



December 9, 2008

Donnie Snow, Director
Racine Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Services Department
City Hall Annex
800 Center Street, Room 127
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Donnie,

Our current operating agreement between the Racine Art Museum Association (RAMA) and the City of Racine governing the operation of the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts is set to expire in 2011. While this date seems off in the future, we think it is important for the stable operation of the Wustum Museum that we two parties negotiate the next long-term agreement as soon as possible, so that we have a smooth transition into 2011.

RAMA is currently undergoing renewal of its professional accredited status from the American Association of Museum in Washington, DC. The RAMA operation at Wustum has been professionally accredited since 1986. The current 20-year operating contract was a direct result of their review and inspection in the 1980s. They were insistent on a longer term agreement between RAMA and the City of Racine to add more stability to the operation of Wustum Museum.

The next on-site inspection will probably occur in 2009. Progress on the contract negotiations is something that will be on their checklist.

Please let me know how we should proceed. The RAMA Leadership has been pleased at the good working relationship we have with your department and with the City of Racine's representatives. We look forward to continuing both parties' efforts to manage the Wustum Museum campus in a way that benefits many people in the Racine Community.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce', written in a cursive style.

Bruce W. Pepich
Executive Director and Curator of Collections

cc: RAMA Executive Committee