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**To:** Lee, Chris  
**Cc:** Beverly Gates; Amy Hand  
**Subject:** Historic Designation of the Central City Plaza

Good afternoon, Mr. Lee!

I hope this message finds you well.

As you know, The Salvation Army of Milwaukee County met last week with the Bronzeville Advisory Committee to hear from the public regarding the proposed historic preservation designation for the Central City Plaza. We are grateful for the thoughtful discussion and were encouraged by the Committee's support for a balanced approach that honors the site's history while allowing us to continue and expand our critical services.

A key point raised – and one that is essential to our revised construction plans – is the need for continued flexibility regarding the property's parking lot and landscaped areas. It is our understanding that these elements are not currently included in the historic designation, and we respectfully request that this remain the case. (There has been discussion of this, as it was brought up at the March HPC meeting during which this matter was considered.)

Maintaining flexibility over these portions of the site is vital for adapting the existing building infrastructure into a functional design. Doing so will enable us to preserve the site's historical integrity while continuing to provide essential transitional housing and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Zoning Committee, the Common Council, and other stakeholders to develop a shared vision for the site that benefits the community, preserves its historical significance, and ensures our services can grow in step with Milwaukee's evolving needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

**Serving the Shepherd, loving His sheep,**

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