recommended that estimates be obtained with the price of harvesting the brick and reusing it as well as a full demolition with new bricks used for the wall.

I am requesting that the Town approve the design change the Core Group recommends and obtain quotes for both harvesting existing bricks as well as using new bricks for the wall around the deck.