

Craig, Sondra

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Nikki,

The following is the repeated response I have provided multiple times to those expressing concerns related to the appeal of the historic designation for the former South Branch Library:

I can assure you that my appeal of the historic designation of this structure has nothing to do with its ultimate disposition and I have no interest in razing and removing the building. I chair the Economic and Community Development Commission which accepted a development proposal to reuse the building as part of a housing development. I supported and voted to accept the proposal. This building will continue as a part of this neighborhood under current plans. This has been decided by a city committee that is delegated as the final decision-maker on these issues. The City appeal of the historic designation is based solely on the merits of the application submitted to the Heritage Preservation Commission. My interest is in maintaining the integrity of the historic designation process, something that has been threatened by this latest decision of the Commission. I believe in the just, fair, and equitable administration of law. The historic designation applied to the former South Branch Library undermines that principal.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any additional concerns.

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