



May 7, 2014

Mr. Tom Deleeuw
Chair, Historic Site Preservation Board
City of Palm Springs
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subject: Welwood Murray Memorial Library Interior Remodel

Dear Mr. DeLeeuw,

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation is excited that the remodel of the Welwood Murray Memorial Library is upon us! Through lengthy discussions with the Historic Site Preservation Board over the last few years, we commend the city's current plans that speak to the architectural integrity of the building.

One concern we do have is the authenticity of some of the interior design elements, specifically the turn of the century Arts and Crafts pattern that is repeated throughout the interior design (to include the desk, the bookshelves and the lighting fixtures). The WMML's original design is clean and unornamented. The proposed design motif is simply inappropriate. Vintage interior photos of the WMML should be consulted and can be found on the PSPF website.

PSPF would like to remind the HSPB that at the November 7, 2012 City Council meeting, we offered to help with the desk's reconstruction to include both architectural renderings and financial assistance. We hope that the City still accepts our offer and moves forward with a more historically accurate remodel of the interior.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation at 760-837-7117 with any questions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Rosenow", written over a horizontal line.

Erik Rosenow
President

Copy to: Mayor Pougnet and Councilmembers Foat, Mills, Hutcheson and Lewin