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STATEMENT FROM SENATOR JAMES MOYLAN ON THE UPDATE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OLD PARKING GARAGE IN TUMON.

(Hagatna, Guam). Late Thursday afternoon our team was joined by Mr. Brent Weise of RIM Architect, Attorney Joyce Tang, Mr. J.D. Castro of Denanche Security, Mr. Paul Suba of the Guam Visitor Bureau's VSO Program, Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Vice Mayor Albert Toves, Mr. Ben Whitaker of Whitaker Construction Company, Ms. Sara Thomas-Nededog of OHAPP, and Captain Kim Santos, GPD's District 1 Commander at the Old Parking Garage in Tumon for an update by the various parties involved in addressing these issues associated with the derelict building.

Mr. Weise and Attorney Tang represent the off-island owners and fencing has been placed around the structure. They have also hired Denanche Security to regularly patrol the area to address illicit activity. The Guam Police Department has expressed that those who are caught trespassing in this private property shall be arrested.

Ms. Thomas-Nededog updated the group on the OHAPP's plans to assist those homeless individuals who previously utilized this parking garage as a roof over their heads. The trash situation around the structure has certainly improved in terms of where things were at when we first inspected the derelict building. However, there is certainly more work involved with addressing the litter inside the structure, and the owners have displayed their commitment to clean things up.

Mr. Weise provided details on the plans to demolish the structure, as they have submitted the paperwork for the permits, and this is a timely process. What originally started as a tour on the conditions of the parking garage, at the request of the Guam Visitors Bureau, has resulted in a true team effort in addressing the fate of a structure which embodied so many community-based concerns for years. We are not completely there yet, but we are several steps ahead of when we first started, and for that I would like to thank all the individuals both from the public and private sectors for doing their part in the process.

Vice Mayor Toves shared stories of other derelict structures within the strip, and as I stated from the start, this "project" is not just about the old parking garage but addressing derelict structures throughout the island. We just needed to start somewhere, and this team effort is setting a precedent.

END OF STATEMENT

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