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Fwd: Library

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I agree with Terry Averill's comments on the design for the library. This building has gotten Press on where it should be located. I weighed in on maintaining the current location so I am glad to see the Library staying where it is within walking and biking accessible to students and residents. I also followed the controversy when this Board was recommending obliterating the Maryland History room. Imagine. Agreement has been reached to indeed include a room for local and state history...some primary documents. As Chair of Art in Public Places I asked that the design include a space for a sculpture garden similar to the one at the Baltimore Museum of Art. I did not receive the courtesy of a reply. (Aippc would do the leg work and seek the funding...no easy task) some years ago. I was fortunate to attend a conference on after school Programs and visit the new library in Connecticut that included features to attract students, Even a coffee bar.

If there has been any public discussion or sharing of the design elements for this building. I am not aware of them. When I was Mayor there were conversations about expanding the current building by city staff but no support for tearing it down.

Evidently times have changed.

Though the Board volunteers have worked hard to address concerns about updating library services. It seems from each of the issues mentioned that there is little concern about the specialness of Annapolis. Terry is right about the aesthetics of the City. Removing the History room should never even have been an issue. Removing the library out of the core city assessable safely only by car was another recommendation that missed the mark.

And Art for the site should be an upfront consideration in design not pushed off on a back burner.

I would suggest that the commission ask for alternative design considerations and resident involvement as suggested before approving the building for demolition.

Thank you for your consideration.

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