

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Inglis House
Renovation

Action
Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

Inglis House is an elegant manor house, constructed in 1927, surrounded by 8.5 acres of beautiful gardens and meadows. The estate sits near campus and lies adjacent to the Arboretum. In 1951, the Inglis family gifted this breathtaking estate to the University of Michigan. For over 60 years, with the exception of the last few, Inglis House has been used as a tranquil place to host high profile events at the University of Michigan as well as to entertain distinguished visitors.

Guests who have stayed at Inglis House include: President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford, The Dalai Lama, Jonas Salk, The Belgian Ambassador, Governor Engler, Jim McDivitt, Mike Wallace, Chris Wallace, Sam Zell, as well as many other distinguished guests.

The project:

- 1) Returns the house and grounds to service as a rentable space for university meetings, receptions, retreats, and formal dinners;
- 2) Provides barrier-free access by transforming service areas on the first floor into a new accessible entry with two parking spaces, two modern restrooms, and a connection to the first floor dining room and garden terrace;
- 3) Modernizes the kitchen to meet current commercial kitchen licensing and sanitation requirements, while retaining the early century charm of the space;
- 4) Addresses deferred maintenance work in a way that balances historical preservation with modern technology, energy management, and limited operational budgets; and
- 5) Restores the landscape, prioritizing public pathways and gardens while reducing maintenance requirements for underutilized service areas.

The estimated cost of the project is \$4,600,000, with recurring operating expenses estimated at \$530,000.

Respectfully Submitted,



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