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To: HERC Task Force
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
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Subject: Staff Report

I emailed the Task Force questions to Larry Peek, Architect. He called and said he may miss the work session; he may need to wrap up a project in Valdez. On Friday he came to my office. He looked at the HERC plans and said he didn't think we should need a review of the upstairs.

The types of B occupancy activities we talked about were meetings, crafting, painting, classes. No open flame or welding, no commercial kitchen. He suggested any pottery kilns be outside in a separate structure... but yes we are on the right track with the activities that have been discussed are a B occupancy, and that with no changes to the structure (moving walls etc) we should be able to use the building.

He didn't think we would need to address the stairwell as a fire barrier. But if we did, that would be a matter of some carpentry, some drywall/firewall assembly and potentially a fire door. Not a showstopper by any means.

We called the Anchorage Plan Review Office and spoke with Jared, (Tim was out) and got a response of yes, we do need a review – i.e. the city sends \$150 and plans and the info we have, and the FM will take a look. Larry had a couple ways to look at the space that would avoid sprinklers.

Recommendation: Move forward with a submittal to the fire marshal, with Larry's guidance.