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Hi Tim;

I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight due to a previous engagement, but I do want to express how I feel about the South branch library location. I grew up in that neighborhood and continue to live there, and I have a lot of fond memories spending time in Library. I feel as many others do that the unique architecture should be protected. We have destroyed so many historical buildings here in La Crosse that at some point we need to take a closer look at how we can protect some of this history rather than destroy it.

We can certainly find other uses for that building other than tearing it down and building apartments or town houses.

I was going to reach out earlier and inquire if the city has even thought about a senior citizen center there? We have a lot of elderly folks living in that area that would love a place to go. I've had a few of them expressed to me that going to Hood Park is too far for them and after they closed the Denton Street location they have nowhere to go.

I hope my letter and the opinions of others regarding this building does not fall on deaf ears.

Kindest Regards  
Jimmy Hurley