

Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Elmer, Linda; Hatala, Carlen
Subject: FW: Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

From: Laurel Brooks [<mailto:vivirenlacocina@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2019 6:59 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Members of the Historic Preservation Committee,

I ask you to vote to approve the historic status designation for the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

This iconic building is a wonderful example of Brutalist architecture. While the Brutalist name is easily misconstrued, the practical ethos combined with aesthetic vision and aspiration inherent in this style appeals to and expresses the character of Milwaukee citizens. Careful fiscal management has allowed the city, over decades, to reward its citizens' hard work with institutions and amenities that have inspired a love of place expressed throughout the neighborhoods that we call home. I believe the Marcus Center represents a contribution from our progressive past upon which today's enthusiasm for city development is built.

Please protect the Marcus Center and lovely grove of trees that shares its space. Outside the aesthetically utilitarian exterior of the Marcus Center, those trees provide a grace note available to passers-by to rest and contemplate the city, and a suggestion of the pleasures the Marcus Center will offer them in its wide corridors and beautifully proportioned performance spaces. The grove itself suggests an Altman painting alive amidst the bustle of downtown Milwaukee...no small accomplishment.

Please preserve this site in its entirety. I hope to one day have grandchildren with whom I can share this treasure.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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Best,

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From: Historic Preservation Commission
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To: Elmer, Linda; Hatala, Carlen
Subject: FW: The Show Must Go On...!!!

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From: Barbara Paulini [<mailto:barb@studiopaulini.com>]
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To: Historic Preservation Commission; mpa@milwaukeepreservation.org
Subject: The Show Must Go On...!!!

... and that includes the beautiful installation by Dan Kiley...

To dismiss the value that the space holds for humans and birds,
the cool climate and the shade during hot summer days... the sound
of the gravel and its transformative affect on us - PLEASE keep
it just as it is... there is space enough elsewhere - its a treasure.

Kindly, Barb