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I've filling a lot of my quarantine time with getting this spreadsheet of building projects in better condition.

I have focused on those permits/projects that pre-date the start of the City's files with special attention given to new projects and demolitions (instead of repairs and other improvements). I've also really concentrated on those entries from before 1886 to bring the street numbers up-to-date. (Most—but not all—streets assumed their current numbering in 1885.)

I've gotten about 36% of the entries marked with green to indicate that those have been "confirmed." Of course, that is not a guarantee that those are correct, but there is a pretty good reason to believe that those are right. For example, I compared address to entries in city directories. If John Doe pulled a permit to build 100 Main Street in 1890, and John Doe lived at that address, that is a good indicator that it was correct. Also, if the same family pulled permits for the same street address years apart, then that is a good sign that the number was correct; for example if the Smith family pulled a permit to do work to 100 Main Street in 1910 and then again in 1920, I assumed that the odds that those were identical typos was really small.

The street address is mostly the current address. For example, I've keyed in the current street names (Logan instead of Mazyck, for example) and have entered the current street numbers. However, I've always added a note to one of the fields telling what the actual newspaper said. There were a few problem with doing that. For example, if 101, 103, and 105 Main Street were all demolished and combined into the current 101 Main Street, then I still kept the more specific, earlier address with a note explaining that. There are some other oddball things like that, but 99% of these are pretty easy to use.

As always, if you find any errors, please let me know. But, for now, I'm going to give this corona-project a rest!

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