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**Annapolis Library Construction-OBJECTION to demolition**

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Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 5:37 PM

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LETTER OF OBJECTION TO DEMOLITION

Cynthia,

It seems you are the City P&amp;Z representative for the Annapolis Library Building, so I am writing to you.

I can't be at the hearing Wednesday for the Board of Appeals Hearing. But I STRONGLY OBJECT to the demolition of the existing 60s/70s structure. I see no reason this WELL-BUILT masonry structure from the late sixties/early 1970s (older than 50 years) should be torn down completely when it has all the evidence of a significant historic building marking an era that is completely under-appreciated. Tearing it down almost makes a mockery of our standing as a model of historic preservation. How a demolition was ever considered the appropriate way to deal with some of the idiosyncrasies (leaking roofs, less-than-adequate HVAC systems...) is beyond me.

If the point of the new building is to be 'green' and environmentally friendly, the biggest and most important FIRST STEP is to use concrete and masonry where it already exists. The masonry walls and the broad openings that are currently glass are perfectly fine...and the VERY LARGE exposed timber beams that support the roof should have some impact on the design intent of whatever gets constructed, whether they are moved or left in situ.

I don't see the logic or the sustainability of tearing the building down. Except for the fact that there are few LEED credits for retaining a structure (one of the particular downfalls of the LEED accreditation as it now stands)

Please register my dissatisfaction and COMPLETE OBJECTION with the demolition of the building. If needbe, I would be HAPPY to offer free architectural services to demonstrate just what might be accomplished by saving the building. I can conceptualise a programmatic design that addresses all the same concerns and probably save the City/County/State money in doing so. The current building is a MODEL of the best of architecture of the late sixties and early seventies. It would be hypocritical for a City priding itself on the history of architecture to remove one of the nicest examples of contemporary architecture in the name of sustainability. This is an unsustainable proposition as far as I am concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terrence Averill", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**From:** Anne Arundel County Public Library [mailto:[feedback@aacpl.net](mailto:feedback@aacpl.net)]**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 4:01 PM**To:** [arch.plan@verizon.net](mailto:arch.plan@verizon.net)**Subject:** New Timeline for Annapolis Library Construction Announced

Updated Timeline Unveiled for New Annapolis Regional Library



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## New Timeline for Annapolis Library Project Unveiled

### ***Board of Appeals Hearing Scheduled for March 15***

Anne Arundel County Public Library officials today announced an updated timeline for construction of the new Annapolis Regional Library. Demolition of the current facility will take place in March 2018 with the new building expecting to be open in late 2019.

The new 32,500-square-foot-facility will nearly double the size of the existing library and provide more meeting room space, a teen zone, an increased children's area, outdoor space, a vending café, tinker area, a quiet room, comfortable furniture, a tech zone and collaborative workspaces for small groups. The beloved books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines will also be exhibited in easier to reach shelves.

"We look forward to providing our customers with an inviting and inspiring new library that will serve the needs of everyone in the community," said Library CEO Hampton "Skip" Auld.

Public comment on the proposed project design is welcome at a permitting hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the Annapolis City Council Chambers at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street. Residents can also review the proposed site design, landscape plan and landscape mitigation plans on the [library's website](#). Progress on the project is available on the City of Annapolis Planning and Zoning [project management's webpage](#).

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Wed, Mar 15, 2017 at 10:29 AM

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Jeremy and Terry,

Please see below email objection to the demolition of the existing Annapolis Library structure. As part of the R3-NC development standards, the demolition is subject to review under 21.14 Demolition Permits at the time of permitting. This objection will be provided to the Board of Appeals members at tonight's meeting.

For the hearing tonight you should be prepared to address the review criteria under 21.14.040:

- 21.14.040 - Review criteria

In deciding demolition applications, the Planning and Zoning Director shall make written findings based on the following:

A. **Significance of Structure.** The extent of the historic, cultural, archaeological, or architectural significance of the structure proposed for demolition and the value of the structure for its historic, cultural, archaeological, or architectural significance.

B. **Effect on Significant Historic Resources.** The extent to which the demolition of the structure will have an adverse effect on resources within a National Register District, if applicable, or other surrounding historic, cultural, archaeological, or architectural resources of significance.

C. **Significance to the Purposes of the Zoning District.** The extent to which the loss of the structure would be adverse to the purposes of the zoning district in which the structure is located and would adversely affect the character of the neighborhood and the zoning district.

D. **Relationship to Other Structures.** The relationship of the exterior architectural features of the structure proposed for demolition to other structures located in the National Register District, if applicable, or other structures listed on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places and the extent to which demolition of the structure would impair the relationship with other significant historic, cultural, archaeological, or architectural resources.

E. **Compatibility of Proposed Structure.** The general compatibility of any proposed structure, in terms of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials, to the National Register District, if applicable, or to other historic resources in the surrounding area.

F. **Public Benefits.** The extent to which the structure is a deterrent to a major improvement program which will be of substantial benefit to the City.

G. **Financial Hardship.** The extent to which the retention of the structure would cause financial hardship to the owner.

I would recommend at the hearing that you explain the process used to evaluate the current building and how the design developed to a new structure over rehabilitation of the existing.

Please contact me with any questions.

Cynthia

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