

March 4, 2024

Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator,

Today in closed session you will again be negotiating the terms for a proposed lease between the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Carmel Heritage Society for the First Murphy house.

I am concerned that this idea could put the First Murphy house under the supervision and daily use by the Chamber. That was not the intent for M.J. Murphy's house that was moved from its original site on Mission Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, then restored under the auspices of Carmel Heritage.

The First Murphy is and should be valued, maintained and used by Carmel Heritage. To energize interest in what the First Murphy is and stands for, the Carmel Heritage membership should be informed of ways to participate in activities and pending plans for the house.

It is my understanding that Carmel Heritage has hired a new Executive Director. It would be prudent to allow him time to become familiar with his new job and the history of Carmel before any ideas or plans to lease the First Murphy were discussed or decided upon.

I hope you will postpone lease discussions until Carmel Heritage Society's new Executive Director has time to evaluate the future of the First Murphy house.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lloyd

City of Carmel-By-The-Sea

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