



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

11 July 2016

MR. JUAN C. DY, JR.

President

JNJ Summithill, Inc.

P. Campa Street, Sampaloc, Manila

Dear **Mr. Dy**,

Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)!

This is in response to your request for an NCCA clearance for the construction of University Homes, a 38-storey condominium building with roofdeck on Piy Margal Street corner Dos Castillas Street, Sampaloc, Manila, as required by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)¹.

Please be informed that on the basis of your Site Development Plan (SDP)², City of Manila Resolution No. 479 Series of 2015³, and the favorable opinion of the National Museum (NM)⁴, and pursuant to the powers of this Commission to regulate activities inimical to the preservation/conservation of the Filipino cultural heritage⁵, this Commission hereby **grants** this **clearance** for the above-mentioned project and advises your strict compliance with the attached SDP² and the existing policies of the City of Manila regarding building heights.

In addition, in compliance with every citizen's duty to preserve and conserve the Filipino cultural and historical heritage resources⁶, you are required to report to the NM if there will be recovery of archaeological materials during the excavation phase of the project⁷.

This Commission shall monitor the progress of your project until its completion. Any major deviation from your SDP² shall be subject to review by this Commission. For future coordination, you may contact Mr. Edison N. Molanida of the NCCA Cultural Heritage Section through phone number 527-2192 local 305.

We hope for your strict compliance.

With assurance of our highest esteem and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,


7-12-16


FELIPE M. DE LEON, JR.
Chairman



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

¹ Section 32 of RA 10066: *"Institutional Linkages of the National Cultural Agencies. – x x x x x Furthermore, the Commission may link up with other agencies and institutions, as it may deem appropriate, as a way of dealing with conservation in a holistic manner x x x x x"*

² Annex A

³ Excerpt from City of Manila Resolution No. 479 Series of 2015: *"WHEREAS, JNJ SUMMITHILL, INC. wrote a letter of request to the City Planning and Development Office, seeking for exemption/variance from Ordinance (No. 8119 which letter was referred to the Manila Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (MZBAA) for evaluation and appropriate action x x x x x NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to adopt, as it hereby adopts the Zoning Board Resolution No. 38 Series of 2015 of the Manila Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals dated 11th day of November 2015."*

⁴ Excerpt from the NM letter to the NCCA, dated April 13, 2016: *"x x x x x we would like to inform your good office that the National Museum has no objection on the proposed infrastructure development. x x x x x"*

⁵ Section 13 I) of RA 7356

⁶ Section 7 of RA 7356

⁷ Section 30(b) of RA 10066: *"When the presence of any cultural or historical property is discovered, the National Museum or the National Historical Institute shall immediately suspend all activities that will affect the site and shall immediately notify the local government unit having jurisdiction of the place where the discovery was made. The local government shall promptly adopt measures to protect and safeguard the integrity of the cultural property so discovered and, within five (5) days from the discovery, shall report the same to the appropriate agency. The suspension of these activities shall be lifted only upon the written authority of the National Museum or the National Historical Institute and only after the systematic recovery of the archaeological materials."*