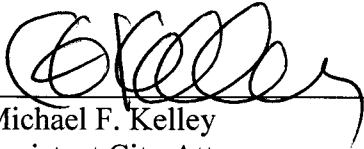


Date February 14, 2011

Communication from the Historic Preservation Commission expressing support for the preservation of buildings that comprise the "Civic Center Historic District" including the Armory Building, the Municipal Building (City Hall), the former Central Post Office Building (Polk County Annex), the former Central Library Building (World Food Prize), and the Municipal Court and Public Safety Building (Police Station).

Moved by _____ to receive and file.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael F. Kelley
Assistant City Attorney

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Mayor

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



February 7, 2011

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Re: The Armory Building and the Police Station Building

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission please accept this letter as an expression of our support for the preservation of the buildings that comprise the "Civic Center Historic District" including the Armory Building, the Municipal Building (City Hall), the former Central Post Office Building (Polk County Annex), the former Central Library Building (World Food Prize), and the Municipal Court and Public Safety Building (Police Station).

On January 19, 2011 the Commission discussed the media reports regarding the concept of selling the Armory Building and Police Station Building for redevelopment given their prime riverfront locations. The Commission unanimously approved a motion to communicate our sentiment that all public buildings and bridges in the Civic Center Historic District should be maintained and that the buildings should be retained for public purposes and not sold for redevelopment as they are a significant part of the City's civic fabric.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Holderness".

Susan Holderness, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

cc: Historic Preservation Commission