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I strongly urge you NOT to override the Heritage Preservation Commission designation of the South Branch Library as an Historic Landmark. We have lived in this neighborhood for over 40 years. The South Branch Library is a well built and maintained building in the iconic Prairie Style and could be used as an office location. The park has been maintained and landscaped by a host of neighborhood volunteers. Any denigration of the building will negatively impact the park which is always in use by families and neighbors for meeting and recreation for children.

The fact that some of the bids offered full price and committed to maintaining the exterior of the building were dismissed saddens me. Some of the bids that are being considered involve a lot of upfront infrastructure expense that the city would have to provide. The payback on this expenses vs the promise of additional property tax must be considered. I also question the premise that we need more housing considering the complexes being built on the old Rubber Mills site, the River Point District, the (hopefully) soon to be built housing on the old K-Mart Property.

Respectively submitted in hopes that you maintain the will of the people as well as the Heritage Preservation Commission,

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