From:	Julia Ausloos
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Hello Linda,

I would like to provide a comment at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on November 2nd, speaking in support of the temporary historic designation for the former Forest Home Library at 1432 W. Forest Home Ave.

The award winning library building is a wonderful example of our city's modern heritage, and represents an important mid-century building type in our city. Milwaukee is filled with beautiful historic turn-of-the-century buildings which often get recognized and realized as special, however it is our significant recent past buildings, such as the Forest Home Library, that often fall through the cracks and may not be realized as significant until it is too late.

The Forest Home Library is a well designed building, award winning in it's time, and because of this, I believe the building has reasonable flexibilities that allow for it to adapt in ways that allow for new modern uses. As an architect that specializes in historic preservation, I have seen similar buildings sensitively modified to allow for the adaptive reuse and successful redevelopment of structures like the Forest Home Library. Better yet, there are federal and state historic tax credits available to support such a transformation of the building, but first it is required that we recognize this building as historically significant. The first step in doing this is to have the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission place a temporary historic designation on the building. Therefore, I am very much in support of the temporary historic designation of the former Forest Home Library.

Please let me know if there is any additional information required of me in order to submit the comment above at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting next week Monday.

Thank you,
Julia

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