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A 111-year-old Winston-Salem mansion, designed by Charles Barton Keen, architect of the historic Reynolda House and R.J. Reynolds High School, has been approved for demolition.

Century-old Winston-Salem mansion, designed by Reynolda architect, set for demolition

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The new owner of a Winston-Salem mansion designed by the architect for Reynolda House and R.J. Reynolds High School plans to tear down the 111-year-old structure.

A demolition permit for the 6,653-square-foot structure was issued April 9, the city of Winston-Salem's inspections division confirmed Thursday.

Reynolda Development Group LLC, which lists the same 1020 Kent Road property as its address, bought the home for \$1.4 million

on March 13, according to Forsyth County tax records.

The company was formed March 4, according to the North Carolina Secretary of State's office. Its members are listed as Geoffrey Mitchell and Marc Nevin.

The previous owners were listed as Andrew and Abigail Fitzgerald. The county's assessed value of the home and 2.33-acre lot is \$909,7000.

The house was designed by Charles Barton Keen, architect of the historic Reynolda House and R.J. Reynolds High School.

The original owner was Richard Stockton, an executive with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Residents took to social media Thursday to decry the home's potential demise.

"I am so sick of seeing history destroyed for some new built garbage," Riley Bolton posted on the Winston-Salem Facebook page. "What can we do to stop this?"

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DA seeks to block release of 911 calls

Court filing says release could jeopardize deadly park shooting investigation

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The Forsyth County District Attorney's Office is asking a judge to block the public disclosure of 911 calls about the deadly mass shooting April 20 at Leinbach Park in northwest Winston-Salem.

The shooting resulted in the deaths of two Winston-Salem teenagers and injuries of five others. In addition, five city residents are facing charges in connection with the fight turned shooting.

Daniel Jimenez-Milian, 16, and Erubey Romero Medina, 17, died in the shooting.

The district attorney's office wants a judge to rule that disclosure of the 911 calls would jeopardize its right to prosecute the defendants and the defendants' rights to receive fair trials, Sara Loebner, an assistant district attorney, wrote in the motion.

The disclosure also would undermine the police investigation, according to the motion.

Police have arrested and charged Greidy Mendoza-Soriano, 16, and Karissa Gamez, 16, with inciting a riot leading to death and inciting a riot causing property damage or serious injury.

Joel Michael Gamble-Toliver, 18, is charged with engaging in a riot that resulted in a death and inciting a riot that caused a death.

Yamilet Jimenez-Milian and Steven Villanueva, 17, are charged with inciting a riot.

The district attorney's office wants a judge to prevent the release of all 911 call recordings related to the fight and shooting at Leinbach Park for 30 days.

In the alternative, the judge should privately review the recordings of the 911 calls to determine if they should be publicly disclosed, the motion said.

A judge in Forsyth Superior Court will conduct a hearing on this motion on May 6 in courtroom 307 in the Forsyth County Courthouse.

The Winston-Salem Police Department has received one or more public records requests seeking the disclosure of 911 call audio recordings associated with the fight and shooting, the district attorney's office said in its motion.

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Trump: US will escort ships stranded in strait

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Reuters

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Sunday that the United States would begin an effort Monday morning to free up ships stranded in the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump, in a social media post, gave few details about the operation, including whether the U.S. Navy would be involved. He described the effort as a "humanitarian gesture" meant only to aid neutral countries that were not involved in the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran.

"For the good of Iran, the Middle East, and the United States, we have told these Countries that we will guide their Ships safely out of these restricted Waterways, so that they can freely and ably get on with their business," Trump wrote in the post.

The White House and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to requests for additional information.

Also on Sunday, Iran said it received a

U.S. response to its latest offer for peace talks, a day after Trump said he would probably reject the Iranian proposal because "they have not paid a big enough price."

Iranian state media reported that Washington conveyed its response to Iran's 14-point proposal via Pakistan, and that Tehran was reviewing it.

There was no immediate confirmation from Washington or Islamabad of the U.S. response.

"At this stage, we do not have nuclear negotiations," state media quoted Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei as saying, an apparent reference to Iran's proposal to set aside talks on nuclear issues until after the war ends and the foes agree to lift opposing blockades of Gulf shipping.

On Saturday, Trump said that he had yet to review the exact wording of the Iranian peace proposal, but that he was likely to reject it.

"I will soon be reviewing the plan that Iran has just sent to us, but can't imagine that it would be acceptable in that they have not yet paid a big enough price for what they have done to Humanity, and the World, over the last 47 years," he wrote on social media.

The United States and Israel suspended their bombing campaign against Iran four weeks ago, and U.S. and Iranian officials held one round of talks. But attempts to set up further meetings have so far failed.

Iran handed over its latest proposal Thursday, and a senior Iranian official confirmed Saturday that Tehran envisions ending the war and resolving the shipping standoff first, while leaving talks on Iran's nuclear program for later.

Though Trump initially said Friday that he was not satisfied with the Iranian proposal, he said Saturday he was still looking at it.



SHIR TOREM, REUTERS

Smoke rises following an explosion in Lebanon, as seen from the Israeli side of the border with Lebanon on Sunday.

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