


Date July 13, 2009

COMMUNICATION FROM URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REGARDING FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

Receive and file communication from the Urban Design Review Board regarding the Franklin Avenue Library renovation.

Moved by _____ to receive and file.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael F. Kelley
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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk

July 7, 2009

RE: FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

The Urban Design Review Board, at its July 7, 2009 meeting, has voted not to approve the proposed design of the Franklin Avenue Library. The Board decision focused on the strong concern that planned modifications will adversely affect the original character of the building. Specifically, the Board is adamant that the existing pavilion space, as well as the internal and external character of the building, be preserved.

The vote was unanimous not to approve the design as proposed, after a lengthy review process that included two Urban Design Review Board sessions and a joint meeting with members of the design team and the Library Board of Trustees.

While the Board members applaud the effort of the Library Board of Trustees and the design team to respond to the challenges of programming and public use, the concern that the building has been irretrievably compromised through the proposed changes is paramount.

Should you require additional clarification of the Board's concerns, please advise.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Morgan, RA, AIA, NCARB
Chair, Urban Design Review Board



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