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Cabin Location Options Initial Report - Public Input

TOTAL EMAILS RECEIVED: 322 EMAILS

The following are findings from public input regarding the Cabin location options and the Library Campus Project. Comments were collected at LibraryCampus@CityofBoise.org from **11/16-26**.

Option 1: Keep Cabin On-Site: 194 (60%)

- There was no preference between Option A or B
- General sentiment was that it should be possible to "make the design work" to accommodate the library campus project goals and historic structure
- The typical response expressed concern for the money needed to move the building
- There are a number of emails that site residency outside of Boise; some allude to memories of Boise as if they no live here, though do not state it--given Preservation Idaho's statewide membership/reach it is difficult to tell how much of this input is from Boise residents
- While not considered part of the public input record, it should be noted that 351 have signed a Change.org petition:
<https://www.change.org/p/mayor-david-bieter-save-boise-s-cabin-on-its-birthplace>

Option 2: North Side of Julia Davis Park: 106 (33%)

- Response was typically to "move the Cabin to the property adjacent Julia Davis Park," and did not site a preference between Options A or B

Move the Cabin - Unspecified Location: 17 (5%)

- Input in this category indicated support for moving the Cabin but did not site a location preference

Other: 5 (1.5%)

- General feedback not related to the Cabin
- Questions about bond vote



From: [Dawn Shepherd](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:03:33 AM

Please do not consider destroying this beautiful piece of Boise's history.
Do not tear down another local land mark. I have lived here my entire life and it's a shame the way things are being taken down or destroyed.

Dawn Shepherd

From: [Rick Poplack](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 11:59:55 AM

I support leaving the cabin on its historic site and maintaining it in place. Boise has already destroyed or diminished too many of its historic artifacts in the 46 years that I have lived here. We don't need to diminish another one by moving it. My suggestion would be to reduce the scope of the planned library which, in my opinion, will be way too expensive, too large and will include too many non-library related features.

Rick Poplack

From: [michael fraser](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:59:00 PM

For Pete's sake. If you move it, it will be forgotten and that is not acceptable. Leave it where it is. Tell the hotshot architect to to punt and just redo some of that ridiculous expanse of windows and incorporate the cabin in the plans. He should have been informed that the cabin was to stay as part of the specs for the plan. The city is acting like a bunch of yokels that don't realize they have any power and are trying to impress--who? It's our town and we should get to decide what works for us. Taht castle of glass does not work for me. Pam Fraser

From: [Scott Kirchmar](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:55:17 PM

I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Scott

From: [Ivar Nelson](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] 1930s CCC-built historic cabin in Boise
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:25:03 AM

Hello,

We understand that the historic cabin on Capital Boulevard built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s for the Idaho State Forester's Department might be torn down or moved.

This would be a tragic mistake and a direct contradiction of the commitment of the State of Idaho to its history, recently evidenced by the renovation and expansion of the Idaho History Museum across Capital Boulevard from the cabin.

We have been researching the rich history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in our state for the last five years. The project is aimed at the creation this year of the "CCC in Idaho" digital portal that goes online at the University of Idaho library next year.

Not only is the cabin one of the major historical structures in Boise and a part of the National Registry of Historic Places, but it is visual reminder of the combined contribution of the Idaho forest industry and the CCC to the history of our state. It was designed by Hans Hulbe, then the architect of the Boise Payette Lumber Company, and built by CCC volunteers from Camp McConnell in Boise, who worked under the direction of highly skilled Finnish craftsmen from McCall.

Not only is the craft of the cabin astounding, but builders worked with native lumber from Idaho trees donated by timber companies throughout the state. The cabin is a stunning example of "rustic" architecture built in the Rockies as an outgrowth of the Craftsman movement earlier in the century. It is one of the best remaining CCC-built structures in Idaho, and its position on display on the main boulevard in Boise is a tribute to impact that the forest industry and the CCC had on the state.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: [Linda J. Lear](#)
To: [Mayor Bieter](#); kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Cc: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] 1939 CCC Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:59:12 AM

Dear Mayor Beiter, President Killingsworth, Members of Boise City Council,

I write to you with respect for your civic responsibilities and out of my deep experience as a New Deal historian (including a biography of Harold Ickes, Secy of the Interior under FDR who began the CCC) and as the biographer of Rachel Carson, and as an environmental scholar.

The “CCC1939 Cabin” is not an insignificant property, small as it may be, and unprepossessing it may seem as an architectural structure. It is, and it has been, a touchstone of the city’s past and a reminder of its legacy to the Great Depression and the natural disasters of the 1930s. The CCC was crucial to Idaho and to the West. The opportunity to preserve it in place comes at a time when we are vividly reminded of our debt to those who preserve our natural resources and who fight fires to save our forests and habitat. It serves as a physical reminder of the government/citizen partnership and ability to survive hard times and to move on to a future based on the abundance provided by the area’s natural environment. The 1939 Cabin reminds all of us of the crucial mission which the CCC had labored so hard to protect.

Historic property moved; is History lost. Property with historic meaning as the 1939 CCC Cabin is, has a mythology all its own that draws people entering into it to see their own lives in relation to what went before: and hopefully to affirm what they are called upon civically to protect in the city of Boise and in the great northwest in the 21st century.

As someone who has studied the New Deal in depth, I affirm the contemporary significance of saving the 1939 CCC Cabin on its **original site**. It is a structure to be cherished as historic memory and gives the citizens of Boise a respect an important perspective on their own lives in the 21st C. The dark days of the Great Depression and the

new days of hope offered by the New Deal and the CCC had an historic impact on the daily lives of the citizens of Boise unlike any other period.

Moving the 1939 Cabin to another site removes the vital significance of both place and time. It is not repeatable in another place, however benign or convenient.

A CCC cabin anywhere in the US is vital history to be preserved. But because of its historic value as a reminder of the dark days of work of the CCC during the Great Depression in the West, the 1939 CCC cabin it is especially vital. Boise has a civic and historic structure of immense historic significance on its original site and in its historic context. I hope that you will vote to preserve it in place.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Lear, Ph. D.

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From: [Charles Gill](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] About reading and writing
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 12:34:20 PM

To have put out a call for architectural proposals for a new library without the requirement that the cabin be preserved on site is a lapse of vision that will stain Boise's reputation (such as it is) for years to come. The cabin is about literature. The library is about literature. How can that obvious connection have been overlooked?! The library should embrace the cabin, not banish it to the woods behind three museums and a statue of Lincoln.

I urge you to do everything and anything that is necessary to keep the cabin on its original site. If that means rejecting Safdie's design and starting over (a tough call) then do it! We need a cooperating connection between our cultural components much more than we need an iconic architectural addition to our gateway boulevard - views of which have been steadily degraded for decades by many buildings of dubious architectural merit.

Hoping for a brighter future for both reading and writing in Boise, I thank you for your attention.

Charles Gill
Boise

From: [Angie McDavitt](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Against Cabin Moving
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:38:53 AM

Dear Powers that Be,

I am writing this email in grave concern about the moving of the cabin off the downtown public library campus. Including the structure in the new library rebuild would add an unusual appeal to a very modern building and would be amazing! We can do it; we just need the bravery and the foresight. You've got my support.

Angie Steele

From: [Edith Jones](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Balancing Competing Interests
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 12:23:13 PM

Respected City Council,

First, a thanks – I appreciate that you’re not allowing the decision of the cabin location to be made by a single party- either Moshe Safdie or the Mayor in his historic fourth term. I do hope that the final decision or any appeal hearing will be open to the public– but am thankful today for the chance to offer my own opinion as a citizen of our fine city.

What I see as the clear priorities here:

1. Avoiding Conflicts of interest

- a. Concerning the argument that the city owned land is “too valuable” to put the Cabin on:
 - i. if every decision the City made was purely based on tax revenue – I’m sure we’d see fewer parks, public projects, etc.. By the same token, folks could say, “why not sell XYZ park, pieces of the foothills, etc.”?
 - ii. I believe to apply this argument to such a public and hotly contested decision sets the council and the City up for rightful public outcry, and must be set aside.
- b. Given the proximity of Mr. Ludwig’s approved Central towers projects, with his precedent-setting “sky bridge”– I believe that if Broad Street Properties has ANY future interest in purchasing the parcel identified for sale, Mr. Ludwig should recuse himself from making this decision.

2. Arriving at a decision that maximizes Public Good

- a. The Library must expand to serve Boise’s growing population and needs – so I am assuming it’s too late to back down from Mr. Safdie’s ambitious vision.
 - i. If that’s untrue – great! No doubt the talented team can incorporate this beautiful piece of history in a revised plan. They have done so with another local non-profit- the Wassmuth Center’s beautiful classroom will remain between the Library and the River.
 - ii. However – if that is true, then the Cabin must be moved.
- b. Based on the assertion that it must move – now we must consider both The Cabin as an organization and a building that is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.
 - i. The Building itself – belongs in an open space, with greenery and a park-like setting. It was built in Julia Davis park, and there’s no reason it shouldn’t remain within the parks’ bounds.
 - ii. The Organization - has said the option the board supports is the re-location on the north side of Julia Davis. Given they are being moved, they should be “made whole” – have a full basement, and the space to conduct camps.
 - iii. Any decision that leaves this building either in danger of being de-listed,

or the organization unable to complete their mission would be a sub-par compromise.

Given the two priorities above – from the outside – my recommendation would be to move the Cabin to the north Julia Davis Site.

I'd be happy to hear if any of my considerations are outdated, or not based on facts (I'm only operating with news coverage).

However- I urge you to consider these priorities as you make a decision that will shape the future of Boise.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks,
Edith Jones

From: [W Northrop](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Boise Library Campus Project
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 10:44:40 AM

City of Boise:

As visitors to the City of Boise before becoming residents, the community's support of the arts was evident. Upon taking up residence, we joined many cultural organizations. The Cabin was one of the first. Over the last decade, the Cabin's programs have reached a national stage. Readings and Conversations draw world-class authors. Writers in the Schools profoundly impacts Treasurer Valley students who seek to explore their creative potential. Summer camps grace the Cabin's outdoor space and provide opportunities that resonate with students and parents. Workshops for adults and youth who are looking to further their craft and explore new genres.

The proposed Boise Library Campus brings the Cabin's future into question. As tenants of the current landmark building for 23-years, the Cabin has been great stewards of this historic structure. If the library campus project requires the Cabin to relocate then its interest should be considered as a priority. The building structure and the arts organization are intertwined. The new location should allow the Cabin to cultivate remarkable programs and maintain outdoor space to continue exploring the literary arts. That is why the site adjacent to the Black History Museum and Lincoln statue is mission appropriate.

The Cabin and Boise Library have been strategic partners for years. The opportunity for the library to expand should not sacrifice the Cabin; rather it should amplify the relationship. Thoughtful site selection for the Cabin is imperative. Numerous patrons and donors to both the library and the Cabin insist that both organization's needs be addressed and satisfied as part of the relocation.

The City of Boise and the citizen's of Boise are investing millions of dollars in the arts to support the Boise Library Campus. Provide the framework for each organization to deliver their mission with more impact.

Respectfully,
Will Northrop

From: [Vilate Gee](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Boise's Historical Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:37:15 AM

Please! do NOT move Boise's Historical Cabin from it current location.
Boise City needs to consider the Historical sites that are part of it history. Moving the cabin is a mistake!

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From: [Scott Ki](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Boise's New Library
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 10:07:22 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a strong supporter of libraries and the literary arts so am writing to record my opposition to the cost of the planned new library, as well as, any decision to move The Cabin to a different location.

The current site of The Cabin and the building itself is rich in history as you know. Preservationists are far more versed in the details so I will defer to them and agree with Preservation Idaho's position that the building should be retained in its original location. I also understand that major upgrades have been made recently to the building so moving it would be an unnecessary waste of additional money.

With regards to the planned library, I simply believe there are many, many other options to provide library services to citizens all across the city by using the money saved in not going further with the current design.

Boise has a unique identity and culture and doesn't need to emulate Seattle, Salt Lake City, or other places with a building that doesn't quite match the understated nature of the city and its citizens. Boise is modest and neighborly and a building won't put it on anyone's map because we're already on the map as a desirable place to live.

Please think of the many, many needed services \$100+ million could finance, especially for those who aren't as fortunate as others.

Thanks,
Scott Ki
1408 N 15th Street

From: [JOCELYN DUNN](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin and the Library
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 12:41:56 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library. Please consider alternatives that include the cabin where it has been and should stay.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Dunn

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Gary Roeder](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin comment
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 2:45:43 AM

I suggest keeping the cabin on it's original site. This will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library while not materially affecting the view. Who looks out from a first floor window anyway? Don't let a designer or architect drive this decision.

Gary Roeder

From: [Marilyn Cosho](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Library
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:47:42 AM

Dear City Council,

I believe the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum would be the best place for the Cabin.

My major concern about the new library is parking. Having to pay for parking which is a block away would be inconvenient and unwelcoming. It would take away from the fun of visiting the library.

Thanks.

Marilyn Cosho

From: [Susan Baughn](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] cabin location
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:55:55 PM

Please keep the Cabin where it was originally built. A good architect can certainly figure out a way to do that and at the same time provide the library with greenbelt and river connections. Most time spent in a library, the eyes are on books, media and research materials. The surroundings, while important, are secondary.

Susan Baughn
508 w Elwood Dr., Boise 83706

From: [Claire Jussel](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:55:12 AM

To whom it may concern,

I support keeping The Cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

I look forward to the new and improved library, and its connection to the river and greenbelt spaces. As someone who has spent a lot of time at both The Cabin and the Boise Public Library, I hope that the Cabin can continue to exist in this space in conjunction with the library instead of being uprooted. I believe that leaving the Cabin on site would be less disruptive to the organization and that a final result that keeps the Cabin close to the library would be beneficial to the community at large.

Best,
Claire Jussel

From: [Claudia](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin location
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 4:44:03 PM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site to not only preserveIdaho history but, will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Claudia Parcels

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Henry Reents](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Location
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 2:41:42 PM

We believe The Cabin is an important part of our community. If Library expansion requires it to move, the proposed Julia Davis (Black History Museum) location is the best option.

Respectfully,
Sue & Henry Reents

From: [Heidi Hartnett](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin on Library Campus
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:42:46 PM

I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Heidi Hartnett - Realtor
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From: outlook_2395318FE622EC79@outlook.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin placement
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 12:56:06 PM

Please use the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park behind the Lincoln statue as the preferred space if the Cabin is to be moved. It will best allow the cabin to remain in its best usage.

Sincerely,

Karen Glennon

Boise resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Annabelle Travis](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Preservation
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:58:40 AM

"I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

**Respectfully,
Annabelle Travis**

From: [Lynn McDonald](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin project
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 9:02:14 PM

With all the renovations and building in Boise one would wonder why no one has ever thought to put a restaurant, snack bar, or café in the museum area. No hospitality for the bikers, nothing for the tourists nor museum Aficionados, it's absolutely absurd in the 21st century!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Valerie](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Relocation
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 10:28:19 AM

Dear Boise City Council,

Please choose the Cabin relocation option that places the Cabin in the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park, behind the Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. This is the best option to continue the Cabin's important mission and contribution to the Treasure Valley.

I am a long-time user of the Cabin and its program, and I want to see it thrive into the future.

Thank you,
Valerie Steffen
208.343.0629
Boise ID 83706
Sent from my iPhone

From: [John Barrie](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Relocation Plans
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:34:21 PM

Hello,

I am writing today to voice my support of relocating The Cabin to the park space north of Julia Davis by the Black History Museum. Not only has the Cabin board voiced their support of this location, but I have served as a volunteer teaching assistant in summers past, and I know how important that location is for their programs, both in its relation to the downtown corridor and because of the park itself. When space is at a premium, being an easy walk from such a great, city-funded green space is a fantastic opportunity for those kids, as it is summer and they need the opportunity to be outside as much as they need the opportunity to write.

Thank you for your time,

john Barrie

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The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today. -Elbert Hubbard

From: [Steve Feldstein](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin relocation
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 10:56:13 PM

Dear City Council,

Of the three alternative sites being discussed by the City Council, I believe only one of them is viable and feasible. The site I support is the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. I hope the Council will strongly consider moving ahead with that location.

Regards,
Steve Feldstein
202-997-1255

From: [Patricia Cunfer](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin relocation
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:02:08 PM

Please accept the recommendation from The Cabin to relocate it in Julia Davis Park near the Lincoln statue.

Barry Cunfer
Boise, ID

From: [Carolyn Coiner](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin relocation
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:13:45 AM

Please consider moving the Cabin to Julia Davis Park adjacent to the Black History Museum. This seems like a win-win for the Cabin and the park. It is a compatible use along with the art, history, and Black History museums and provides an opportunity for citizens to see and experience another cultural opportunity in the park. It also keeps the Cabin in biking distance for users, so fewer car trips!

Thank you,
Carolyn Burpee Coiner

From: [TOM and SUSAN SONIVILLE](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin relocation
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 4:20:56 PM

We wish to support leaving The Cabin in its current location, rather than moving it to accommodate the new library that has been proposed. The library plan could be modestly scaled back and The Cabin left in place. A great deal of money could be saved and a part of Boise's history could be left in its rightful place. That Boise needs a larger library is undeniable, but it does not need to be an architectural show piece to accomplish its purpose. Save the taxpayers money and save The Cabin in its current location.

Thanks for your consideration,

Tom and Susan Soniville
1112 Harrison Blvd.

From: [Gail Conn](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Relocation
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:51:28 PM

I support keeping the cabin in its current location. Keeping it in this location preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on remodeling the existing library.

**Thank you,
Gail Conn**

From: [Kim Hoppie](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Relocation
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:59:20 AM

As a long-time Cabin Member and a user of the downtown public library, (I worked there 40 years ago), I am letting you know that the option I favor is behind the Black History Museum, in Julia Davis Park. This location offers the quiet outdoor space and parking needed for Cabin activities.

Several years ago I was able to tour the new SLC library, designed by Mr. Sadie, upon it's opening. It is a beautiful building and an asset to the city. Boise will be fortunate to get something as beautiful and functional. for our city.

Thank you for your consideration, Kim Hoppie

From: [Kathy Reavy](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin stays!
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:51:45 AM

Please leave the cabin in its current and original place. The cabin's position by the river is a greeting and reminder that Boise has a wonderful history. We love the library, but creative architecture can design a building that will celebrate the cabin in its current location.

Leave the cabin in its current place.

Thanks for listening.

Kathy

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From: [Vipul Bertram](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:41:06 AM

I came to the United States in 2011 and I love everything here at Boise. As a child, I drew pictures of houses that quite did not resemble anything that looked like the ones back in India.

One morning when I was near the library, I spotted the CABIN and there it was the same house I had drawn as a child.

When I drive around capital or walk on the green belt, the cheers of the school kids playing around the cabin sure added so much joy.

Please do not take the CABIN away. Please !!

-Vipul Bertram

From: [Pamela Curry](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 7:27:44 PM

I think the Julia Davis placement of the Cabin would be ideal and fit with the museums and cultural tone of the area.

From: [Juva Stefanakos](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 7:39:09 AM

Please save the cabin on site. Keeping it on site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands dollars that can be spent on the new library.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Virginia McConnell](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 6:59:57 AM

I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Virginia McConnell, Troy, ID

From: [Paula Connelly](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:16:42 PM

I am writing in support of keeping the Cabin on its original site. Part of what makes something historic is the site it is on and the reason it was located there in the first place. Moving the Cabin compromises the integrity of this history and will only add an extra cost to the city and by leaving it there the money can be better spent on the library itself.

Paula Connelly

From: [dawnlorrainegale](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:01:25 PM

Please keep the cabin where it is. It's history to our city and surrounding towns is important to so many people. The money that would be used to relocate the cabin could be used more wisely in the building of the new library. Preserve an important historical Boise building. It just seems like it is comfortable right where it is now residing.

Respectfully,

Dawn Gale

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [CenturyLink Customer](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:09:46 PM

Keep it where it is.

From: [Carol Delaney](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:28:00 PM

I think future generations would benefit if the cabin was integrated and became part of the groundscape of the new library. I do NOT think old trees need be saved however

Carol Delaney
5301 E Warm Springs Ave

C's iPad

From: [David Valentine](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 12:55:05 PM

Boise City Council,

I am one of the concerned Boise citizens that opposes moving the Cabin from its original location. Not only is it a huge waste of tax payer money, it clearly an adverse effect to the integrity of this National Register listed historic structure. The reason for moving the Cabin seems spurious as well, since it has been a part of the river view since it was built in 1940. A further irony is that the new library building is supposed to house the Boise arts and history department. The removal of an important historic building is not an auspicious start for the departments new home.

David Valentine
3720 E. Clement Rd.
Boise, ID

From: [Alan Minskoff](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Royanne Minskoff](#); sfreemuth@savingplaces.org; paula@preservationidaho.org
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:56:01 AM

This email is to express my unequivocal support for keeping the Cabin on its historic site.

Alan Minskoff

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wes Peckham](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 7:49:21 PM

I am against moving the Cabin for the new library. This has been at this site for many years. The location of the cabin has as much historical value as the Cabin itself and should stay where it is. I am not very impressed with the design of the new library. It seems way over the top. One problem I see that others have commented on is the amount of glass. As the sun comes up there is going to be a major amount of reflection onto drivers on Capitol Blvd. Case in point the glass building downtown by the Statehouse. It has a similar issue at different times. Also the parking garage is located at a busy traffic area. I have heard that the parking areas in JD Park may be used for some of the parking. This makes harder on people using the park.

I am not against some upgrade to the library, but I believe the design needs to be re-done to complement the area better. It looks way oversized and less patron friendly for the handicapped. It looks like something that would be more suited for a larger city. I would like to see it not only include the Cabin and the beauty of the trees around the Cabin instead of overpowering it. Maybe instead of a designer from out of state, how about a local designer who knows more about our city and its history and tries to preserve it?

Too many times lately it seems the city has already made up their mind and the citizens voices don't get heard. Remember, the City works for the citizens and not themselves.

Wes Peckham, Boise

From: [Andrew Furnee](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 1:42:56 PM

To whom it may concern:

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Thanks for your consideration, on behalf of Boise's rich architectural history.

Sincerely,
Andrew

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From: [Julie Raichart](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 6:54:27 PM

"I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library." Also, who cares if it obstructs anyone's "view". It is part of Idaho's history and personally I am getting pretty tired of some of the things that are going on in Boise in regards to its' history. It is absolutely unbelievable that the city would go to all of the expense to move it to somewhere else.

From: [Cleo Thompson](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 4:55:17 PM

Please keep the cabin on its original site I see no good reason to move it. We come to Boise to view all the wonderful history our Capital has to offer.

From: [Carrie Skene](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:58:25 PM

Don't move the cabin!! Spend the money on the library.

From: [Chris Harville](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:50:56 PM

Please save the cabin!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michelle Girgis](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:14:54 PM

"I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

Thanks
Michelle Girgis

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sarah JOHNSON](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 3:19:28 PM

Please don't move the cabin from it's current location! It is a piece of Idaho history-a piece that includes not only the cabin but the location of the cabin.

And please consider putting the money you are proposing toward libraries throughout the city. We don't need one big giant (and may I say tacky) building in the middle of Boise. Sprinkle that money throughout the city to improve libraries throughout. The downtown boise one is already big enough!

Sarah Johnson

From: [FRANK](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:19:53 AM

I totally support your choice of Julia Davis Park. I think it would be a good move. I heard today on 91.5 that councilman Ludwig is not supporting this move. Im sure its because he has plans for one of his self serving, pocketlining projects. As a citizen of Boise for 30yrs both my children have taken part in your cabin programs and loved it. You have my complete support.

Kristin Young.
(Boise Bench)

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 6.

From: [Jane Gabbert](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:51:43 AM

Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask you to please keep the Cabin right where it is. Tearing down and moving the Cabin is not necessary to build a new library. Keeping things that are part of our history are important to the residents of this town. Too many historical old building are being torn down and replaced with steel, glass and concrete that are cold and feelingless. Plus keeping it will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that would be better spent on a new design for the library.

Thank you

Sincerely

Jane Gabbert

From: [Diane Jager](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] CABIN
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:03:54 PM

This is to let you know that I am in favor of the area that was approved by THE CABIN board. It would be shameful to put them in an area they don't want to be. THE CABIN is Boise and should be treated as an important part of our city.

Thank you
DIane and Fred Jager
4115 E Clocktower Ln
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Sent from my iPad

From: [Kathy Baker](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:53:26 AM

Please keep the cabin on its original site. Because it is the right thing to do!
Kathy Baker

From: [David Emberton](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] CABIN"S FUTURE
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 9:17:31 AM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Dave Emberton

From: [John Hormaechea](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [John Hormaechea](#)
Subject: [External] Change our minds on the new Boise Public Library design from No to Yes
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 6:59:12 PM

We must admit we were against the new Library when first announced. But our support is slowly growing for the plans after attending an open house and Moshe Safdie's presentation. But for our support, we would like to see the following;

- **Don't move the Cabin** - Although a subset of the overall contingent, it is vocal and proud. And it reflects the spirit of Boise. Moving it to a less visible portion of Julia Davis is the answer. Personally, we don't think it will take away from the Library design at all. But if that is a concern, why not shorten the building 10-20 feet so it is not right up into the Cabin?
- **Remove (or postpone) theater and Boise Arts&History buildings-** Costs are a big concern for many in the city. Those two items are nice but not priorities for the Library's mission. As Moshe said, he has come back to prior projects to make changes/additions. Although it may only save a small portion in total costs, it will show the citizens of Boise the city is willing to consider their opinions and has some interest in being a good steward of the citizens' money (it is NOT the City's money).
- **Wildlife concerns** - Even with the best mitigation ideas, birds are going to hit that big window. How about rotating the building design 180 degrees? Not only will it eliminate the bird issue from the river, but it will have a better gathering place around the Cabin and Anne Frank areas. Plus, do you really want the Audubon Society or other environmental groups bringing bad press to a newly built library?

We have been against several city efforts (F-35, Stadium, light rail). But the library, along with a robust regional system, can actually help this city and region. If the city actually attempts to work with citizen concerns on this effort, maintain openness and creativity with design changes, and lower expenditures, you will win over more persons for this project. But if the city maintains the refrain "you made your decision in November", Mayor Bieter and the city will continue to alienate a growing number of citizens (including ourselves) and further limit the goals of the Mayor's office.

Sincerely,

John and Kelly Hormaechea
Boise citizens, concerned taxpayers

From: [Loome, Julie A](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Citizen on new Library proposal
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:43:58 AM

Hello Boise Library Campus Committee,

I am against the new library construction as proposed and I typically love all things to do with libraries.

There is enough division on this topic that the it should be put to a vote. Personally, I would support a much more distributed model of more and more neighbourhood libraries for those same funds. A new downtown Taj Mahal library should only happen if the city finds a Prince to build it and fund it. Why the city believe the city needs this or the citizen's want this has not been demonstrated in everything I have read.

And moving the log-cabin... really poor choice, just makes more and more people angry at the Boise City management team. Please put this to a vote, it is a big choice for our city and citizens have a right to buy-in to this choice, I also think you have an obligation to be assured you are doing what your community wants.

Thank you for reading my input.

Sincerely,

Julie Loome

From: [Alex Jones](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] City steamrolling the public
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 1:45:36 PM

I would like to express my continuing dismay with the entire Main Library process thus far. The city has failed repeatedly to invoke public comments or to invite meaningful public participation for this mega-project. A few architectural firms were invited in 2017 to interview in closed door sessions with the mayor and city personnel. The decision to choose Moshe Safdie was made without public process or a fiscally responsible plan for success.

1. "Public input" was gathered in one week during mid-summer at limited locations and times. Summer is possibly the worst time to obtain public participation in any civic endeavor. Perhaps the only worse time to reach out is during the holiday season. The upcoming presentation to the Boise City Council will take place 11/27/18, without opportunity public comment, or for the most part, public knowledge of the meeting itself. This is another example of Boise's ingrained disdain for transparency. It is reflected in every public agency in the region, including the city council, ACHD, the state legislature and our federal "officials." Does steamrolling the public really sound like a good way to make Boise "livable" or can't you do better and actually give all stakeholders a place at the table?
2. The Library Board has monthly meetings, with dates available on the library web site. These public meetings have posted agendas, so why are the November and December 2018 meetings under a 2019 header?? All meetings from the previous years have all twelve months posted for review. This appears to be a way to keep citizens from participating. The culture of the library is one of top-down management at all times. No surprise!
3. So why did the city of Boise conduct only ONE week of community outreach in mid-July about this project? Another series was promised in the fall, but failed to materialize.
The architect's presentations in Boise cannot be considered public participation in any sense.
It was particularly interesting to hear from the architect that the Cabin, an historically significant building in an accessible public space, was merely a "distraction." He hadn't seen it and apparently the paltry history of forestry in Idaho is of no interest to him whatsoever.
4. Why does Julia Davis Park serve as a dumping ground for scorned public buildings? Its a park...where grass and trees and open space offer relief and recreation in an urban environment. But apparently council member Scott Ludwig has his eye on "monetizing" that space on behalf of the city. Exactly how would that work? And please ... affordable housing? The buzz word that will never materialize as long as private developer money controls all the real estate in Ada county. Its a park and should be protected!

I think city officials should heed the gentle reminder that Ada County voted in a blue slate of candidates for the first time in history. This may make no difference today, but the legacy that this mayor and council leave will be judged by the human scale of their commitments. The traffic, noise, glare and hard surfaces that this library design represents in its entirety. The library is not to scale for our city and the as-yet-undetermined price tag will be too high!

Alex Jones
alexjones444@gmail.com

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Alex Jones

From: [SUSAN NORTON](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] concern about the Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 10:10:16 AM

Dear City planners, I hope you will leave the Cabin in its present location when you build the new library. I'd like to see the historic building left in its historic location. Thank you for your consideration. Sue Norton

From: [Pamela Blessinger](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Elaine Clegg](#); [Mayor Bieter](#); [Holli Woodings](#); [Lisa Sanchez](#); [Scot Ludwig](#); [TJ Thomson](#)
Subject: [External] Concerns about The Library Project and The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:35:38 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter and Council Members McLean, Clegg, Thomson, Ludwig, Sanchez, and Woodings:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment via the City of Boise's "LivBoise" Web site regarding the November 27 City Council "update" on the fate of "The Cabin," Boise's 1939 CCC-built State Forester's Office on Capitol Boulevard.

There are at least two fundamental reasons why "The Cabin" needs to remain on its existing historic site:

Cost: The cost estimate for the proposed move of "The Cabin" to any other location began at \$350,000 earlier this year and has since been reported by the *Idaho Statesman* to have now ballooned to \$650,000 ... with no assurance that costs will not climb higher.

An unnecessary and risky movement of an 80-year-old City-owned asset to an as yet-undetermined location (whose site preparation costs remain unknown) is a questionable financial leap-of-faith that the City Council should evaluate skeptically. We contend that such a large expenditure of public monies would be better applied to lowering the cost of the overall library project. Leaving "The Cabin" alone would make the issue of the escalating cost of any such move a moot point.

Jeopardy to "The Cabin's" status on the National Register of Historic Places:

Nomination to, and acceptance on, the Federal Government's National Register of Historic Places is a formal recognition that "The Cabin" possesses significant historical and cultural merit to the Nation. The Federal Government attaches great importance to the protection and maintenance of such structures, including their continuity of occupancy on original sites, and considers arbitrary and capricious alterations and movement of such landmarks as potential grounds for the revocation of such designations.

Any movement of the 1939 structure off of its original site jeopardizes that status by divorcing "The Cabin" from a site that was specifically chosen for its location and which bookends the existing log-built companion "Totem Building" at the southern end of the 1931 Capitol Boulevard bridge. The historical importance of "The Cabin's" existing location is magnified by its adjacency to the 1864 McClelland Boise River ferry site, currently designated with a historic marker.

A decision to move "The Cabin" from its historical spot would undoubtedly trigger a formal filing of protest of that action to the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. for review.

Movement of "The Cabin" into Julia Davis Park would further reduce the undeveloped, green "footprint" of this important city asset and would contravene the City's own policies for the

management and operation of Davis Park, which, again, would be subject to court challenge.

Wiping the current library site of its existing, established history — while relocating a City program to the site whose purpose is to foster greater public appreciation for local history — could prove an embarrassing public relations disaster, posing a severe retrenchment by the City of Boise in its stated emphasis on history. It would subject the City's arts and history program to potential ridicule and unnecessary loss of citizen support.

The existing "Cabin" structure, left on-site, presents an eminently logical and appropriate location for the offices of the staff of the City's arts and history department, allowing them to interpret Boise history from a site of cultural significance, in one of the most striking and historically-evocative office spaces in this city. Why that fortuitous possibility has not yet been advanced remains a mystery.

Could we have a more enlightened, orderly, and less-rushed approach toward this proposal that invited, rather than polarized, citizen engagement with their city government?

But I still believe accommodation is possible. Please downsize and re-scale the proposed Boise events center/library to a dimension, orientation, and design that is more appropriately commensurate with this physically-constrained site. Or, locate a new site that would not necessitate the demolition and suspension of operations of the existing library, the demolition of an adjacent pre-school, the erection of yet-another parking garage in our downtown core, the encroachment and cutting of trees along the Boise River to justify dubious architectural needs, and a tragic eviction of "The Cabin," symbol of Boise in a simpler and more altruistic age.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments for your consideration. I look forward to working with you on a more refined and sensitive plan for the library needs of the citizens of Boise.

Respectfully yours,

Pamela Blessinger

From: [Jeanne Belfy](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] consideration for the only viable site for The Cabin relocation
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 1:22:38 PM

Dear friends,

I would like to add my support to the need to agree to relocate The Cabin to the area next to Julia Davis Park and close to the Idaho Black History Museum. Sadly, it is inevitable that its current location cannot be maintained in the face of the Library expansion, but this alternate location offers a number of aesthetic and logistical advantages, not the least of which is proximity to the Black History Museum, which may lead to better exposure for both institutions.

Thank you for considering wide community input.

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Belfy, PhD; Professor of Music (Oboe and Music History)
Graduate Program Coordinator
Boise State University
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Boise, ID 83725-1560
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From: [Comcast](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Don't move the Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:52:00 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

Please make note of my concerns of the discussion of the possibility of moving or destroying the historic Boise Cabin.

I am a former resident of the Silverwood subdivision on South Redhawk Place. I was shocked by the rampant development of Boise when I was a resident in the late 90s and early 2000s. If this action occurs to the Cabin, it is an unacceptable decision that will harm the history of the city.

Once you move or destroy the Cabin, you can no longer go back to that sense of place it once had.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joette Borzik
Formerly of South Redhawk Place
Boise

Currently of Shenandoah Jct, WV

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dean Joe](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Don't waste our money
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 8:07:58 AM

Please don't waste our money by moving the cabin and building new a library.

Dean Hryzan

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Sue McMillan](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Downtown Public Library
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 9:55:29 PM

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed relocation of The Cabin due to the proposed new downtown Boise Library. First, I object to the design for the new library in that I believe it includes many design features that are unnecessary, duplicative, and too expensive. I also object to the relocation of The Cabin for an ill-conceived new library.

In addition, it appears there was poor planning compounded by poor communication regarding the effect on The Cabin of the proposed new library and that the City kept the new design of the library under wraps in an effort to make The Cabin's fate a fait accompli. This does not build confidence in our City and its inner workings.

Given the recent news reports, it appears that the City continues to leave The Cabin out of the equation when it comes to planning the proposed new library and the continued viability of The Cabin. I urge you to work closely with The Cabin staff to ensure that it remains in its current location, or, if by mutual agreement that is not possible, to choose a site acceptable to The Cabin.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sue McMillan

From: [Doty Chad](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Fate of the cabin. Save the cabin.
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:43:43 AM

This appears to be a simple decisions. Library's still house and preserve our history now a days correct? Then how could you move or destroy something with so much history and relevance. Being in such close proximity to an institution built on preserving our history and education I would like think saving that piece of history will be your number one priority. Save the cabin for where it stands.

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Chad Doty
Owner of Doty Photo Co.

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From: [Wade Dorrell](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Feedback on main library campus and The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 12:17:50 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my opinion on a number of aspects of the new library proposal:

- First, I recommend leaving The Cabin in its current location, for historical preservation and aesthetic reasons. (I also suggest that property in the Julia Davis area is better used for affordable housing and park events, not relocation of The Cabin.)
- Second, I support the size, scale, and proposed cost of the new library campus being proposed, however it must be repositioned/redesigned as necessary to support my first point. The design being proposed is quite wonderful and forward-thinking, aside from the contention with the existing cabin. I think the architect you've chosen can do wonders even with the constraint of leaving The Cabin in place.
- I suggest that when compromises must be made, parking space and River Street as a >15mph car traffic connection between Capitol and 9th should be sacrificed in favor of all other things. Due to rapid changes in transportation modes I believe the library campus will be best served in the long term by having safe pickup/drop-off lanes, rather than hourly or longer term parking spaces, and I believe this area of Boise, with its connections to The Greenbelt, downtown, and BSU, should be pedestrian focused above all else. If a design that supports my first and second points requires having less parking and closing this portion of River Street, then please have less, and please close the street.

Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback on this matter!

Wade Dorrell
Boise area parent, business owner, and software architect
6533 W Kangaroo Ct
Boise, ID 83714

From: [Bonita Vestal](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Future site of Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:32:48 PM

Hello,

I am writing to support the decision of Cabin board members who have concluded that the optimal site for relocation of the Cabin is in the north section of Julia Davis Park near the Idaho Black History Museum.

I am a long-time Boise resident (42years) and have benefited greatly from programs and classes offered by the Cabin. As our community grows, I hope we will be careful to maintain respect for programs that have contributed to the culture of our city in ways that include individuals of all ages.

Thank you for considering the needs of the Cabin and our city with care and concern for everyone involved in this move.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Vestal

From: [Daniel Russell](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic cabin / library
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 11:58:08 AM

"I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

The City Council needs to start being more proactive in preserving Boise's history, and not so easily be so quick to destroy it. Once it's gone it gone forever. Has there ever been a regret to doing the right thing?

But I'm sure there are many regrets for doing something that was wrong to serve a very small group .

Boise's downtown core has lost so many valuable structures that it is time to put a stop to it.

If the Mayor wants to turn Boise into another Portland, then maybe it's time to move on.

Dan Russell
208.830.9530

From: [WILLIAM CUPIT](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 7:33:27 PM

I strongly support keeping the historic cabin in its current location!
Sharon Cupit

Sent from my iPad

From: [Abbe Adams](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:01:02 PM

Please save the historic Cabin. It's important to keep the character of Boise or else it will just become another nondescript small city in somewhere U.S.A.

These old buildings keep Boise special and unique.

Thank you.

Abbe Adams

From: bkrafchuk8@gmail.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 7:09:24 AM

We often think moving and changing things is an improvement. This is not the case with the writers' cabin. It has a history, an unseen (and seen) richness that continues to grow. Its existence contributes to the best that downtown Boise offers - an aesthetic and cultural link from the past to present day and beyond. Please don't move our historic cabin.

Bonnie Krafchuk

Sent from my iPad

From: [Mary Arave](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:00:53 PM

I would like to see the cabin remain at its original site to preserve history and to spend the associated monies on the new library. The cabin is perfect where it is!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Edith Easterbrook](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support keeping the cabin in its original location
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:32:21 PM

"I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

**Best regards,
Edie Easterbrook**

From: [rebecca lange](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support keeping The Writer's Cabin on it's original site
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 9:13:00 PM

To: Boise City Council

Built by the CCC to honor Idaho's 50th anniversary, I support keeping The Writer's Cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

The visual connection of the new library to the river and the greenbelt won't happen on the first floor. Any views and connection to that open space will be seen from the second floor and above.

That means that the cabin is not in the way.

A path from the SE corner entrance of the new library will connect to both Capital Boulevard and to the greenbelt.

Keep the cabin on it's original, chosen site and get both the preservation of Boise and Idaho's historic past AND the desired connection of the new library to the river's open space and greenbelt.

Thank you!

Boise Resident,
Rebecca Lange
3720 E Clement Road, 83704

From: [Myrna Stahman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 7:01:56 AM

If The Cabin must move, please select the Julia Davis Park option near the Black History Museum.
Myrna A. I. Stahman, dba Rocking Chair Press
Retired Idaho Deputy Attorney General
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Kilfoyle](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:35:44 PM

Since it is apparent that The Cabin cannot remain where it is due to the new library! design de facto decided upon; I support The Cabin board in wanting to see The Cabin carefully moved to the site adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park. This location will offer the best amenities for the continuing mission of The Cabin. I have lived in Boise and its surrounding areas for over 28 years and It is sad to see Boise forgetting its heritage; however, a new library is needed and I do not want the Cabin to be marginalized by a very large contemporary structure.

Please consider the above location for the new home of The Cabin. Thank you.

Sincerely, Nancy Kilfoyle

From: [Marty DOWNEY](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 8:33:25 AM

Please, let the City Council know that I support the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park to provide the best place for the Cabin to grow and thrive.

This is a very important organization with so much to offer our community with historic literary programs and an inviting event place for those of us in the Treasure Valley area to learn.

Thank you for your time,
Marty Downey

From: [Jane Dunbar](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 7:45:45 PM

I am a strong supporter of both the library and the cabin. As we as a community move forward with plans for a new library, let's make it a "win win". Listen to the Cabin board and honor their needs. We are proud to be an inclusive community and can accommodate both, coming out stronger for doing so.

Jane Dunbar

Sent from my iPad

From: [Pamela Thibeau](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 7:01:58 PM

I support the Cabins choice of moving to a safe, quiet new location near the Lincoln statue. I'm sorry the Cabin was left out of the discussion for the new library, even though it's been a main support for literary development in the city for many years.

Pamela Thibeau

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kim Lock](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Kim Lock](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 1:48:33 PM

Hello!

Regarding the new location for The Cabin: I think the space on the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Abraham Lincoln statue would be the best place. It is a safe and pretty spot that would be easy to access and park. It would also provide the perfect, relatively quiet setting for the programs The Cabin hosts, including workshops for young children.

Thanks for your consideration!

Kim Lock

From: [Lon AOL](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 11:58:41 AM

I support the cabin's relocation to the area in Julia Davis park near the black history museum and the Lincoln statue.
It is important for them to be in a quieter, park setting for them to be a conducive environment for kids camps.

Thank you,

Ilana Shumsky, MD

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nancy Shaw](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 8:46:23 AM

I find it highly unfortunate that the city is considering separating The Cabin literary center from the city library as there goals and functions are so interrelated. If no suitable solution allows The Cabin to remain in place, then I support The Cabin's choice of a Site near the Black History Museum.
Nancy Shaw

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Aimee](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 7:32:11 AM

Dear Boise City Council,

As a proud resident of Boise and a member of the Boise Public Library, I am strongly in support of the City of Boise's plans to build a new main branch of the Boise Public Library, because the library provides such wonderful opportunities and invaluable access to knowledge for our community. That said, I am also a member of The Cabin, and am strongly in support of The Cabin and what it brings to the Boise community. I hope that the City Council can find a way to accomplish its goal of providing the community with a new library while also providing The Cabin with the best opportunity for its continued growth and service to the community. To that end, I am expressing my support of relocating The Cabin to the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park.

The Cabin is an invaluable resource for the entire Boise community and beyond, as a place that brings together readers, writers, and all people who thrive on learning, growing, and opening their minds to the world around them. Our community is enriched, inspired, and more deeply connected because of The Cabin's existence, and the city and community at large would be serving residents well to foster organizations like The Cabin to help ensure their continued success.

Of the current options being considered, moving The Cabin to the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park would be the best option that honors The Cabin's roots, continues to provide a richly creative atmosphere, and allows for easy access to its facilities.

Thank you,

Aimee Nishitani

From: [Margaret Kurtz](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 3:24:40 PM

The Cabin is a hallmark of the vibrant Boise community celebrating great writers and encouraging young voices in literature.

Margaret Kurtz

Sent from my iPad

From: [Nancy Oppenheimer](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 2:56:44 PM

If The Cabin needs to be moved, I believe an appropriate site is the space adjacent to the north side of the Idaho Black History Museum. See BoiseDev.com which illustrates the site.
Thank you, Nancy d. Oppenheimer

From: [Shay Chase](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:46:52 PM

Hi There,

The cabin has been influential in my and my families Boise experience.

My mother got her degree at Boise State after we were all raised (BA in English, Masters in history). She has written a couple of books about Idaho history and currently teaches at Boise State. Programs, fellowships, author readings and more through The Cabin has and continues to provide a community of peers and influencers for her.

I went to school in San Francisco but came back to visit frequently and eventually settled down here. As a young English major, being able to attend book readings by some of the authors The Cabin was able to bring in was equivalent to watching Prince in a tiny dive bar. So close and intimate and nothing you're able to do in a big city.

My son, my niece and my nephew attend the summer writing camps at The Cabin. The stories that these educators are able to bring out of these kids is mind blowing. I might be biased but these stories are genius! Stories aside, the tools they get from these camps- they tour the city to find inspiration, writing skills, speaking skills, they work together and furnish a finished piece of work after every camp.

I'm a huge fan, we have a few generations that love what they do. Please consider moving The Cabin to the space adjacent to the north side of [Julia Davis Park](#) behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue.

Best Regards,
Shay Chase

Shay Chase

From: ms.vera.writes@gmail.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:44:19 PM

Hello! I wanted to write a quick email in support of The Cabin keeping to its roots and mission. It would be the best use of space to move the cabin by the Black History Museum. It would keep The Cabin in its community and provide the tranquil space for their writing workshops, etc. The children have historically loved being able to go to the river for inspiration. Thank you for considering!

-Melissa Vera Prince

From: [Phoebe Boelter](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:39:07 PM

I believe the space adjacent to [Julia Davis Park](#) provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive. Please consider.

Phoebe

Phoebe Boelter
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Cell: 208-358-5363

From: [Sarah Lurie](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:02:32 PM

Please let them occupy the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park.

Kindly,

Sarah Lurie

From: [Mary Ruckh](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:30:00 PM

Dear Boise City Council,

Please choose the Cabin relocation option that places the Cabin in the space adjacent to the north side of [Julia Davis Park](#), behind the Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. This is the best option to continue the Cabin's important mission and contribution to the Treasure Valley.

The Cabin is indeed a treasure in the Treasure Valley, please continue to work hard to preserve it.

Thank you,

Mary and Jim Ruckh
3396 E Dowling Mill Ct
Boise, ID 83706

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jan English](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 3:53:43 PM

The Cabin is a treasure to Ada County. It needs to have a save, tranquil environment to continue it's valuable work to the community. It's outrageous that the Cabin is, in reality, not being given the respect and consideration it truly deserves.

Jan English
janenglish23@gmail.com

From: [Sally](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: plastinograves@gmail.com
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 8:29:49 PM

The library design should be modified to accommodate the Cabin in its historic position.

The wishes of the designing architect to showcase his creation should not be acceptable. Are we to be bullied into moving?

Please resist

Sally Briggs

Boise Native

Sent from my iPad

From: [CONNIE WEAVER](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Kurt Zwolfer](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin and will forever!
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 7:04:57 PM

As a member of The Cabin board for six years during the early stages of it becoming one of the best non profit organizations in the West, I believe the city owes The Cabin much more than it appears willing to provide. If The Cabin has decided to accept the area that is currently part of the Parks and Rec maintenance yard, the city should do whatever it can to provide a beautiful setting. And I will support the Cabin in this plan.

I do worry about how The Cabin will be found ... regardless of where it is moved. For the first 10 years or so of the existence of this superb literary center, we battled trying to explain where the Log Cabin Literary Center was located. Many folks thought it was on the fourth floor of the library, confusing the Literacy Center that is now Learning Lab. When both entities changed their names, it became easier. To go through this relocation will be difficult, but I believe in The Cabin and its supporters/members/students/writers/readers will make sure this great organization will be better than okay. After all, they have done so much for this community and it has grown so much through all the programs offered.

When I visited Julia Davis Park recently, I was impressed by another area that I feel would suit The Cabin much better than any the city has offered so far. This perfect, pristine site is at the east end of the park. Located close to Broadway Avenue and Myrtle, this gorgeous meadow with trees around it, would be ideal for this landmark building.

But, I suppose this is also a site that the city is hanging on to make a huge sum in the future by building luxury condos.
(Is this area close enough to become part of those now utilizing the natural hot water for heating?)

I hope the folks who make the decision next week will consider all that The Cabin has given this city, and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Connie E. Weaver

From: [Linda Dixon](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin and wish that the building not be moved. If it must leave it's present location, the Julia Davis site behind the Black History Museum is the most desirable.
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 11:17:10 PM

Thank you.

Linda Dixon

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Carolyn Wolfe](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 10:59:44 AM

I support the relocation choice behind the Black History Museum and the Lincoln statue.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Suzanne Troje](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 8:23:22 AM

I have participated in community discussions and meetings with City officials, and written a number of letters and comments, to argue on behalf of keeping the cabin where it is. What a waste of money and resources to relocate this gem! Certainly a design for the library can be found to maintain the Cabin in place.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Troje
1408 N. 15th Street
Boise, ID 83702

From: [catie.wardwell](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 9:14:55 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

As you consider locations where The Cabin could potentially be moved, I strongly encourage you to look at the location adjacent to Julia Davis Park near the Idaho Black History Museum and Abraham Lincoln statue.

Thank you for your time and action,
Catie Wardwell

From: [Debbie Johnson](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 8:55:48 PM

Dear City Council Members:

I am a life-long Boise resident and appreciate the myriad cultural arts opportunities for myself and my grandchildren. The Cabin and the Library! both contribute positively to our community, and I hope you will equally prioritize both programs as you contemplate plans for the new Library! building.

The Cabin brings national award-winning authors to our relatively small city; puts writers into our K-12 schools, with a particular focus on low-income and/or at-risk students; offers summer camps for our children; and offers low- and no-cost workshops and events for our community members. Clearly, The Cabin contributes immensely to Boise's increasing attractiveness and provides a great public service.

I support construction of a new library building and expansion of literary services the new building will bring. I understand that it's not reasonable for The Cabin building to remain where it is. My concern is that the City Council and Mayor recognize the importance of The Cabin and their programs and to prioritize The Cabin location for the benefit of their programs.

The only site that will ensure that The Cabin does not suffer harm to their ability to continue providing the full array of programs is the one that the City has previously offered – the area currently being referred to as “The Maintenance Yard,” with a full outdoor buffer to make sure children's summer camps can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities and/or other mobility issues.

I understand that the “maintenance yard” land could be sold for a one-time influx of cash. If cash is a major criterium for this public decision, then one could suggest we keep the existing library building and cabin as is. I say this decision is not about maximizing influx of cash. Rather, I urge the Council to look to the public good and literary arts values that will sustain far into the future by providing the best physical structures and locations for both the Library! and The Cabin.

I urge you to relocate The Cabin building, as previously identified, to land currently owned by the city on part of the maintenance yard near the Black History Museum and Lincoln Statute with sufficient outdoor easement to accommodate youth summer camp programs and other Cabin activities.

Thank you,

Debra Johnson
3304 N Mountain Ln
Boise, Id 83702

From: [Arlie Sommer](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 3:10:48 PM

Hi There,

I'd like to share my support of The Cabin and give input that the location option to move the cabin to the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park will provide the best opportunities for the organization and its members. Thanks for considering the well-being of this vital literary organization that is integral to Boise culture!

Arlie Sommer
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503-312-1415

From: [Carol Kraay](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 8:00:17 PM

Hello:

As a Cabin member I wish to urge you to choose the location in Julia Davis Park north of the Black History Museum. The Cabin should be given the very safest and beautiful spot the city can find.

As the Cabin is a significant historical structure in Boise, it will be missed when it is moved from beautiful Capitol Boulevard.

Since it is now a significant educational and inspirational literary center, please put it in the place where access to all remains a priority.

Sincerely,

Carol Kraay
Boise

From: [Catherine Kyle](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 9:56:54 AM

To whom it may concern:

As Executive Director Kurt Zwolfer recently stated, of the various locations being considered for the Cabin, "the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive." I'm writing to express my sincere hope that this city, which I love so much, will honor the role of The Cabin in our beautiful community by giving it the space it needs. I wholeheartedly support the Library expansion and even attended some of the early brainstorming sessions at the main branch, but The Cabin is dear to me and I would hate to see its programs compromised by a less-than-ideal relocation. I truly hope we can find a solution that honors both the new Library and The Cabin.

I have worked at The Cabin since 2014, first as a volunteer, then as a summer camps teacher, then as their grant writer. While I now work full-time at the College of Western Idaho, I still teach summer camps through The Cabin and cherish my time there. I can speak firsthand to the need for quiet, safe drop-off, pick-up, and reading spots for students, some as young as eight.

Thank you for your time and for working to make our city wonderful.

Kind regards,

Catherine Kyle

From: [Heidi Kraay](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 5:21:33 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I am a big-time Cabin supporter. Out of all the local organizations I've been a part of and affected by, this center for writers and readers has impacted me the most. The Cabin's programming has changed countless lives for the better. As you consider a possible new location option for their building, I hope that the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park (behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue) is the site you choose.

This spot ensures the safety and tranquility of the hundreds of readers and writers who use The Cabin's building each year, most in grades 3 through 12. This location also provides the best chance for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive. I care deeply about this organization's programs for writers and readers of all ages, because I've witnessed the good it's done first hand. I've seen many young writers' lives turned around by the encouragement they receive for their creativity through The Cabin's camps and Writers in the Schools opportunities -- some in primary and secondary schools, some home-schooled, some in Juvenile Detention Centers, some at the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe Reservation, and a few who were homeless. The inspiration that this space brings to adult writers like me keeps me going through all times light and dark, through their Free Drop-In Writing Workshops, Adult Writing Workshops, publishing opportunities, Readings & Conversations and more. Plus, a big part of their mission is to employ artists and writers like me with a living wage -- something that is for the most part unheard of in Idaho.

I hope you do what is best for The Cabin's mission (and for the many people of Idaho who benefits from it) to forge community through the voices of all readers, writers, learners and people. The Cabin's survival and future mean a lot to me. Thank you for your time and for giving this amazing center the best possible new home.

Sincerely,

Heidi Kraay

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Heidi Rebecca Celeste Kraay
www.heidikraay.com

From: [Celeste Miller](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:04:13 AM

Dear Council,

As a member of The Cabin I value its programs, and I support its mission to forge community through the voices of all readers, writers, and learners. Its future is important to me and will best be met at the location north of Julia Davis Park behind the Black History Museum and the Lincoln statue.

Thank you,

Celeste Miller

From: [SHEILA ROBERTSON](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 9:38:15 PM

By now you must realize how important The Cabin is to the Boise community with its many adult and youth programs. While I am disappointed in the process the city used to make the Cabin less user friendly to those programs and disappointed in the proposal for a library that will be less user friendly to the community, I hope you will not only relocate the Cabin to Julia Davis Park as quickly as possible, but also improve its opportunity for outdoor classroom activities and readings as well as increase the number of available designated and reserved parking places.

Sincerely,

Sheila Robertson

From: [Howard Olivier](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 7:50:18 PM

Just a quick note of support for The Cabin being moved to the site adjacent to Julia Davis Park, as this provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive, which is complementary to the city growing and thriving in the best ways possible.

Howard Olivier
208.384.9272
208.850.4170- cell



From: [Wayne Birt](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 7:35:57 PM

Hey Folks,

As a supporter of the arts and a leader of our local community radio station, I'd like to voice my support for the city's proposed option of moving The Cabin north in Julia Davis Park behind the Black History Museum.

I feel it's important for an organization such as The Cabin, who has done so much for the literary community here, to have as much say in their new location as possible. As such, the amount of positive work that such a small facility accomplishes is something to be valued and respected and made to be as permanently viable as possible. Making concessions to The Cabin board's choice seems to me an agreeable way to do this.

Thanks for your time and thanks for the fine work you folks in the city do!

Best,
Wayne

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Wayne Birt
Program Director
Production Manager
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From: [Steve Rinehart](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 6:33:30 PM

Dear Boise city council members and other relevant officials,

I have been following the public news about the proposed new main library, including its identified and likely impacts — important among them, The Cabin.

In my view, the best place for The Cabin is where it stands. If it must be moved, I support the location identified and preferred by The Cabin board, at a site in Julia Davis Park. Please heed the Cabin board.

Regards,
Steve Rinehart
1709 W Irene, Boise

From: [Christian Winn](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:35:33 PM

Dear City of Boise Design Board -

I am writing to express my huge support for The Cabin, and to advocate for their preferred relocation in Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum. As a writer and teacher who works extensively with The Cabin, I strongly feel that location will best serve the mission, goals, and programming of The Cabin and the City of Boise.

Sincerely,
Christian Winn
Idaho Writer in Residence
Storyfort Director
Teaching Writer with The Cabin

From: [Margit Sage](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:21:50 PM

Please relocate The Cabin to the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. This location is the only option that provides a safe, tranquil space for their literary programs while preserving easy access to their classrooms, boardrooms, and offices.

Thanks,
Margit Sage
83702

From: [Amy Nack](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:20:31 PM

Please allow The Cabin to reposition/relocate to Julia Davis Park adjacent to the Black History Museum so they may continue to serve the community at a location that aligns with their mission and their ability to continue their programming supporting community engagement.

Let's develop Julie Davis to promote literacy, and engage the community with the humanities. Please listen.

Sincerely,
Amy Nack

Sent from iPhone

From: [Glenn and Jo Parker](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 2:34:01 PM

Please consider moving The Cabin to the space by the Idaho Black History Museum. I have just begun to utilize this wonderful resource and would like for it to continue to benefit others.

Sincerely,

Jo Parker

From: [Diana Fenicottero](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 12:36:18 PM

A sad day when 'what makes Boise, Boise' has to move because money and a big name pushes us to make us something we are not.

I give up!

ByeByeBoisecampaign is what they should call themselves.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

Best wishes.

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Diana Fenicottero, MS.
Consultant - Workplace Learning and Solutions
208-841-5776

From: [Karen Benning](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin's location preference
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:37:31 PM

Dear City Council Members:

I am a Boise resident who uses the downtown library on a frequent basis. I also participate in many of The Cabin's events and activities. In the four years I have lived here, these two entities have both had an enormous impact on my ability to enter into Boise's incredible literary community. And both are clearly making significant contributions to Boise's quality of life.

I support the new library and that organization's goal of maximizing its ability to serve our residents, and I support the efforts to ensure that The Cabin can also continue to do so. The Cabin brings national award-winning authors to our relatively small city; puts writers into our K-12 schools, with a particular focus on low-income and/or at-risk students; offers summer camps for our children; and offers low- and no-cost workshops and events for our community members. The Cabin carries out many of the programs that other literary organizations across the country do – but on a fraction of those other organizations' budgets and staffing levels. This makes their accomplishments even more impressive and has earned them a high degree of respect in the national literary community.

Organizations like The Cabin are contributing to Boise's increasing attractiveness as a city in which to live and work. That is why I am asking the City to take care that this library project minimizes the disruption to The Cabin's great work. With the encroachment of two separate projects, its current space has been and will continue to be diminished to the point where remaining on its current site is detrimental to the ability to host summer camps for children as well as outdoor community events. But so will all of the proposed new sites, except for one.

The only site that will ensure that The Cabin does not suffer harm to its ability to continue providing its full array of programs is the one that the City has previously offered – the area currently being referred to as "The Maintenance Yard," with a full outdoor buffer to make sure children's summer camps can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities and/or other mobility issues.

For more than two decades – 23 years – The Cabin has been a stellar tenant in this historic building. They have maintained it well and even made improvements while still operating on their relatively small budget. Although their primary mission is focused on building community through the literary arts, they have embraced their connection to this historic building and forged a strong tenant-landlord relationship with the City. Their efforts over such a long period of time should, at a minimum, be repaid with the consideration to give them a new home that will allow them to continue to carry out operations in the same manner and to the same extent they have been able to in the past. To repay years of good faith with a lesser location would be a grave and very short-sighted disservice to The Cabin's staff, Board, and patrons.

In addition, the ongoing time and attention that staff and the Board have already had to dedicate to this issue has reduced the time they would have otherwise been able to spend working toward other important strategic goals and objectives and maximizing programmatic

impact. We have been consistently clear about what the organization needs to remain “whole” with any potential move; it is time to commit to providing The Cabin with the site that has been determined to fulfill this obligation.

I understand that the “maintenance yard” land could be sold for a one-time influx of cash. I would argue that The Cabin has already provided a great deal of value to the City, both tangible and intangible. And it’s a long-term asset that will continue to provide value to the City and to Boise residents. As any accountant knows, long-term, intangible assets are often every bit as real and valuable as short-term cash.

The Board and staff of The Cabin have the expertise to truly understand what the organization needs in order to continue to function at its current high levels. Please take their knowledge and insights seriously, and show them the same consideration they have given the City over the years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Benning
Boise resident since 2014
Board member of The Cabin since January 2018

From: sreinhard22@comcast.net
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep Cabin where it is, please
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 7:23:17 PM

Dear City Council members,

Please, please keep the Cabin on the site where it was so perfectly chosen oh so many years ago. The new library should accommodate & honor the past.

The Riverside Elementary School was built around the Bown House, which adds charm to the school & a strong connection to the site's history. The kids love it!

This same connection to Boise history will be honored & served by leaving the Cabin on site.

Then the money saved can be applied to the new library. A win win win to history, the present & our future!

Thank you for your hard work & consideration.

Susan Reinhard
943 S. Capitola Way
Boise, ID 83712
[208-982-2205](tel:208-982-2205)

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

From: [Sheri Freemuth](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep historic cabin on original site
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 3:26:38 PM

As you deliberate the next steps for the main library site, I strongly encourage you to leave the National Register listed Forester's cabin on its original site.

The project architects have arrived at a solution that will enable the structure to remain (along with the Human Rights center) along the Boise River with the new main library. In fact, the cabin (either with *The Cabin – Center for Readers and Writers* maintaining their tenancy or without *The Cabin* but rather enlivened with appropriate programming by the Library and the Department of Arts and History) provides an authentic connection to Boise, our history and our origins. Minor modifications to the surrounding landscaping, pathways and street furnishing, can provide enhanced access to the Boise River without relocating the historic cabin.

Furthermore, retaining the cabin on site will be a major project cost saving as the cost of moving and improving the building for *The Cabin* tenant begins to approach \$1 million, in addition to the costs associated with the loss of the receiving property (be it the development site adjacent to Abraham Lincoln statue or the traditional green space adjacent to the bandshell).

The City of Boise is the property owner and therefore needs to rise above the desires of a single tenant and instead respect this National Register resource as part of Boise's patrimony. The funding that the City would invest in a single non-profit tenant in order to execute this unnecessary move (along with low annual rent the past 2 decades) exceeds the support the City provides many other worthy non-profit cultural and social institutions. In a recent email to its members, *The Cabin* has stated that they not only need the City to subsidize adjacent surface parking, but that they prefer a more "safe and tranquil" site. I believe the cabin, the human rights memorial and the new main library can work together along the Boise River to become a safe and tranquil cultural and community center that is accessible for all Boiseans.



From: [M. Minicucci](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin at its home
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 7:36:49 PM

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the future of The Cabin.

Please modify the plans for a new Library on Capitol Blvd to protect The Cabin in its original location. The Cabin's location is integral to its historical value and moving it will sever it from its important historical context. I grew up in Massachusetts, and the North Bridge is still in its original location in Concord. It's just a small, narrow wooden bridge, but standing on it allows us to understand how the geography of the site, and the bridge's location within it, impacted the sequence of events that lead to the "shot heard 'round the world." I'm sure that little bridge has gotten in the way of "progress" too many times to count. But there it sits, protected by generations of historians, encouraging us all to a greater understanding of the seemingly inconsequential events that began the American Revolution.

We preserve our history by saving not only artifacts, but also their locations. Site preservation adds to our understanding and insight. The Cabin's original location is part of its importance; we will lose so much of our understanding of our State's and City's history if the Cabin is shuffled off to another site.

The City of Boise can protect the integrity of its history, along with saving boatloads of money, by keeping The Cabin in place. I encourage the City to modify its plans for the new Library to keep the Cabin in place.

Thank you.

Maria Minicucci
511 Sherman St
Boise ID 83702

From: [Barb Silus](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin in its original location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:45:29 AM

Please keep the Cabin in its original location! It will be preserving history and is such a rare treasure. We need to remember that everything new is not necessarily for the best! The new library is great but how wonderful to combine with the historic structure already there and dedicated to literary pursuits! Please consider carefully!

Respectfully,
Barb Silus

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ellen Jones](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep The Cabin in it's place
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:00:48 PM

City of Boise:

I support keeping The Cabin in it's original location. I think the new library design should be scrapped and a new design developed that represents Boise and Idaho. The currently proposed design could be anywhere. Cincinnati?? Our library should reflect Idaho with lots of wood and glass and light and incorporate The Cabin as both historical and literary aspects of our heritage.

Thanks,

Ellen Jones

From: [Bob Reinhardt](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep The Cabin in place
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:33:13 PM

To our elected representatives and city officials,

I write now with concern about the proposal to move “The Cabin” to Julia Davis Park. Although I understand some of the motivation for this proposal, I hope the council and Boise City officials will choose to keep The Cabin in place. Moving The Cabin would be expensive; it would rip a historic building from its appropriate landscape; it would add yet another mismatched building to the increasingly-crowded Julia Davis Park; and it would suggest that Boise values its own history less than imported glamour and (frankly) ostentatious design that, it should be noted, could be changed to accommodate The Cabin in its current location.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob H. Reinhardt
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Public History, Environmental History, History of the American West, History of Public Health
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From: [Jennifer Theisen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the cabin on its original site
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 4:02:46 PM

Dear Library,

I support keeping the historic cabin on its original site.

The National Park Service in its recommendations for evaluating historic properties, reminds us that moving a property destroys the relationship between the property and its surroundings and destroys associations with historic events and persons.

Keeping it on site preserves Idaho history and will save the city thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Thank you,

Jennifer Theisen

Archaeologist

From: [Leni Eddington](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the cabin on its original site
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:10:13 PM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: tsabala@q.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] KEEP THE CABIN ON-SITE
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:53:49 PM

I strongly oppose moving The Cabin.

Historic buildings are most valuable and meaningful when they remain on their original sites.
They link us to the past in a unique and vital ways.

How tragically ironic it would be to move The Cabin from its historical location to build a new home for the Arts & History Department.

I would **enjoy** seeing The Cabin from the new library.

Teresa Sabala

From: [Heidi Hartnett](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin -Original Site
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 11:54:02 AM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

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From: [RUDY WEISSHAUPT](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin there
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:43:44 PM

I recommend keeping the cabin where it's been located for as long as I can remember on capital Boulevard. We don't need some fancy library like they have in Seattle; you don't need to move the cabin! Enough is enough. The people in power have knocked down enough historic buildings and boy see we don't need to move this cabin from its original location.

Rudy Weisshaupt
208/861-1231
Sent from my iPhone

From: dcraw4th@aol.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin where it is!
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:32:36 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I support keeping the cabin where it is!. It is a historic Building, in it's Historic Location.

Let the view from the new Ultra-Modern Library Look out over the Cabin as well as the Ann Frank Memorial.

Why are you keeping the Ann Frank where it is, but moving the Cabin?

I would also like to see a more utilitarian Library, not a work of art!

David Crawforth
3120 W Hillcrest Ln
Boise 83705

From: [Clare Spoor](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the cabin where it is. Work around it for the new library.
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:10:11 PM

From: [A B](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin where it is
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:22:55 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

It seems laughable to me that the plans for the new library include a "History of Boise" section...that inevitably includes a "Look where the Log Cabin USED to be" section. Please--you are better than this. Your bright, shiny, new library will not improve people's lives, literacy, or access.

We don't actually need a new library. We need additional parking for the current library with the proposed funding put toward: an underground garage (no above ground please--yet another blight on the landscape), more access to computers and printers for the general public, computer training classes, literacy-based education classes, GED classes, payment for instructors of said classes, etc.

The current design looks like you're showing off--not trying to improve life for ALL of those who live in the valley.

Listen to the population, not your thoughts on your "legacy".

Sincerely,
Ashley Eden

From: [Edwina Allen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the CABIN where it is
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:46:35 PM

A new library and the old Cabin will be a great team. It is appropriate both because of the highly complementary literary missions of both institutions, and I also believe architecturally the juxtaposition of old and new can be visually incorporated in a way that integrates both Boise's historical past and innovative future. It is our good fortune that this is the most cost-effective choice. The Cabin needs to stay right where it is.

From: [R.C. G.](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the cabin!!!
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:55:34 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

Keep the cabin in its original location, please! It is imperative that we preserve our local history and save money in the process too. The money you'd spend to move it, could be much better spent on the Library!

Thank You,
Richelle Greene

From: melissa.pratt27@gmail.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Leave the cabin alone, please
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:49:58 PM

I love our library, but I believe the design could easily be tweaked to support leaving the Log Cabin in its historic location. It's a magical community connection spot right where it is has always been.

Please don't move it or crowd it. Every day we're losing bits and pieces of Idaho's history. Let's preserve this piece to support Idaho voices being heard around the nation and even around the world.

Blessed to be in Boise!

Melissa Pratt
1409 Warm Springs Ave
Boise ID 83712

Sent from my iPhone

From: [NANCY RICHARDSON](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Leave the Cabin in place
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:43:51 AM

Dear Mayor Bieter and Boise City Council members,

I strongly support keeping the cabin on it's original site.

It is in the best interest of the city and it's inhabitants to not bow to pressure from the architect, the Cabin members, or other agendas. This is a vital piece of Boise's history.

Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Thank you for taking time to consider public comment.

Sincerely,

Nancy Richardson

2020 Fairmeadow Dr

Boise, ID 83704

208.377.2762

From: [Jerry Brady](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Leave the Cabin where it is
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:31:45 PM

No one would think of moving the Anne Frank Memorial for a better view of the river. The "tied in with the river" urgency does not apply to the memorial yet applies to The Cabin which is a few steps away. It seems the famous architect wants nothing so pedestrian as a plain, brown, aesthetically compromising building next to his masterpiece but what is that to us? Would our library be less iconic, less friendly, less useful, next to another iconic if unspectacular a piece of our history? Will The Cabin embarrass us if left in it's historic home and should we care? Likewise, do we care if book lovers can't see from the first floor all of a river they have just walked to driven by? Keeping The Cabin where it is will please those who live here while making its enormous cost slightly more acceptable.

Frankly, if Boise can raise and spend \$85 million+ most of it should go for housing and clean energy, a better expression of our values.

Finally, I've read nothing about the trees on The Cabin property, one much taller than the building itself. It and the lesser greenery beyond the Greenbelt will obstruct an open view of the river and may look awkward if The Cabin is gone, so will likely be taken out too. Might the trees be as much of a problem as the building, suggesting altering the greenery as part of the deal for The Cabin to stay?

Jerry Brady
2042 E. Trolley Ct

From: [Phil Norton](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Leave the cabin!
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 9:39:38 AM

The cabin should be integrated into the new plans. It should be part of the whole complex as a cozy place to read to appropriately set the historic atmosphere, different from a super modern library.

If the architect cannot make accommodate old and new into his plans then he is NOT a good architect!

Phil Norton
1515 n 26th st
Boise ID 83702
Idahoan for 36 years!

From: [angela.enlow](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Leave the historic cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:39:24 AM

I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Angela Enlow

From: [Sharlene Anastasia](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library .Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 1:35:08 PM

- **I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."**

From: [Barb Hair](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library and The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 10:51:56 PM

Dear Mr. Mayor, I understand public comment is open regarding the proposed library and moving The Cabin. While I appreciate that our library is a little dated, why not spend a fraction of the money to simply update it? Moving The Cabin is also an unnecessary expense. I feel that so long as we have homeless people on our streets resources should be directed to helping them gain employment and a better life. I would so much rather that you updated the library with a minor interior facelift, leave The Cabin alone, and direct resources at public transportation options, clean energy, and helping homeless folks. In addition, these massive projects like a giant library and stadiums are just making our property taxes so high that you will end-up making us sell our house because the taxes become unaffordable. I am a native. I want to stay in Boise. Thank you, Barb Hair

From: knice@cablone.net
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library Campus / Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 1:25:33 PM

Commissioners: This is to support keeping the cabin on its original site. This will preserve Idaho history and save the city money that can be spent on the new library. The cabin is a vital part of our history and cannot be desecrated.

Thank you,
Katherine Nice
6227 E Playwright St
Boise 83716

From: [Peggy Runcorn](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library Project and The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:26:08 AM

Dear City Council Members:

As a user of the downtown library and one who also partakes in the programming at The Cabin, I am excited for the future outlook for both organizations.

Both organizations are vital to our community going forward. As I look at the proposed plans for the library and how The Cabin will be either incorporated into the plan or relocated, I find several points that deserve emphasis:

- The Cabin programming serves a number of children including low-income and at risk students. Key to their ability to serve this group is the need for space for workshops, readings, and reception in the building and area surrounding it.
- The Cabin has taken great care of the historic building that they call their home to ensure its preservation.
- The Cabin increases the attractiveness of our community. They bring top authors to the Boise area and provide unique programs that enhance our literary offerings to our residents.

I express to you that great care should be taken during the library expansion process to ensure that The Cabin can continue to effectively conduct its programming and add value to our community. In reviewing the various options presented, I support the moving of the cabin to the space behind the Black History Museum and Lincoln statue, allowing ample room around the structure (I would maintain that a footprint similar to their existing area - including the amount lost to the Anne Frank expansion would be appropriate).

Prior to your request for comment, I noted some commentary on the possible value of this location to the city for future development. I would maintain that there is likely some middle ground that would best serve the City's literary presence and financial prospects.

Thank you.

Peggy Runcorn

From: [William Harmon](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library project
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 1:20:15 PM

To whom it may concern,

I support keeping "the cabin" on it's original site. Keeping it onsite preserves Idaho history and will save the city some serious money which can be better spent on the new library. I strongly oppose any action that would degrade the historical culture of this city. This city's identity is pinned to it's history which continues to give the city character and charm even in modern times. Any effort to lessen the value of the historical structures in this city will be detrimental to the city's future and to the lifestyle we all strive to retain and maintain. Don't be short-sighted.

William Harmon
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From: [Jeff](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library revamp
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 12:01:32 PM

To whomever is concerned with responsible use of public moneys,

The criticism the City is circulating about the current library is that it is too much like what a library is intended to be. What is a library and why does what we have already fill the majority of that mission? The current warehouse we have succeeds perfectly in storing books. People can walk around and browse and wander and end up reading about things they never would have thought about previously. We will lose the ability with the robot-retrieval system to browse and quickly move on to other books in the same genre. If it that the new "library" mission is to be about programs, or performances, or retail don't call this new space a library. Be honest with Boiseans and with yourselves. A small portion of the eight figure budget could buy more warehouse, more books, and more parking. Don't tear down what we have.

The issue is contentious, please take this idea to the people for a vote. It is the right thing to do.

Jeff Schoenfelder

From: [Dianne Crowe](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library siting
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 4:24:48 PM

I am looking @ total dollars (today's \$\$\$) & support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history. More importantly keeping it onsite will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent, accessibility for example.

Dianne Crowe
from my iPhone

From: [Steve Frinsko](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Steve Frinsko](#)
Subject: [External] Library! Expansion and The Cabin Relocation
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 1:11:31 PM

Dear City Council Members:

My family and I have lived in Boise since 2010 and have had Library! cards since the first day we moved here. In addition, I have been a member of The Cabin's board of directors since 2017.

Both The Cabin and the Library! provide important and complimentary services to the Boise community. So, as you consider plans for the new Library! building, I hope you will equally prioritize both The Cabin and the Library!

The Cabin brings national award-winning authors to Boise—authors that many larger cities may not see, Gloria Steinem, Jesmyn Ward, Matthew Desmond, and Colson Whitehead to name just a few. Equally if not more importantly, The Cabin's Writer's in the Schools program puts writers into our K-12 schools and provides those kids the opportunity to expand their reading and writing skills. The Cabin also offers a variety of summer camps for children and offers low- and no-cost workshops and events for all community members. These are programs that are on par with, or better than, those offered by other, much larger literary organizations across the country. Moreover, The Cabin puts on these programs with a fraction of those other organizations' budgets and staffing levels.

All of The Cabin's programs compliment very well the wide variety of books, reading materials, programs, and services that Library! provides. As such, I support an expansion of the Library!—as long as it is carefully and thoughtfully planned and implemented.

For over 23 years, The Cabin has occupied the historic cabin currently located just south of the Library! Over that time, The Cabin has invested significant amounts of time and money to preserve, improve, and sustain the building. When The Cabin moved in, the building was on the verge of being demolished. Today, it is a beautiful, well-preserved piece of Boise and Idaho history.

In addition to the building, the park-like setting of The Cabin's current location has been key to the organization's ability to offer its programs to its patrons. However, over the last few years with the expansion of the Anne Frank Memorial and now with the plans for the expanded Library!, that setting has and will change dramatically. As we on The Cabin's board understand it, between the construction process and the new Library! structure when complete, the current park-like setting will be dramatically altered, if not lost altogether.

I understand that there are some in the historic preservation community who are advocating that the building and the location on which it sits are inextricably linked and that to move the building would destroy the building's historic significance. As a geography major, I am well aware of the importance of location and place and I understand the preservation community's perspective. However, there are other ways to preserve the historic value of The Cabin's building. Most notably, the building itself will be preserved in a way that showcases the rich Idaho history it embodies. And, in the proposed new location, it will retain and improve upon its park-like setting and not be overshadowed by the encroachment of the Memorial and the expanded Library!

Absent revised plans for the Library! expansion that would preserve the current park-like setting, The Cabin's ability to carry out its mission will be substantially and detrimentally impacted by the expanded Library! building. And, it has become clear to me that the architect's and the City's vision for the expanded Library! does not include The Cabin in its current location.

I support that vision but also believe that The Cabin must act to protect its interests. As such, we on the Cabin's board of directors have been working closely with the City to find an appropriate site to which the building can be relocated. Importantly, it is the City that has been advocating for the building to be relocated. We on the board have agreed to cooperate in that process because it appears to be in The Cabin's best interests. However, The Cabin did not make the initial request relocate the building—that request came from the City and we have attempted to accommodate that request.

The City has proposed several sites but the only site that will ensure that The Cabin can continue providing a full array of programs is the one commonly referred to as the "maintenance yard" located on the north edge of Julia Davis Park. That location offers a similar park-like setting to The Cabin's current location, with sufficient outdoor space to ensure children's summer camps and other Cabin programming can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities or other mobility issues. It is close enough to the Library! to allow for continued collaboration between the two organizations. And, it sits near the Black History Museum and the Lincoln statue—two other Boise historical sites.

I understand that the maintenance yard is a valuable piece of City property. However, The Cabin has a long-term lease on its current property, which is arguably equally as valuable as the maintenance yard. As such, it is an oversimplification to say that relocating The Cabin's building to the maintenance yard would cause the City to lose money. Equally as important, The Cabin as an organization provides a great deal of tangible and intangible value to the City. And it will continue to provide value to the City and its citizens for far longer than might an influx of cash from a sale of the property.

For all of these reasons, if the Library! project proceeds as currently proposed I urge you to approve relocating The Cabin building to maintenance yard property. Doing so will preserve the historic building and will allow The Cabin to continue to carry out its important work in the Boise community.

Thank you very much.

Steve Frinsko

Boise resident since 2010

Member of The Cabin's board of directors since 2017

From: [Carol Zografos](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Literary cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:22:07 PM

Dear City of Boise,

I am so disappointed in all the tearing down of historic buildings to replace them with fancy glass and steel structures. The City Council keeps approving the destruction of what makes Boise so pleasing and attractive. I understand the old Salt Lake Hardware Building, which has been the structure housing our downtown library for quite some time, will be torn down and replaced by a big fancy library with no parking. I have seen the plans and read the paper.

- 1) I wish the cabin to remain where it is. It will not impede the new library building, but perhaps challenge our designers to think about historical preservation and how the old can be part of the new. Idaho is all about logging, mining, pioneers, farms, and log cabins. I think the cabin is a wonderful show piece on the way down our fine boulevard into our city. It does not need to be moved nor destroyed. It will save the City money to leave it be.
- 2) I feel the City Council cares more about bringing people in from out-of-state than it does the people who already live here. It is the library for the people who live here. It does not need to be some fancy multimillion dollar ornament on the drive from the Depot to the Capital. Using the construction of a new library as a cause to remove the cabin, is not right.

Carolann Zografos
208-362-9511

From: [Alice Hennessey](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Location in Julia Davis Park
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 10:11:31 PM

I'm writing in support of the possible site for The Cabin on the north side of the Park near the Lincoln statue. This seems like by far the best option to continue the Cabin's programs in surroundings similar to those that have been important to their programs--particularly their summer camps. Access here would be good and The Cabin would remain--as it should--in the City's cultural center.

Alice Hennessey

208-343-6233

From: [Neysa Jensen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Location of cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 6:34:46 PM

I'm a big fan of the new library design. I'm also one of the charter members of the then-named Log Cabin Literary Center. The Cabin is a major literary resource and center for our city and must be carefully considered in the new scheme.

The Cabin board has voted to approve the location move to Julia Davis Park, and I support that. It is a similar park-like location near the river and the greenbelt with green and open space.

Please do the right thing for all the organizations involved and vote to put The Cabin in the best possible new site, in Julia Davis Park.

Thanks,
Neysa Jensen

From: [Shauna Doerr](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Location of The Cabin Organization
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:38:29 AM

Dear City Council:

My name is Shauna Doerr and my husband, Anthony, and I strongly support The Cabin organization in all its efforts to expand literacy and cultural content for the city of Boise. This organization has grown into one of the best non-profits of its kind in the US and Boise should be very proud. We should also take great care to see that this organization continues to thrive in our great city.

We strongly support and would like to advocate for The Cabin's location choice in conjunction with the main branch library project:

"Among the current options up for consideration, the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive."

In addition, we strongly support The Cabin's "mission to forge community through the voices of all readers, writers, and learners." We should foster this organization's future, their mission and existence by providing them with the location option that they deem is best for their future success. We believe the library project is critical to providing not only a library, but a community hub for robust services that should be available to all the citizens of Boise and The Cabin is a critical part of that vibrant community!

Sincerely,

Shauna & Anthony Doerr

From: [I](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Location of The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:42:40 AM

My preference is for The Cabin to remain where it is. It makes great sense for this historic literacy center to be located in it's original historic location next to a new library rather than move it. If it must be moved my preference is that it be located north of the Lincoln statute in Julia Davis Park.

--Steve Scanlin

From: [Jan Boles](#)
To: [Library Campus](#); [Mayor Bieter](#)
Subject: [External] Location of The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:49:11 PM

11-21-18

Boise City Council:

Please vote to keep The Cabin in its present location. There is historic integrity involved here. The anticipated costs of moving the structure are prohibitive.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Jan R. Boles
16371 Frost Road
Caldwell, Idaho 83607

From: [jessica](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Log cabin
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 7:32:26 AM

- **I support keeping the log cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.**

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dede Ryan](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Log Cabin Discussion
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:54:04 AM

Very disheartening to read that the discussion is no longer about *whether* to relocate the city's log cabin, but *where* to relocate it.

My position is that the 1940 structure, built log-by-log, by Finnish carpenters working for the WPA, needs to stay where it is and be integrated into the library campus. I sent a letter to Kevin Booe, director of the library, outlining my position in detail.

We have two very different considerations here: (1) The future of the log cabin as a structure and national treasure, and (2) the future of The Cabin Literary Center as it serves its mission. I served as a director on The Cabin's board for many years, as well executive director for several years after that. Long before moving the log cabin was on the radar screen, several members of The Cabin's board were lobbying for a different space -- one that was easier to access by car, with more parking, and that had more meeting spaces/conference rooms. The building itself has little in common with the nonprofit -- other than the name. The obstacle to moving was that The Cabin rents the log cabin for \$1/year from the City of Boise...

Keep the cabin in place. The trees and the river and its location on Capitol Boulevard are as much a part of the cabin as the logs and mortar.

Warm regards,

Dede Ryan
dederyan1@hotmail.com

From: [Letitia Thornton](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Log Cabin Literary Center relocation
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:58:05 PM

To Whom It May Concern--If the Cabin must be relocated to accommodate the new library (a project I support), please choose the site adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. It is so important that the Cabin remain in a park-like setting, and so many of its programs for underprivileged children make use of the parks, the river, the museums, and the zoo, all of which can be easily accessed by the preferred site.

I hope that, since the Cabin's current location must be sacrificed for the community's good, they will at least be allowed to remain close to the parks and the city by being moved to the Julia Davis Park site.

Gratefully--Tish Thornton

From: [Ann M Debolt](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Log Cabin Literary Center status
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 2:40:13 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I strongly support keeping the Log Cabin Literary Center at its original location. Keeping this historic structure on-site helps preserve Idaho history.

Keeping the building at its current location will also save the city many thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Ann DeBolt, 2032 South Crystal Way, Boise, ID 83706

From: [Carrie Skene](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Log Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:57:18 PM

Please do not move the cabin. This is a historical land mark that makes Boise special and the city for which it is...a town. Preserve the Cabin!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Karen Smith](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Log Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 7:00:22 AM

As a Boisean who is still able to walk by the beautiful old library building on 8th where I checked out books as a child, I am grateful that the building was not destroyed in the name of progress and replaced by an outside architect's "vision" for the city that several generations have now been able to call home. As citizens of Boise, we can't dictate what businesses come and go, but hopefully we have some say in protecting the landmark buildings which represent Boise's relatively short history and shape our young culture. Everyday I am thankful for the foresight which created and currently preserves the historic districts we have. Such districts should be expanded as we have more history to celebrate—not reduced. The Log Cabin is a building that should be preserved, hopefully in its current location. A library design that could not incorporate an historic building dedicated to the creation of literature in the first place, especially at the proposed cost, is not a gift to our city and its taxpayers. It is an insult.

While I applaud the idea of an attractive new library to replace the current one, I question the size, scope, and cost of what is being built in order to provide more "gathering space" in a part of town with such limited parking. The additional cost of moving the Log Cabin to accommodate an "patio" along a noisy and heavily traveled road makes little sense. An architect worth his salt would consider that, and a city council worth its salt might consider that expanding library services and gathering spaces to parts of town other than its already crowded center would be a better use of funds than building this massive structure. Please reconsider the design of the building and save the Log Cabin.

Karen Smith
3416 Hawthorne
Boise 83703

From: [Terri Dillion](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Moving the Cabin - space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue.
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:47:13 AM

Hello -

As a supporter of the Cabin Literary Center since its inception I want to share with you my support for moving the physical Cabin to Moving the Cabin the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue.

Thank you -
Terri Dillion
208/794-3273

From: [Lael Uberuaga](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Moving The Cabin as part of Library reconstruction
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:48:01 AM

Hi City Council (and whoever else is accepting comments about this initiative),

I'm writing to leave a comment about the proposed move of The Cabin as part of the downtown Library remodel. I urge you, when this comes to a vote tomorrow, to select the proposed location (which The Cabin board of directors has already approved, I'm told) adjacent to Julia Davis Park, near the Idaho Black History Museum. This location will preserve the safe, tranquil atmosphere that is a big part of the Cabin's programs, including their outdoor summer camps (the park is right next door!). It will still be close to public transit and other public services. With this Julia Davis-adjacent site as The Cabin's new home, The Cabin can continue with its mission of encouraging reading, writing, and thoughtful discussion with the community.

Thank you for considering this input and making the right decision for the readers and writers in our community!

Respectfully,

Lael Uberuaga-Rodgers
(Boise resident and avid reader)

From: [Ellen Matthew](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Moving the Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 2:19:20 PM

I have learned that The Cabin writing and literary center must be moved to accommodate the new Library! complex. Please try to keep it close by to its present location. I am in favor of moving it to Julia Davis Park.

Ellen Matthew
Member of The Cabin & zealous user of the Library! since 1973

From: [KERRY LINDORFER](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New Cabin Location
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:21:32 PM

Greetings,

Please note I support the plan for relocating The Cabin adjacent to Julia Davis Park near the Lincoln statue and the Idaho Black History Museum.

Kerry Lindorfer
1401 E. State
Boise ID 83712

From: [Brienne Nolte](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New CABIN location
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 2:30:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

I strongly believe that the CABIN should be relocated to the spot adjacent from Julia Davis Park once the new library is built and makes their current location inaccessible to the community. Moving the CABIN to this location would be the least disruptive to the people they serve.

Fostering the love of reading and writing and providing the foundational skills to become effective, artistic, and passionate writers is what the CABIN is all about. Our community is better because of it. Please make the right decision and approve the Julia Davis location for this wonderful non-profit.

Thank you,
Brienne Nolte

From: [katie fite](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New Library - I oppose it
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 2:25:35 PM

Dear Boise City,

I strongly oppose the new library.

If more space is needed, find a way to add a couple of floors to the existing library, while keeping the surroundings open.

Please do NOT destroy the open space around the present library.

I also strongly oppose moving The Cabin. It must remain in place and the arrogant outside architect's plans should not be accepted if they require moving the Cabin.

The design is UGLY and not worth the price the City paid for a bloated glass edifice that doesn't even resemble a library.

The glass will be deadly to birds, especially since it is located right by the river.

I protest the lack of an open public hearing to take public testimony in front of City Council.

I request that the City go back to the beginning, determine if there really is a need for this, and if so develop a number of options. Impartial outside contractors NOT chosen by the City should be hired to do so. Perhaps go through Ada County or some other entity to select the contractors to determine what library needs may be and how to most affordably and aesthetically meet them.

I oppose cutting down the locust trees in the current parking lot.

I oppose cutting down ANY trees by the river for this.

Any building here that even remotely resembles what the outside architect has proposed must have bird-friendly high visibility glass.

Katie Fite
1006 N. 5th St.
Boise ID 83701

From: [Judy Keller](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New library plan
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:28:54 PM

Is there no bond vote to finance this new library? Seems like we should let citizens have a voice in the whole decision.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kellie S Gough](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: [External] New Library vs. Cabin Relocation
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 1:50:14 PM

As a member of the Boise Public Library Foundation Board, I would like to comment on the issue coming before the City Council 11/27/2018 regarding relocation of The Cabin.

I have been following with interest a post on Facebook called, "Vanishing Boise." There have been times I wanted to comment but the folks in this forum seem to have made up their minds that the Mayor, the Library, and just about anyone associated with City of Boise are all in this scheme to erase history by moving The Cabin to a different location.

I am not intimating that this is not a serious as well as emotional issue that needs to be looked at closely by each party: the Library, The Cabin and the City of Boise. From the meetings I've attended with the Library Board I feel very confident we understand and have taken a lot of time looking at both sides of this emotional question. Should The Cabin be left in the spot it's in or should it move?

I would like to see the Cabin board and director let the public know their thoughts on the matter. It seems from comments I get and articles I read, the relocation is one sided. In favor of the City and the Library. I don't believe that's the case. The Cabin Director has stated that a move over by The Black History Museum and the statue of Abraham Lincoln could be the beginnings of a much better area to grow. The Cabin currently cannot hold many events due to lack of parking or room for attendees. This move would allow them to expand their programs and include many more people! That's a good thing. We are the fastest growing city.

The relationship between the Library and the Cabin is very good and always has been. There is no animosity between the two. These two entities want to be a part of Boise and serve the people.

In closing I would like to say it would be lovely to see the Council make some of these comments I've brought up public so concerned citizens could understand the good that could come from a move for the Cabin. Explain that the Boise Public Library was a warehouse in the day and currently there is no way to expand or grow. A new Library will benefit the City of Boise in so many ways and a move across the street will open up new opportunities for the Cabin. I have no doubt the Cabin and the Library will continue to collaborate together to make sure programs by both campuses shine!

Thank you,

Kellie S. Gough
Boise Public Library Foundation Board
Sent from my iPhone

From: [ernestine stivison](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New Library, Old Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:32:11 PM

Please keep the Cabin on its original site when considering building a new library. And even though you have spent a small fortune on plans for the new library, please be prudent and do not invest so much tax payer money into a new library. Scale it down, include parking, and do not disregard the citizens of Boise as you are trying to leave your footprint on our city.

From: [Jean Smith](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New library, removal of The Cabin, etc.
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:11:16 PM

The Cabin should stay put, not moved. The new library design should be scaled down. For one, It doesn't need meeting rooms, etc. There is a brand-new large meeting room across the street at the renovated Historical Museum and JUMP has an abundance of meeting rooms. Sincerely, Jean B. Smith, 1550 E. Holly St, Boise 83712.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Hollis Welsh](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Subject: [External] New location for The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:30:45 PM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-1.png](#)

Dear City Council Friends,

As a friend and sister organization to The Cabin, the Boise Phil strongly encourages the city to consider the space that The Cabin has deemed best for its prospective move, which is the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park near the Idaho Black History Museum.

The Cabin has stated that only this space, out of the three options to be presented by the City, will provide the safe, tranquil space with outdoor access that we've all come to associate with The Cabin, and that is essential to The Cabin's successful literary programs. Since The Cabin will possibly or probably be asked to move due to no fault of its own, providing an idyllic space that matches or exceeds what we've all come to know and love about The Cabin's long-standing home—and especially a space that The Cabin endorses—is the right thing to do.

It's extremely important to our nonprofit arts organizations in our community to keep our fellow organizations close by; our proximity to one another adds a richness to our downtown core that is essential to making Boise such a wonderfully livable city, and makes partnering with one another much more appealing, manageable, and realistic. Moving The Cabin outside the downtown core and arts district, and particularly to a location not acceptable to The Cabin, would do a significant disservice to all of us who are touched and positively impacted by the mission of The Cabin.

Should the City need to move The Cabin to accommodate the new Library expansion, the Boise Phil strongly encourages the City Council to consider the location that The Cabin team states is in its best interest to grow and thrive, which is the aforementioned space adjacent to Julia Davis Park.

Thank you for your kind and well-intentioned consideration.

All my best,

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From: [Penelope Smith](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New location for The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:41:51 PM

Please add my voice to the number of those who have used The Cabin on a monthly basis for the past 8 years and have a vested interest in having it relocated to a place where its amazing services can continue and grow. I understand there are 3 options, but the best site is the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum. Please consider the needs of current, devoted users of The Cabin as you deliberate its future.

Penelope J Smith

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Kim](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Old Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:04:38 PM

Please keep this piece of Idaho history for all Idahoans to honor and enjoy.

Kim Brown
Post Falls, ID

From: [katie fite](#)
To: [Library Campus](#); [CityCouncil](#); [Mayor Bieter](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Scot Ludwig](#); [Lisa Sanchez](#); [Holli Woodings](#)
Subject: [External] OPPOSE Moving Cabin and Library Expansion in Current Form
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 1:06:32 PM

Hello,

I strongly oppose moving the Cabin.

I request full and open public testimony be allowed at any City Council meeting where this matter, or the palatial, expensive and destructive of existing historical sites new library scheme is discussed.

I urge you to abandon the bloated ugly architect designed library and instead fully consider adding a couple of stories to the existing library, and preserving all the trees in and around the library as well as the Cabin in its current site.

I request an unbiased outside consultant be engaged to determine any need for this wildly expensive library expansion, as well as to provide a range of reasonable alternatives to the ugly plan developed by the arrogant architect (Safdie) who has shown no respect for Boise's history and aesthetics.

I strongly Protest the City moving this far along with this highly controversial project without full and open public comment on all matters related to the library and Cabin at Council meetings.

Katie Fite
1006 N 5th St
Boise, ID 83702

From: [Elizabeth Barnes](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Placement of the Log Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:41:12 AM

Dear City and esteemed City Council members,

I know you are carefully considering the relocation of the log cabin literary center. Being an instructor for the center I know that one of the greatest strengths of the summer programming options is the accessibility to the greenbelt, the library, and the Zoo. I cannot tell you how many of our classes are taught outside in a natural environment. Camps would lose their magic if the element of play and the ability to wander and explore were removed from our teaching.

Please consider the many voices asking for the cabin to remain near the parks and center of town. Not only is it good for the cabin it is also great for downtown. When parents drop their children off at writing camps they often do their downtown shopping and errands during the camp writing times.

Our current location in the heart of Boise, speaks to how much the city values literacy and art. I would so love to see our new location be near the Black History Museum. It seems logical that we would center the cultural gems of Idaho in one area. I know you will carefully consider this placement. I am excited about the new vision for our library. I adore the library, but I also love the role the cabin plays in our community. Boise fully supports its literary artists. We have world class writers such as Anthony Doerr in Boise because of the value Boise places on writing. I would hate to see the cabin lose its place and visibility I appreciate your time and the difficult decisions that have to be made. The cabin has meant such a great deal to me in my time in Boise. In a sense, it feels like home. They often say when buying a house that location matters above all else. This is how I feel about the Cabin. I strongly vote to have the cabin moved near the Black History Museum so that we can maintain our presence among the many high arts of Boise.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Lester Barnes, MFA

"Let the beauty of what you love be what you do." Rumi

I am reading right now:

[Revolver](#) by Heidi Naylor

[Crucial Conversations](#) by [Kerry Patterson](#), [Al Switzler](#), [Joseph Grenny](#), [Ron McMillan](#)

[Creating Campus Community: in search of Ernest Boyer's Legacy](#) by William McDonald and Associates

From: [Greg Heinzman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please find a good home for the Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 3:49:38 PM

To whom it concerns,

I love the Cabin. I love the public library. It is a shame that one will be displacing the other, since they have common missions. The plans for the new library look amazing, so I'm also excited about that. As a community member who has had an ongoing and deep relationship to the Cabin, the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial/Wassmuth Center for Human Rights, and the public library, I'd like to see all of them able to reach their full potential. They are so beautifully located next to each other, to downtown, and to the river.

It is my understanding that the Cabin has requested a space in Julia Davis park near the Black History Museum. This proposed space would be an excellent choice, with the various museums so close, a comfortable and shaded park setting, and the Flicks nearby. It would enable continuity in programming for the Cabin while offering some new, close-by learning opportunities. Please honor the requests of the Cabin to relocate such a beloved building to their requested space. It will benefit everyone involved, despite the transition, which is likely to be difficult.

The future of the Cabin is extremely important to me, my kids, and the community as a whole.

Thanks for your time.

--Greg Heinzman
Lecturer, University Foundations, Boise State University

From: [steve welker](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please incorporate The Cabin, as and where it is, into the grounds of any new library
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 4:19:04 PM

I believe it would be a huge mistake to destroy or move The Cabin in hopes to create a showcase library. Libraries are a rapidly evolving institutions that are better served by being agile, complete and up-to-date than by being housed in a showcase and very expensive library. The projected costs could build a library AND play a major part of Boise finally developing a workable public transportation system. And, if the designer chosen is a done deal -- they should embrace The Cabin and incorporate it into the site. I worked most of my adult life, the largest portion in Boise, as a graphic designer and most of the best works I have been involved with necessitated multiple drafts to be the best it could be, within the given parameters, and effective. The library design can evolve and improve.

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From: [McMillan, David](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please keep cabin in original location
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:42:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Why do we need to consider spending and wasting extra time and money on something that is better served status quo? I am in full support of keeping the cabin at its original location. Not only does it preserve Idaho history, this would also help prevent significant funds from being used in a less than ideal manner.

Please focus energy and funding on efforts that are more efficient and necessary.

Thank you!

David McMillan

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From: [Tom Burden](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please keep the Cabin on its current site
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 11:33:12 AM

The library design can change; there doesn't seem to be a compelling need to move the Cabin.

Thank you,
Tom Burden

From: [Josh Unger](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] please keep the cabin on its original site
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 8:02:17 AM

¡Feliz día de acción de gracias!

Apoyo mantener la cabina en su sitio original. Mantenerlo en el lugar preserva la historia de Idaho y le ahorrará a la ciudad cientos de miles de dólares que pueden gastarse mejor en la nueva biblioteca.

Gracias -

-josh

From: [Hinsel Scott](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] PLEASE KEEP THE CABIN!
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:26:21 AM

I am a long time Idaho resident and frequent downtown, the library, and surrounding areas often.

Structures like The Cabin are an important part of our heritage and act as a valuable space for learning, sharing, and education.

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Blessings,
Hinsel

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From: [Priscilla Wegars](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please keep the Log Cabin in its historic location
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:32:47 PM

As a historian and historical archaeologist, I support keeping the Log Cabin in its current, historic, location.

Thank you, and best wishes,

Priscilla Wegars, Ph.D.

From: [Flowers, Diane](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please keep the Log Cabin Literacy Center in its original location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:47:21 AM

Hello,

I support keeping the Log Cabin Literacy Center in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Thank you.
Diane Flowers

From: [Jenna Duffin](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Please leave the cabin in its historic space
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 3:07:02 PM

Hello!

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Thank you,
Jenna Duffin

From: [Roach, Celynda](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: [External] Please locate The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:48:18 PM

Dear Boise City Council Members,

I am writing asking you to vote in favor of relocating the Cabin to another site to make way for the future construction of the Boise Public Main Library. Sanctuary is very rare in this world, but I have always found the library to be just that, as well as an institution of knowledge. A setting that is lovely and peaceful calms the soul and everyone can use more peace. The Cabin is important to the Boise community and should be respected. Finding the right spot for the Cabin will also increase its visibility. We have the technology to move structures and moving the Cabin if done correctly will not impair its stability. I have it on very good authority that the Cabin and the Boise Public Library have collaborated for years I cannot imagine that their relationship would change regardless of the Cabin's location. Libraries level the playing field for everyone that uses them. The citizens of Boise deserve a world class library, I hope Council Members you will move the Cabin.

Respectfully,

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From: [Sherry McTigue](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Possible relocation of The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:19:50 PM

To whom it may concern:

Though I entirely oppose the City's apparent determination to relocate The Cabin, if the historic and beloved Cabin must be moved, the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park is the only suitable choice.

Thank you.
Sherry McTigue

From: [Joanne Lechner](#)
To: [Library Council](#)
Subject: [External] Preserve the Cabin in it's Present Location, Please.
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 9:31:05 PM

I believe it is important to preserve Idaho history. If you demolish or move the cabin and remove the trees, you change our "We are the City of Trees" history. They frame the capital and are part of the beautiful view from the historic train depot.

I AGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT: "I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

Joanne
Lechner
3168 S. Rockery
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Idaho 83706

Boise,

From: [Darla Christiansen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Preserve The Cabin in the Park
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:29:25 AM

Hello,

I'm writing to urge the City to preserve The Cabin in Julia Davis Park near the Idaho Black History Museum.

The Cabin is an amazing resource in our valley! I attend the Readings & Conversations series, where I'm always impressed when hearing internationally-known writers say **how fortunate we are, because this** is not to be found **elsewhere**. And, those same writers spend time in schools helping kids learn ways to express themselves with written words. I love it! And, the lecture series sparks dialogue with friends about things I'd never thought about, new perspectives and sometimes unspoken topics.

All of this might not happen without The Cabin.

Ideas, reading, and writing are what The Cabin is all about. It shares this foundation with the Library! (which I also love and adore for its power to gather people and spark thought and conversation). To me, it makes sense that the two belong together as neighbors. If The Cabin and the Library! cannot remain within the same campus, please choose to preserve The Cabin in Julia Davis Park near the Idaho Black History Museum, as close as possible to the Library! site. The added benefit of this park location is that it provides easy access to The Cabin's classrooms and workshops, and allows for indoor-outdoor writing activities The Cabin incorporates.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to our city.

Respectfully,

Darla Christiansen
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Boise 83716

From: [Maria Solis Kennedy](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Preserve the Cabin On-Site
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:04:58 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly support keeping the cabin on its original site. The Cabin is an important historical marker for the city of Boise and its significance is tied to its location on the banks of the Boise river. Growing up and visiting the library as well as attending writing camps at the Cabin, it was so important having the Cabin both adjacent to the library as well as located centrally Downtown right next to the Greenbelt. While I look forward to the library renovation, it makes no sense to move the Cabin from its historical site. The two can continue to beautifully operate and coexist as neighbors, and the city can save the hundreds of thousands of dollars it would cost moving the Cabin to a new location on the Library renovation instead. Please preserve this important part of Idaho history and save the cabin on-site.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maria Solis Kennedy

From: [Dana Kehr](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed location for The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 9:05:48 PM

As a past member of The Cabin board, I've been very interested in how The City of Boise can best support the continued growth of The Cabin as we pursue an improved downtown library area. Like most of us, I regret the need to relocate this long-time Boise institution, but recognize that the current location has already been rendered untenable, so alternatives must be looked at.

Looking at the various services currently provided by The Cabin to our community, we need to find a means of providing a facility that provides classroom space as well as safe access for children and the parents who bring the to various events and classes at The Cabin.

The location the is proximate to Julia Davis Park seems to provide those things, as well as easier access to extended class activities that could include the nearby museums.

I have sincerely appreciated the care with which the City has been considering the optimal resolution of the various facets of these decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dana Kehr

From: [Melanie Fales](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] public comment - Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:24:17 AM

Dear Public Comment,

We support the decision of the Cabin Board of Directors to accept relocation of the historic building to the old maintenance yard adjacent to Julia Davis Park. We have many concerns about any proposal that would move the Cabin into Julia Davis Park between BAM and the Boise River or the Bandshell.

Sincerely,



Melanie Fales | Executive Director / CEO
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From: [Diane Plastino Graves](#)
To: kurt@thecabinidaho.org; [Mayor Bieter](#); [Library Campus](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Scot Ludwig](#); [Lisa Sanchez](#); [TJ Thomson](#); [Holli Woodings](#)
Subject: [External] Re: The cabin building
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:13:41 AM

Dear Kurt,

I am in receipt of your email asking Cabin members to weigh in on the Cabin/Library controversy.

I am a long-time Cabin member and have been a patron of your Readings & Conversations series from the very beginning. I sent you the following letter on The Cabin/Library plan in September.

My resolve that the Forester's Cabin must remain on its historic site has not changed, and I do not support the idea of it moving for any reason. The Cabin nonprofit has benefitted greatly from the City's largesse, thanks to its taxpayers. But I believe The Cabin can live on even if it needs to move, while the Forester's Cabin must stay. We would need to fundraise and increase ticket prices, like all nonprofits in Boise, if there are budget shortfalls.

I have great faith in The Cabin, and it should not be known as the group that wishes to move this historic, treasured building. That would be a black eye on us as an organization.

My research indicates the Forester's Cabin is the only New Deal CCC log cabin in an urban setting in the Country. It is too much of a City and National treasure to move from its historic site. And *what* it is and *where* it is are the same thing.

The Cabin cannot tout the brilliance of historic writings, and dismiss this historic building and its site.

Most sincerely,

Diane Plastino Graves

Diane

On Sep 13, 2018, at 11:39 AM, Diane Plastino Graves
<plastinograves@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Zwolfer,

I am writing about the future of the cabin building on Capitol Boulevard.

My husband and I have been members of The Cabin for decades. Your mission--and ours, as well, by supporting you for such a long time--is a vital component of our vibrant community. But I believe very strongly that the cabin building must remain in its original spot. What the cabin is, and where it is, is one and the same.

As a young girl, I often came to Boise with my parents, as my father was editor of a daily newspaper in Idaho and would cover politics, the Legislature, and other Idaho issues. The cabin building was magical to me, then and still, in its simple majesty and its ability to inspire. It was a seminal building, along with the Statehouse, and the Depot. These three buildings are the only ones left from our past that can inspire on such a level. And where they each are located is part of that inspiration.

Hopefully The Cabin can remain in the cabin building. But your mission and success are strong enough to thrive in another building in another location, if needed. I have confidence in you, your Board, and your members for that. But the success and the integrity of the cabin building can only exist in one location—its historic, original, and current location.

The cabin building stands separately from The Cabin nonprofit. It lives wholly through its beauty and inspiration, and how it integrates into its location on the River. I ask: that you and The Cabin board see what a gift you would give to all of us to advocate for this inspirational building to stay where it is. Because, in fact, this is what you do everyday: to ask others to reach deeply within themselves, to inspire them to protect and express those things of tantamount importance to us all, that nurture those things that make us exceptional instead of mediocre.

The cabin building in its original location expresses that exceptionalism. By inspiring support for the cabin in its current location, you would elevation the exceptionalism of The Cabin nonprofit, as well.

Most sincerely,

Diane Plastino Graves

From: [Gay Munday](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Relocating The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 5:04:42 PM

I can appreciate the need to upgrade and expand The Library, I am hopeful that it can be done with an eye to conserving The Cabin so that it may continue to serve the needs of the community. With that in mind, I believe relocating it to Julia Davis Park would be a reasonable site. While parking can easily be overwhelmed at the park, it does have good bus service available and it isn't far from The Cabin's current location.

Please be mindful of the value all of us receive from the activities provided by The Cabin and ensure the least amount of disruption and impact while moving forward with the library expansion.

Thank you,

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From: [Nancy Werdel](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Relocation of the Cabin
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:10:10 PM

I am writing to express my concern about relocating the Cabin. While I understand that moving the Cabin is critical to the success of the new library, the Cabin's mission and continued programs are so incredibly important to Boise. A move to any location other than the one adjacent to Julia Davis would be a great disservice to this growing organization. In order for it to continue to thrive, it needs access to parking and space for its programs. Please consider this in making your decision in the days to come.

Thank you.
Nancy Werdel
820 Parkhill Dr
Boise 83702

From: [Norman Weinstein](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Request that The Cabin not be removed from current site
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:46:34 PM

I request that The Cabin not be removed from its current location. The Cabin serves as a threshold where local culture and craft meet the beauty of Boise's natural resources. A threshold is a bridge literally and symbolically - and how fitting that The Cabin is located at a bridge crossing. The decision by the Cabin's Board of Directors supporting re-location does not represent my point of view about The Cabin's location. Not a single current Board member was working in The Cabin at the time The Cabin was started. Less than half of the current Board members are writers in the position of appreciating how the current location enhances The Cabin's primary mission to deepen and promote local creative writing. I was a working member of The Cabin from day one, and continued teaching and volunteering there for over a decade. I taught classes on the grounds and under the shade of those old trees offering welcome shade during summer heat. I brought visiting writers from across the U.S. to teach and lecture there, many noting the beautiful setting The Cabin was in, an ideal setting for young and old writers alike.

And I bring to my position regarding The Cabin's location over a decade of writing for the U.S. and U.K. Press about contemporary architecture. And my respect for Mr. Safdie's craft as an architect was articulated in my course offered at Boise State University on Canadian architecture. As great an architect as Mr. Safdie is, I suggest that he was acting not at the height of his professional powers in how he dealt with controversy concerning The Cabin's placement in relation to his proposed library design. He needed to engage in constructive conversations with *representative long-time Cabin employees and volunteers in order to assess what impact his design bypassing The Cabin's current location would have*. Such individuals are easy to locate in our city. He might also have done intensive research into the history of Boise and its architecture, and talked with members of Preservation Idaho. Our voices deserve to be heard and thoughtfully considered.

We also request that hundreds of thousands of dollars involved in potentially moving The Cabin be re-directed (if realistically possible) to expanding Boise Arts programming throughout our outstanding public library system. To throw money at a non-existent "solution" to a questionable "problem" is a perfect explanation for the creation of the folk wisdom of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." As to The Cabin's Board members claiming construction activities will interrupt The Cabin's services, I can tell you that I and others taught classes successfully during massive construction projects at The Anne Frank Memorial, at the bridge steps from The Cabin's entrance, as well as throughout the reconstruction of the Cabin's own basement to add classroom space. We writer-teachers are a resilient bunch, and understand the rumble of things under construction. Our books are in that state prior to publication.

Thank you for your consideration.

Norman Weinstein
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Boise, Idaho 83706
Phone: 208-433-1294

From: [Carole Bowman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Restoration
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 7:03:21 PM

We need to keep the cabin and to let you know how we feel is

something like this: "I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

Bill and Carole Bowman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lynn T](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Retaining the cabin at original site
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:23:29 PM

- **"I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."**

Lynn Thayer

Boise, Idaho

From: [Rick Mouser](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save Historic Cabin
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 4:39:03 PM

I SUPPORT KEEPING THE CABIN ON IT'S ORIGINAL SITE. KEEPING IT ON-SITE PRESERVES IDAHO HISTORY AND WILL SAVE THE CITY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT CAN BE BETTER SPENT ON THE NEW LIBRARY.

Sincerely, Rick Mouser

From: [Jeanne Hughes email](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save the cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:32:34 AM

I support keeping the cabin on its original site. Keeping it on site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Thank you,
Jeanne Hughes
Boise, Idaho

From: [John Bertram](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Mayor Bieter](#)
Subject: [External] Save The Cabin Along The Boise River
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 10:56:41 AM

SAVE THE CABIN ALONG THE BOISE RIVER

The cabin is an essential part of Boise's gateway and Capitol Boulevard and deserves to remain intact in its almost 79-year-old home along the Boise River. There is no need to move the cabin. With its wide front lawn, the cabin can remain in place, saving almost a million dollars, while still providing a stunning view of the new contemporary library as one crosses the Capitol Boulevard Bridge. The building's architecture is representative of Boise's settlement and its indigenous materials blend well along the Boise River. The rustic design makes it a part of number of identifiable Boulevard buildings that citizens admire, a beloved landmark.

The building honors Idaho State Forester, Franklin Girard who chose this prominent site to show off the forests of Idaho. He engaged Boise Payette Lumber Co.'s architect, Hans Hulbe, to design the building, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Finnish log artists to build it, and Idaho forest companies to provided handsome wood interiors of various species and shapes. This compelling story of ingenuity is an authentic Boise gem and deserves to be told from this original and prominent site.

I recall hearing that architect Moshie Safdie looked at the site from all angles but neglected to go into the cabin. He needs to visit the cabin and see its impressive wood interior and functioning cultural environment. History belongs where it happened. The cabin does not stand in the way of a new library; rather what is needed are sensitive design changes from a talented architect who can harmoniously blend Boise's historic cabin into the new library site. Its placement along the greenbelt is an open invitation to Boiseans to access the surrounding grounds, adjacent memorial and library.

All other options provided recently by the City require moving the building. The Board of the Cabin Center for Readers and Writers has declared that only one of those options meets their needs; that option not only hides this wonderful building but it precludes the City from fully developing their underutilized maintenance facility. Perhaps The Cabin should find another facility that is more suited to their current goals and offers the surface parking that their board believes is necessary. If The Cabin were to vacate the structure, the Boise City Arts and History Department could program the cabin (appropriately occupying the National Register listed building) and save the new library project nearly a million dollars. The cabin's distinctive rooms would offer excellent offices, space for books and art, and accessible meeting spaces.

Having worked on the building's restoration for the Log Cabin Literary Center, I recall that the limited startup funds were invested in refinishing the interior woodwork, creating the Jean Wilson Room and

adding an elevator and ramp to provide improved access. One overlooked need was re-staining the Engelmann spruce log exterior back to its wonderful reflective patina. The historic cabin is a celebration of wood and community and must continue to shine in place.

John Bertram
1 W. Parkview Place
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From: [John Bertram](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: [External] Save The Cabin Along The Boise River
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 2:54:47 PM
Attachments: [SAVE THE CABIN ALONG THE BOISE RIVER-Boise Council Members.docx](#)

Please see attached comments on Save the Cabin Along the Boise River and three historic photographs.

Thank you, John Bertram

From: [HannaLore Hein](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] SAVE THE CABIN AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:02:03 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am very concerned about the possibiltiy of moving The Cabin to make way for a new library. I support KEEPING The Cabin on its original sit. This places where history happened matter, and keeping historic structures at their original location is important for telling to story of place. Preservation of The Cabin at its original location will also save the city hudreds of thousands of dollars and will keep the already exorbitant cost of the new library at bay. The money to move The Cabin for a purely esthetic purpose could be used for so many other, more valuable purposes. Don't destroy any more of Boise's historic sites. In the 1970s, Harper's Bazaar called Boise the city that was trying to annihilate by tearing down its buildings. Moving (historic buildings) is little better than destroying them - especially when the reason behind the move is frivolous.

I do not support Mayor Bieter or the City Council's efforts to overhaul the library - and I support them even less if the plan involves MOVING THE CABIN.

Thank you,

HannaLore

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HannaLore Hein, M.A.

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From: [Rebecka Seward](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save the Cabin In Place!
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 11:35:08 AM

Mayor Bieter and Council,

As an 8th generation Idahoan I am passionate about preserving Idaho's history. For the past 17 years I have participated in Passport In Time projects with the Forest Service in Idaho and surrounding States. Through my involvement with PIT I was asked to be part of a special crew that restored the historic Surgeon Generals house on the VA campus in Boise, Idaho. As a young child I remember touring the Cabin on the Boise Public Library Campus and thought that it was super cool that a historic building existed on its original site next to the Public Library. As I got older I found great fun in being able to read about the CCC and the work they did and then walk outside and see one of their buildings firsthand!

Moving this historic building risks losing aspects of its historic quality. We have few historic buildings on their original sites in Boise and this is one of them. I hope we keep it this way! Moving it risks damaging this historic structure! The CCC built their buildings to withstand the test of time on their original foundations on their original sites. Moving risks damaging it beyond repair and it risks losing this important piece of Idaho history for this current generation and especially future generations!

Please keep the Cabin in its original location! Modifying the new library plans will be well worth the effort!

Rebecka Seward

From: [Debby McClure](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save the Cabin in Place
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 7:55:45 AM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

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From: [Ron](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save the Cabin!
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:43:43 PM

Mayor Bieter and City Council members. The Cabin needs to stay in its current spot. It was there way before the Library. It would horrible to see it moved. We have already lost too many Historic sites in Boise already.

Thanks Ron Oster
Boise, Idaho

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shaun Weston](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 9:57:38 AM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Shaun Weston Architect

C: [208] 789.9763

From: [Joanne Fahrenwald](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:25:35 AM

I support keeping the cabin at its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library."

Thanks!

Joanne Fahrenwald

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laurie Serratos](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Saving the cabin location
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 6:38:32 PM

As a native Idahoan I urge you all to PLEASE keep the cabin at its current and historic location. It won't be impeding the new library and by keeping it untouched the city will not be using funds that do not need to be used and can go to other things that need attention in our beautiful city !!!!

PLEASE PLEASE don't do this!! We MUST save the integrity of our cities history as much as we can!!

Thank you,

Laurie Serratos - Born and raised in Boise Idaho and proud of it!! 😊

From: [Paula Benson](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Saving The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 11:17:32 AM

Dear City Council:

Please save the cabin on-site. It need not be moved to accommodate the new library and its desired connection to the greenbelt and the river. Paths from the SE entrance to Capital Blvd and the greenbelt will accomplish this and the view to the river's open space will happen over the top of the cabin from the second floor and above.

The city could save hundreds of thousands of dollars on the move that could be used to design and build a beautiful new library.

Regards
Paula Benson
East End Resident

From: [David Klinger](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Submission of comments to Boise City Council re. "The Cabin" for November 27 Council Update
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 9:20:03 AM

Dear Mayor Bieter and Council Members McLean, Clegg, Thomson, Ludwig, Sanchez, and Woodings:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment via the City of Boise's "LivBoise" Web site regarding the November 27 City Council "update" on the fate of "The Cabin," Boise's 1939 CCC-built State Forester's Office on Capitol Boulevard.

There are at least **five fundamental reasons** why "The Cabin" must remain on its existing historic site:

Rules of tenancy and occupancy of City-owned property: Proposed conveyance of "The Cabin" from the State of Idaho to the City of Boise in 1992 (letter of 6/10/92 from Boise City Purchasing Manager Chris Hunt to Idaho Director of Lands Stanley Hamilton) committed the City to preserving the structure as a community resource and to maintaining it (while tellingly revealing that it has always been the implicit goal of the City to move the structure elsewhere).

Nevertheless, for many of the past 26 years, the City has leased the structure, in situ, to the Log Cabin Literary Society, for a favorable and nominal yearly rental fee. The proposed new library would now force the eviction of "The Cabin" and the reduction of its historic site to a proposed patio and walkway.

Tenancy in publicly-owned property does not convey any expectation of further rights of accommodation and relocation should circumstances governing that occupancy fundamentally change. A departing tenant has no further right of occupancy, nor expectation of accommodation, once its tenancy has ended. It is a serious over-reach by the Log Cabin Literary Society to assert that public property ("The Cabin") must now be moved in order to accommodate its tenancy in any new location. Further, it is an extreme over-reach by the Society to dictate the terms and specifications of any new location it may be offered on public property, either in Julia Davis Park or elsewhere.

In short, "The Cabin" is owned by the people of Boise ... not by any temporary tenant.

The assertion that the Society, in any way, owns or otherwise controls "The Cabin" — its physical structure, name, or "brand" — thereby obligating the City of Boise to accommodate its future needs by relocating established and permanently-sited historic public property, is legally dubious, and would subject the City of Boise to a high degree of legal exposure should a decision to move "The Cabin" be contested in court, on the grounds of violation of City contracting and property management regulations and favoritism in the management, use, relocation, alteration, and disposal of City property.

Poor public policy in the accommodation of historic properties: Any relocation of a historic structure as iconic to the history and cultural legacy of Boise as "The Cabin" perpetuates a "policy of eviction" for such inconvenient or otherwise unwanted structures whose continued presence seemingly impedes contemporary development.

Already three historic homes and two historic churches have been relocated into, or adjacent

to, Julia Davis Park (the Pioneer Log Cabin, built circa-1860s, moved in 1933 and again in the 1970s; the Thomas E. Logan House, built in 1865, moved in 1970; the Richard C. Adelman House; Christ Chapel, built in 1866, moved in 1963; and St. Paul Baptist Church (built in 1921, moved in 1998).

While efforts to conserve these structures was commendable and undoubtedly essential at the time, the policy of movement of historic structures off of their historic sites and onto historically-insignificant or irrelevant locations is demeaning to the cultural legacy of this city and fundamentally destructive to history. It is becoming a rapidly-discredited practice by most progressive cities that recognize the value of place-based historic preservation, further driving the economic benefits that come with carefully-conserved local history. It is a policy that should end in today's Boise.

Movement of "The Cabin" into Julia Davis Park would further reduce the undeveloped, green "footprint" of this important city asset and would contravene the City's own policies for the management and operation of Davis Park, which, again, would be subject to court challenge.

Jeopardy to "The Cabin's" status on the National Register of Historic Places:

Nomination to, and acceptance on, the Federal Government's National Register of Historic Places is a formal recognition that "The Cabin" possesses significant historical and cultural merit to the Nation. The Federal Government attaches great importance to the protection and maintenance of such structures, including their continuity of occupancy on original sites, and considers arbitrary and capricious alterations and movement of such landmarks as potential grounds for the revocation of such designations.

Any movement of the 1939 structure off of its original site jeopardizes that status by divorcing "The Cabin" from a site that was specifically chosen for its location and which bookends the existing log-built companion "Totem Building" at the southern end of the 1931 Capitol Boulevard bridge. The historical importance of "The Cabin's" existing location is magnified by its adjacency to the 1864 McClelland Boise River ferry site, currently designated with a historic marker.

A decision to divorce "The Cabin" from its historical moorings would undoubtedly trigger a formal filing of protest of that action to the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. for review.

Unnecessary violation of the mission and programs of the City of Boise's Arts and History Department: Any decision to remove "The Cabin" from the current library site, while simultaneously proposing to relocate the City's arts and history department into the proposed new library structure, would be an ill-considered and completely unnecessary setback to the City of Boise's carefully-cultivated national reputation for its sensitive and imaginative municipal arts and history programs.

Wiping the current library site of its existing, established history — while relocating a City program to the site whose purpose is to foster greater public appreciation for local history — could prove an embarrassing public relations disaster, posing a severe retrenchment by the City of Boise in its stated emphasis on history. It would subject the City's arts and history program to potential ridicule and unnecessary loss of citizen support.

The existing "Cabin" structure, left on-site, presents an eminently logical and appropriate location for the offices of the staff of the City's arts and history department, allowing them to interpret Boise history from a site of cultural significance, in one of the most striking and

historically-evocative office spaces in this city. Why that fortuitous possibility has not yet been advanced remains a mystery.

Cost: The cost estimate for the proposed move of “The Cabin” to any other location began at \$350,000 earlier this year and has since been reported by the *Idaho Statesman* to have now ballooned to \$650,000 ... with no assurance that costs will not climb higher.

An unnecessary and risky movement of an 80-year-old City-owned asset to an as yet-undetermined location (whose site preparation costs remain unknown) is a questionable financial leap-of-faith that the City Council should evaluate skeptically. We contend that such a large expenditure of public monies would be better applied to lowering the cost of the overall library project. Leaving “The Cabin” alone would make the issue of the escalating cost of any such move a moot point.

In my June 29 letter to Mayor Bieter regarding the library proposal and the fate of Boise’s “Cabin” (copy enclosed), I stated that this was not a fight worth having at this time. It was entirely avoidable, and could have been prevented by a more enlightened, orderly, and less-rushed approach toward this proposal that invited, rather than polarized, citizen engagement with their city government.

But I still believe accommodation is possible.

Downsize and re-scale the proposed Boise events center/library to a dimension, orientation, and design that is more appropriately commensurate with this physically-constrained site. Or, locate a new site that would not necessitate the demolition and suspension of operations of the existing library, the demolition of an adjacent pre-school, the erection of yet-another parking garage in our downtown core, the encroachment and cutting of trees along the Boise River to justify dubious architectural needs, and a tragic eviction of “The Cabin,” symbol of Boise in a simpler and more altruistic age.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments for your consideration. I look forward to working with you on a more refined and sensitive plan for the library needs of the citizens of Boise.

Respectfully yours,

David Klinger

Enclosure (Letter of David Klinger of June 29, 2018, to Mayor David H. Bieter)

From: janzendark@juno.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Support for Julia Davis location near Black History Museum
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 10:59:23 PM

To the City Council--I am a member of the Cabin and while I would prefer the building remain in its current location, I would support the Julia Davis location near the Black History Museum. Although I don't care for the library building design (too grandiose, doesn't fit into the natural setting of the greenbelt, parking is an after-thought...) I do believe that IF the Cabin must move, this location will best preserve its functionality and creates a suitable setting for this architectural gem.

Thank you.

Suzanne Janzen
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Boise, ID 83702

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From: [Autumn Street](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Support for Log Cabin Original Site
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:32:29 AM

Hello,

I am writing in support of the preservation of the log cabin on its original site. I ask that you consider the importance of this building and its historic location when planning the renovations of Boise's Library. I believe that we build a stronger city by embracing our history and valuing the buildings that helped build Boise into the thriving city it is today. There is no reason that a new library can't use the log cabin as an asset rather than a hindrance - leaving the cabin on-site would save money that could then be used for the library construction, and would add significance to any new structure that is built adjacent. There is simply no reason to move it, and I believe it is in the city's best interest to leave the cabin on it's current, original site.

Thank you,
Autumn Street

From: [Lynne Tucker](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Support for the Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 2:06:29 PM

Hi there,

I just wanted to send a note about my support for the Cabin. I appreciate that City Council is being thoughtful about the next best steps for the Cabin's location, and I understand that keeping the Cabin's current spot isn't ideal. For relocation options, I do hope that City Council will choose the relocation option that The Cabin's board has approved. This location seems like a "win" for all involved parties.

The Cabin is such an important and special part of the Treasure Valley. Thank you for making sure that The Cabin will continue serving our community!

Best wishes,
Lynne

From: [Nicholas Cofod](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Supporting The Cabin's move to north Julia Davis Park
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 11:15:55 AM

Dear City Council Members:

I am a Boise resident and my family uses the downtown library on a frequent basis. I also participate in many of The Cabin's events and activities. In the time I have lived here, these two entities have had an enormous impact on my ability to feel like a part of Boise's incredible literary community. And both are clearly making a major contribution to Boise's overall sense of community.

I support the new library and that organization's goal of maximizing its ability to serve our residents, and I also support the efforts to ensure that The Cabin can do so as well. The Cabin brings national, award-winning authors to our relatively small city; puts writers into our K-12 schools, with a particular focus on low-income and/or at-risk students; offers summer camps for our children; and offers low- and no-cost workshops and events for our community members. The Cabin produces many of the programs that other literary organizations across the country do – but with a fraction of those other organizations' budgets and staffing levels. This, to me, makes their accomplishments even more impressive.

Organizations like The Cabin are contributing to Boise's increasing attractiveness as a city in which to live and work. That is why I am asking the City of Boise to take care that the library project minimizes the disruption to The Cabin's great work. With the encroachment of two separate projects, its current space has been and will continue to be diminished to the point where remaining on its current site is detrimental to its ability to host summer camps for children as well as outdoor community events. But so will all of the proposed new sites, except for one.

The only site that will ensure that The Cabin does not suffer harm to their ability to continue providing their full array of programs is the one that the City has previously offered – the area currently being referred to as “The Maintenance Yard,” with a full outdoor buffer to make sure children's summer camps can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities and/or other mobility issues.

For more than two decades – 23 years – The Cabin has been dedicated to caring for and improving this historic building owned by the City. Thanks in part to The Cabin's expenditures of its own money and staff time and effort, the building has not only been strongly preserved and well maintained but actually improved. That a small nonprofit has been willing and able to do this, saving the City significant amounts of money over the long term, should, at the least, be repaid with the consideration to give them a new home that is at least as good as the one they have now. To repay years of good faith with a substandard location would be a grave and very short-sighted disservice to The Cabin, its staff and its many constituents.

I understand that the “maintenance yard” land could be sold for a one-time influx of cash. I would argue that The Cabin has already provided a great deal of value to the City, both tangible and intangible. And it's a long-term asset that will continue to provide value to the City and to its people.

The board and staff of The Cabin have the expertise to truly understand what the organization needs in order to continue to function at its current high levels. Please take their knowledge and insights seriously, and show them the same consideration they have given the City over the years.

Thank you,
Nick Cofod
Cabin Board Member
Boise Resident

From: [Kelley Davis](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin - Julia Davis Park is the best site
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:40:30 AM

Hello,

I wanted to express my support for The Cabin and the site that they would like the building moved to - in Julia Davis Park near the Black History Museum.

This would be a beautiful location, in the cultural core of the city, and provide access for people with disabilities.

I am also very excited about the plans for the new downtown library - Boise's libraries are precious.

Thank you,
Kelley Davis
208-861-9553



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From: [Rhi.Mcg](#)
To: [Library.Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:10:32 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Please leave the cabin where it is! Too much about Boise is changing much too quickly.

Thank you,

Rhiannon McGlathery & Family

From: dkushlan@fiberpipe.net
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 2:30:37 PM

This is a tough decision. There is no denying the Cabin is historic and engrained in its location. But for me, the Cabin is important not as much as an historical icon but it's function and the value we, as a community, place on literacy. I think that function and statement can be made equally well in another location, that 70 years from now we will think of just as we do now as the Cabin's special place. The library is too important to this community's future to be thwarted by the controversy with the Cabin. Its time to bold, forward thinking and move ahead with the library. It will be the cornerstone of the City. Thank you.

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From: [SUKI MOLINA](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:55:03 PM

Dear City Council:

I believe that moving the Cabin will cost the City of Boise too much money and that the new library design can incorporate keeping the Cabin in its current location. Please look at a scenario where the Cabin does not need to be moved.

Thank you, Suki Molina

From: [Karen Fullen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 7:13:26 AM

Please keep the Cabin in its original, historic site where its history and significance will best be maintained. Doing so will save hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to better use on mitigating the adverse impacts of all of that glass right next to migratory bird habitat.

Sincerely,

Karen Fullen
2911 W NEFF ST
Boise

From: [Lauren Lavelle](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin and new library campus
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 3:13:06 PM

Dear City Council Members:

As a Boise resident who has recently moved from New York City and who has worked in corporate book publishing for 11 years, I greatly admire and respect The Cabin's effort to increase literacy and literary awareness in community, and I recognize and support the great impact of this fine organization in the community. It is one of the strongest and finest literary non-profits I have encountered in my career in book publishing.

The Cabin brings national award-winning authors to our relatively small city; puts writers into our K-12 schools, with a particular focus on low-income and/or at-risk students; offers summer camps for our children; and offers low- and no-cost workshops and events for our community members. The Cabin carries out many of the programs that other literary organizations across the country do – but with a fraction of those other organizations' budgets and staffing levels. This, to me, makes their accomplishments even more impressive.

Organizations like The Cabin are contributing to Boise's increasing attractiveness as a city in which to live and work. When I moved from NYC, I was not only relieved but JOYFUL to learn about the Cabin and its programs. That is why I am asking the City of Boise to take care that this library project minimizes the disruption to The Cabin's great work. With the encroachment of two separate projects, its current space has been and will continue to be diminished to the point where remaining on its current site is detrimental to their ability to host summer camps for children as well as outdoor community events. But so will all of the proposed new sites, except for one.

The only site that will ensure that The Cabin does not suffer harm to their ability to continue providing their full array of programs is the one that the City has previously offered – the area currently being referred to as “The Maintenance Yard,” with a full outdoor buffer to make sure children's summer camps can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities and/or other mobility issues.

I understand that the “maintenance yard” land could be sold for a one-time influx of cash. I would argue that The Cabin has already provided a great deal of value to the City, both tangible and intangible.

The board and staff of The Cabin have the expertise to truly understand what the organization needs in order to continue to function at its current high levels. Please take their knowledge and insights seriously, and show them the same consideration they have given the City over the years.

Thank you,

Lauren Lavelle

Boise resident since June 2017

Board member of The Cabin since September 2018

From: [Linda Paul](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin and The Library!
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 6:56:13 PM

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

"As an outsider, would the cabin and its users and community lose anything if it were moved? . . . Frankly, (patronizing chuckle) all the excitement about that--its a distraction. As an outsider, without the emotions involved, it could be easily relocated." The words of Architect Moshe Safdie.

Really? Gee, if the State Capitol building were in his way, would he move that too? How about if Auschwitz happened to hamper the maximization of the land it sits on? Would he move that too? This man's attitude is clearly insensitive and unschooled as to the history of The Cabin and all that it represents to the great state of Idaho. He sees it as a provincial little dump that impedes his grand vision of the edifice he dreams of building.

Initially, I had an open mind when I learned that the city had hired an outside architect. I like modern. I like change. But I don't like losing heritage, which we've all done too much of as it is. The Cabin is part of Idaho's heritage in so very many ways. Its siting was carefully thought out, as were the materials used in constructing it. The Finnish carpenters who oversaw the project were also outsiders, but they were not arrogant outsiders. They were men of the forest, men who understood the land and the trees that grow from it and the wood we harvest from those trees. And the young CCC men who built the cabin where outsiders, but they put their hearts and souls into that building--and some of them stayed in the state that they came to love.

After listening to Safdie's condescending explanations about why the Cabin must be moved, I've come to the conclusion that what needs to be moved is Safdie. That the city has indebted itself to the Safdie team by providing 1st class travel and accommodations for this man is salt in the wound. Perhaps you all feel that since you've invested so much of our money in Safdie's team, we can't afford to start all over again. But I say we can't afford to keep paying this mountain of hubris to force his vision of Idaho upon us. We have nationally acclaimed architects with grand vision right here in Idaho.

I say, don't move The Cabin. Move Safdie!

Linda Paul
1715 S Grant Ave
Boise ID 83706

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"One must think like a hero to behave like a merely decent human being." May Sarton.

From: [John Drynan](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin Idaho and Library! synergy
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:30:00 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in regard to the potential move of The Cabin Idaho to an alternate location to make way for the current design of the new Library!.

From a logical perspective it seems odd that the relocation of The Cabin Idaho is even considered as it is also involved in literary arts, reading and writing which would be very synergistic with the Library! in the same vicinity.

The Anne Frank Memorial is parallel to The Cabin Idaho yet there is no talk of relocating that for a new Library!.

It is peculiar that the city councillors are willing to alter our own Idaho history by moving The Cabin Idaho yet leave the Anne Frank Memorial, about someone who lived on the other side of the planet, alone. It makes a common observer think that council members have no interest in preserving Idaho history.

Maintaining The Cabin Idaho in its current location, and leveraging the adjacent Anne Frank space, could greatly improve The Library!'s scope, presence, and reach by organizing various cooperative events, seminars, guest speakers, resident authors, etc.

This is a litmus test to see how council members can embrace all that Boise was and is and what will be. Don't follow in the footsteps of those in the past who razed much of Boise's historic places with an idea to build a shopping mall. I am sure you yourselves shudder at that pathetic blemish in Boise's downtown development past. You know well that cities with an eclectic mix of old and new buildings, parks, art, etc. make it a vibrant life magnet for tourism, new residents, new industries and new corporate offices.

History has a habit of repeating itself - let's create history by accommodating our historic buildings and locations along with all of the new and exciting developments awaiting us. Set an example WORTH repeating. Future Boiseans will look at that plaque on the interior wall of the new Library! whilst gazing upon The Cabin Idaho where it currently stands through the massive riverside windows and give thanks in their hearts to the Boise city council members engraved thereon. I surely will.

Respectfully submitted for your kind consideration,

John M Drynan
901 N 6th St

From: [Michal Yadlin](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] the Cabin in Julia Davis Park
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:05:39 PM

Hello there,

I have attended events at and put on by the Cabin for the last few years and am always blown away by the caliber of speakers that they bring to Boise. I think about how cost prohibitive these events would be in bigger cities and appreciate the Cabin's efforts to add to the cultural landscape of our city.

I think that moving the Cabin to enhance the landscape of Julia Davis Park, juxtaposing the literary culture center of our city with the two historical cultural centers of the new Idaho Historical Museum and the Idaho Black History Museum is the best course of action.

Thank you for taking time to read my email.

Michal Yadlin

From: [Kay Hummel](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:40:17 AM

I support keeping The Cabin on its original site. The in situ historic location is critical. The expense of moving it also has doubled; it will not be surprising to see other expenses greatly increase, e.g. solving the south light problem on all the glazing.

Kay Hummel * Boise, ID

From: [Poodle Lady Idaho](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin location
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 12:11:56 PM

To the City of Boise,

I have been a resident of Boise Idaho since 1965 and appreciate some of the many changes progress and expansion have made in our town. But I implore you to please find a way to keep The Cabin in its current location. History is a vital part of our community.

I can envision it actually being inside the new library, enclosed within the towering glass walls. But please don't move it. It belongs in this spot.

Teresa Lagoski
5022 W Wymosa
Boise ID 83703
208 384 1227

From: [Denise C](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin location
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:24:05 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

i am a member of the Cabin and a huge advocate for the work they do in Boise. That said, I am in favor of moving the building to another location, and expanding the footprint of, and views from, the newly envisioned library.

This perspective is based on these opinions:

1. The Cabin's historical significance is in the building, and not due to the location. (e.g. it is not as if the site is where any part of our history originated or was created....nor is the time period significant in any other way than that which made it possible through the CCC and the times that drove those projects.)
2. The number of people served by the space--The current (and certainly, potential) use of the library astronomically outweighs any foot traffic the Cabin might attract. (ex: In the years i have belonged, i actually visited the building only once or twice a year. The high attendance Cabin events are held elsewhere.) By contrast, my visits to the main library are MANY, and i expect that to expand greatly with the new building and the community access opportunities envisioned. I also expect it to attract and serve MANY more people than today, based on the expanded services, the increased fun in using the services, and the pride/interest in the building.

Thank you for working with the Cabin to secure a new site. My personal preference is the location next to the Black History Museum in Julia Davis Park; but i won't discount another site that provides aesthetic placement, access, parking, and remains in the central core of the cultural district.

And as a footnote, may i also say how excited I am with the library and the grand vision it gives us. In addition to enhancing Boise's image of itself.....i truly believe it will be personally inspiring to any who use it...that it will encourage a new vision of personal possibilities, as we see our surroundings through different eyes. Good job!! and thank you,
Denise Caruzzi
1102 N 19th Street
Boise

From: [Barbara Ginsb](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin Maintaining History & Its Integrity
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 7:07:44 PM

We are patrons of the library and residents of Boise. We are also Pennsylvania natives who watched as old 1700s inns were surrounded by highways making them inaccessible and they had to be moved. The move of any historic structure is expensive and puts it at risk no matter how careful workers are. Also the place of history is lost when a structure is moved. In PA, sometimes historic structures had to move. The Cabin does not have to move. It is not blocking sight lines of the River. It is not in the way or needs improved public access. And it is naturally linked to the Library, a place of reading as the Cabin is a place of writing.

Frankly, we were sad to see the architect's plans for a fancy modern building with so many glass windows which birds will fly into. But to move the Cabin? Ridiculous. Save the money. Maintain the structural integrity of the Cabin. And keep its original location.

We are also very concerned about the decrease in parking spaces for the Library! Relocating parking farther away means seniors walk farther with heavy books and parents need to wrangle small children farther through traffic. Bad weather days is when a library is busier so add snow or rain to that longer walk. Bad idea all around.

Listen to those who actually use the Library! and appreciate history. So many residents complain about too much change. Here's your chance to preserve Boise's heritage. Please act with prudence.

Thank you.

Alan and Barbara Ginsberg
10971 W Oliana Drive
Boise 83709

From: [Diane Schwarz](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin must be supported
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 7:29:43 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am in support of moving The Cabin to the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park, behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abe Lincoln statue. It is ideal for the Cabin in terms of access, parking and safety for their students and programs. This location provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive and ADD VALUE to Boise.

As you all know, The Cabin adds real value to the Boise community. It adds to the economic engine, arts and culture, and is one of the reasons that Boise is an attractive and livable city. Sacrificing this ideal space to commercial special interests would be a betrayal to the people of Boise. In general, I feel the development going on is good for the City, but please don't be greedy and sacrifice a true gem of our city to commercial interests of specific people. The Cabin has worked so hard with The City and created a unique institution that all of us value greatly. It would truly be shortsighted to put commercial interests ahead of the true gems that give our City its real value. The Cabin is priceless and cannot be replaced.

I so appreciate all of the work you do for our City all year long, and I want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Best regards,
Diane Schwarz
876 E Pennsylvania Lane
Boise, ID 83706

Even a purely moral act that has no hope of any immediate and visible political effect can gradually and indirectly, over time, gain in political significance.
Vaclav Havel, writer, Czech Republic president (5 Oct 1936-2011)

From: [Bee Clark](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin proposed move
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 11:59:35 AM

Dear City Council members,

PLEASE do not move The Cabin from it's original and perfect place. Instead of seeing it as an impediment to the new library (which we totally support), this historic building is a glimpse of where Boise started. It's juxtaposition next to the new library building is a visual representation of the historic Boise and what it has evolved into, which is a shining example of a livable city! It would be a mistake, in our eyes, to repeat the mistakes in urban planning that were made during the 60's when Boise started to tear itself down and removed Chinatown and other wonderful buildings from the downtown area.

One has only to walk down from city hall about a block towards 5th on Idaho Street to see the interesting combination of the beautiful brick Queen Ann building with the two turrets (currently housing Ocho's Tango) next to the new and almost completed apartment building on 5th and Idaho. Seen from the corner of 6th and Idaho, it is a stunning look at our past and our future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hari and Bee Clark

From: [Kent Mommsen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: kurt@thecabinidaho.org; tom.killingsworth@wellsfargoadvisors.com
Subject: [External] The Cabin Relocation
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 2:21:13 PM
Attachments: [CABIN city council request 11.19.18.docx](#)

Dear Boise City Council,

Please review the attached request and give it your careful consideration. Thank you very much.

Kent Mommsen CCIM, PhD

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From: Raquelg@cableone.net
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Raquel Guglielmetti](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin Relocation
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:04:38 PM

To Our Boise City Council Members:

My husband and I understand the importance of creating a multipurpose Library! that our community treasures. A library is the center of a city's education and culture. This sentiment is also representative of The Cabin organization. Its programs, such as Writers in the Schools (WITS), summer writing camps, and Readings and Conversations, play an integral role in developing creativity and sharing ideas among our citizens. The City showed faith in its mission many years ago by signing a long-term lease to house this nonprofit in The Cabin building. In turn, The organization's founders and successors have been dedicated to the stewardship this historic structure – raising funds and committing staff time and efforts towards its preservation.

To thrive, The Cabin's program requirements must be given proper consideration when moving the building to a new location. This includes sufficient space to conduct workshops, readings, children's programs, and receptions in the building and surrounding grounds. This organization deserves a safe and peaceful park setting near the downtown core with other community arts partners. Our hope is that you will consider the value of our arts and culture as significant to our community as the economic profit of development.

Please find a location suitable for The Cabin and its nonprofit organization to remain valued assets of our City.

Respectfully,
Raquel & Kjeld Guglielmetti

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1015 N. 19th Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

From: [Louise Poole](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin Relocation
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:53:56 PM

Dear Members of the City Council,

We are writing to you as a Boise tax payer and supporter of The Cabin.

The Cabin adds real value to the Boise community. It adds to the economic engine, arts and culture, and is one of the reasons that Boise is an attractive and livable city. We support the move to the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. While this may be deemed by some as a poor economic decision, we believe that the value of preserving Boise's historic and cultural landmarks, while encouraging educational and outreach programs for generations to come exceeds the gains from selling this piece of land to a developer. This location is a very good alternative site if it must be moved.

Let's get this right and preserve this Boise landmark and make it easy for the community to access the many dynamic programs that are housed in that little log cabin.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Louise and Colin Poole

From: [Melanie Fales](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] the Cabin relocation
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 3:42:24 PM

Dear Public Comment,

We support the decision of the Cabin Board of Directors to accept relocation of the historic building to the old maintenance yard adjacent to Julia Davis Park. We have many concerns about any proposal that would move the Cabin into Julia Davis Park between BAM and the Boise River or the Bandshell.

Sincerely,



Melanie Fales | Executive Director / CEO
Boise Art Museum | 670 Julia Davis Drive | Boise, Idaho 83702
208.345.8330 x111 | F 208.345.2247 | boiseartmuseum.org

From: [Richard and Jamie Schoonveld](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin relocation
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 7:38:42 AM

To whom it may concern:

If The Cabin absolutely must be moved to accommodate the new downtown library, please consider the spot on the northern side of Julia Davis Park. My family of readers and writers feels this is the best option available given it's mission, programs and historical significance. It belongs in the heart of the city and also in the beautiful park setting it has enjoyed for years.

Thank you,

Jamie Schoonveld

From: [Sheri Grow](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin Stays
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:45:24 PM

I strongly support keeping the Cabin on its current site. Boise's history is important to me, and it ought to be important to the people we have elected to take care of our unique city. I understand that a consideration is also that money can be saved by keeping the Cabin where it is, which is a plus, but which is not the primary consideration in any event, for the project.

Let me be very clear: any architect or person involved in the planning process who does not understand or who dismisses the wishes and concerns of most citizens should not be involved in any way with this project and process. Anyone who does not understand or comprehend all aspects of the location in question should step away.

I was born here over 60 years ago. I went to the same high school my parents did. I am a fifth-generation Idahoan, and proud of it. The Cabin is important historically, is a fixture of the landscape of Boise, and is a wanted and needed connection to our history. We have a sad history of making decisions of this sort for "progress" and we have been inevitably sorry later. There are too many blocks in what should be the historic part of Boise where you cannot look up now and know what city you are in. You cannot see the mountains, there are no trees, just sidewalks and buildings and roads and cars with no greenspace. This is not what I want for my city, and I certainly demand better from the officials elected to keep our city great. Keep Boise great, preserve our history.

Keep the Cabin where it is. Relocate the city council as needed if they continue to misunderstand the issue.

Thank you,

Sheri Grow

From: [Mannschreck Schwarz](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin!
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:07:06 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council,

We are in support of moving The Cabin to the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park, behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abe Lincoln statue. It is ideal for The Cabin in terms of access, parking and safety for their students and programs. This location provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive and ADD VALUE to Boise.

The Cabin is a true gem in the Boise community. It adds to the economic engine, arts and culture, and vibrancy of our beautiful city. Sacrificing this ideal space to commercial special interests would be a betrayal to the people of Boise. The Cabin's mission aligns with the vision of other the institutions in Julia Davis Park: Zoo Boise, the Boise Art Museum, the Black History Museum and the Idaho State Museum. The Cabin has worked hard with the city to create this unique, respected institution. It would be shortsighted to put commercial interests ahead of the cultural and educational treasures that give our city its real value. The Cabin is priceless and cannot be replaced.

We appreciate all of the work you do for our City all year long and want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Very sincerely yours,
Molly Mannschreck and Matthew Schwarz

From: [Edith Ward](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 12:59:21 PM

I have lived in the area since 1980 and have always enjoyed seeing the cabin and my daughter has enjoyed workshops there. Please keep the cabin in its current picturesque site. There is no reason to waste hundreds of thousands of the taxpayers' money by moving it.

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Carol E. Ward

From: [Sylvia Nierling](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:53:45 AM

Good morning,

I am writing today in support of moving The Cabin to the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park.

My sister is on the Board of the Cabin and they have indicated this preference as well. It is a perfect setting with easy access-and despite the argument of the value of the land from a commercial stand point, I would hope the City of Boise would make a decision based on other factors besides the financial piece.

It's certainly a factor, but we are a city of values-let's remain that way!

Thank you.
Sylvia Nierling

From: [Sheri Bialke](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:38:49 AM

Please Please Pleas leave the Cabin where it is. Preserve the history of this gem.
Can't the plans for the new library incorporate the Cabin into their plan instead of moving it?
What an even more special place it would be with a new and improved library right next door.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sheri Bialke
2963 S Whitehaven Place
Eagle. ID 83616

From: [Adelia Simplot](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] THE CABIN
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 3:58:57 PM

THE CABIN, BUILT BY THE CCCS IN THE LATE 1930'S MUST BE PRESERVED WHERE IT STANDS. THE PEOPLE OF BOISE WANT IT LEFT THERE AND THE COUNCIL SHOULD ABIDE BY THEIR WISHES.

THE HISTORY OF BOISE IS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE IGNORED AND MUST BE CHERISHED.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND SAVE OUR CABIN. YOU WILL BE THANKED BY A GRATEFUL GROUP OF DEDICATED HISTORIANS AND PRESERVATIONISTS AS WELL AS CITIZENS OF BOISE.

ADELIA GARRO SIMPLOT

From: [Kayti Didricksen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:57:50 AM

Please help the Cabin continue it's important work and mission in Boise, by supporting the literary arts. If the Cabin must be moved, I support their selection to the north side if Julia Davis Park, behind the Black History Museum and Abraham Lincoln Statue.

Thanks for considering our views on this matter.

Kayti Didricksen
208-850-3983

From: [Carolyn Wolfe](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:39:54 PM

I support keeping the Cabin on its original location.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ariela Gruszka](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:30:33 AM

I am writing to voice my concern about The Cabin needing to relocate because the new library design does not incorporate it into the design.

The Cabin is a great asset to our community, my kid and I participate in camps and workshops of high quality. As the option forward is to move The Cabin, I want to ensure you hear my voice to choose the Julia Davis Park location, close to the Idaho Black History Museum, which will be less impactful to The Cabin than other locations being considered.

Best regards,
Ariela Gruszka

From: [Dan Lute](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:07:41 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very unhappy with the city government being willing to sacrifice Boise history to make way for many new developments. The latest being The Cabin, there is something about a place where something belongs that adds to its history and the Cabin is one of those items that needs to stay in its "PLACE". The new library itself is a misfit to a historical place next to the Cabin, the Cabin should stay and the library either adapt or be moved to a different location. If nothing else this multi-talented architect for what the citizens are paying him should be able to use his vast knowledge to incorporate the Cabin into the site.

Save the Cabin at its present location!!!! That's all.

Dan Lute

From: [Annie Hindman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:26:32 PM

Hello,

The Cabin has been a huge part of my life for the past seven or so years, nurturing me as a writer, introducing me to talented and giving people, and teaching me about having purpose and compassion in my life. I want what is best for The Cabin and the thousands of people they serve.

If The Cabin must move, please place it in Julia Davis Park in the location near The Idaho Black History Museum and the Lincoln statue. The Cabin should still be near a park, the Boise river, and the new library, as well as the museums as these are all places writing students visit during workshops and camps, and they all have the same mission to share literature and history, stories and art.

Thank you for listening,

Annie Hindman

From: [Niels Nokkentved](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:02:10 PM

Please consider the hitorical importance of the Cabin's original location, and the importance of keeping there. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Niels S. Nokkentved

From: [A Sills](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:19:16 PM

Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of The writers Cabin. I'm so grateful for the community services The Cabin provides.

The space adjacent to Julia Davis Park provides the best opportunity for The Cabin to continue to grow and thrive.

Please consider the community impact when making decisions about relocation.

Best,
Amanda Sills

From: [Carole](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:00:33 PM

I have been a member of The Cabin since its inception and I appreciate it so much. Please consider keeping it at its current site.

Carole

From: [Pamela Thibeau](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 7:36:42 PM

I'm sorry to hear that there is not a time for Boise citizens to register their opinion about the arrangement of the new library "campus". It seems that an open discussion of public opinion of the people who live in Boise and pay the taxes has not been given a big role in this decision process. No, I am not an architect, but I am an artist and have been a patron of the library and the cabin for many years. If you are calling this a campus, then I feel that clearly defined it as a space where the Cabin should remain. Especially now that I understand that will not impact the second floor view from the library. Keeping it in place will also save a number of older trees that can only enhance the view, quiet traffic noise, and improve the park like setting. Of course, this will also allow us to focus the large amount of money being spent on the main purpose. If Paris can keep a large city park in place for their stunning new Frank Gehry museum, Boise can provide a tranquil setting for its Main Library.

Sincerely, Pamela Thibeau
408 Resseguie St, Boise, ID

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dick Gardner](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:06:34 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Please keep the Cabin in its historical location. Convince your famous architect to drop his arrogance and design a library around the presence of the Cabin. Certainly behind that arrogance and reputation must lay a considerable architectural skill set...

Cordially,

Dick Gardner

Dr. Richard L. Gardner
Bootstrap Solutions

From: [Tammie Collins](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:51:07 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not move the Cabin from its current location. This is an important part of Boise history and I don't think it should be moved to Julia Davis Park or anywhere else in the city than where it currently is. I believe any design for the new library should incorporate the Cabin in its design with ample space for outdoor activities that it now enjoys.

Thank you.

Tamara Collins
2115 Workland Drive
Boise, Idaho 83704

From: [Lucy Smith](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:43:33 PM

The Cabin is such an important part of Boise's heritage, and the site won't look the same without The Cabin on it. Please, please leave The Cabin where it is. It is truly an important landmark in downtown Boise.

Thank you,

Lucy Smith

From: [Rita Rodriguez](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 3:29:36 PM

City Council of Boise,

Removing the Cabin from its original site isn't an option. The site was chosen to display the unique quality of Idaho industry and its people. The Cabin's history enriches our city and state. Let's leave it and its history where it is.

Surely a renowned architect has some regard for saving history--and in the process saving money.

Kind regards,
Rita Branham Rodriguez

From: [Jan Alden](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:09:20 AM

Hello all. I empathize with your being the decision makers in this matter, but I DO have strong feelings about the new library and the threatened relocation of the Cabin. There is room on the site--and room in our hearts--for BOTH. They are compatible. They are complementary. Leave the Cabin where it is. Preserve its history. Encourage reading and writing, education and expression. Sincerely, Jan Alden (former chair of both the Cabin and the Boise Public Library)

From: [Bessie Katsilometes](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:31:04 AM

November 25, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I support keeping the Cabin on its original site. Keeping the Cabin on-site preserves Idaho history and Boise identity with and support of the arts.
Doing so saves hundreds of thousands of dollars for the city that is better spent on a new library while also best honoring the community good.

Sincerely,

Bessie Katsilometes, PhD

From: [Janet Sims](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:26:20 AM

Dear Friends,

Regarding the location/relocation of The Cabin:

First choice: Keep The Cabin on its historic site.

Second choice: Move the cabin to the site behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue.

I look forward to a new library.

Thank you.

Janet Sims
Boise

From: [Susie Vader](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 7:48:39 PM

Dear City Council,

We would like to express our support for keeping The Cabin at its historic location. Its setting is integral in The Cabin's history and we need to preserve it. Plus, the savings from not moving it could be used for the library. Thank you for your consideration.

Dorian Duffin and Susie Vader



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From: [Betsy Graham](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 7:56:11 AM

I can see no compelling reason to move the Cabin.

As I understand it, the library view is above street level, so the Cabin does not block the view.

The close proximity of the library to the literary center can enhance the missions of both facilities.

Keep the Cabin in place and save Boise tax dollars.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Graham

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Laura Spencer](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 9:28:52 PM

Committee members:

Please do not move The Cabin. The city and businesses here keep moving things around or destroying them and soon we won't have the Boise we've known for years and love just the way it is. Progress isn't always good!!

While you're at it, don't spend an outrageous amount of money building a modern library. The old one works fine. Put more money in the community library branches where people live.

Sincerely,
Laura Spencer
2819 S Wise Way
Boise 83716
(In Idaho since 1991)

From: [Nikki](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 10:19:42 AM

With the tremendous growth of this exciting city, it would be a shame to see the last of the small little gems such as the cabin disappear from it's original location therefore, I highly support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it does indeed preserve Idaho history and will save the city tons of money that can be well utilized on the new library which I frequent weekly!

Nikki Russo

From: [RKShirrod](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 4:35:04 PM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent.

From: [Neil Luther](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 7:52:40 AM

Boise City Council,

I hope this email finds you well and everyone enjoyed the recent holiday. I am writing to express my opinion that the City should not move The Cabin from its original spot.

The Cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A component of historic preservation is that the building is where it was original constructed. Moving The Cabin can put this listing on the Register in jeopardy.

Another reason that the City staff seem to be set on moving The Cabin is because it would obstruct the view of the river from the new library. I find this absurd. The city just finished construction of an outdoor class room between The Cabin and the Anne Frank Memorial. This classroom is nearly as tall as The Cabin and has not been mentioned to be torn down to avoid obstructing the view of the river. I also challenge the Boise City Council to take a trip down to the Library and see just how much of the river you might be able to see from what would be the first floor of the future library.

Councilman Ludwig does not believe the Cabin should be moved to the proposed location because of the value of the property and thus is not the best use of taxpayer dollars. If prudent use of taxpayer money is an issue I would like to ask the Councilman if the proposed cost to move The Cabin qualifies. The cost to move is estimated at \$650,000 per <https://www.idahostatesman.com/latest-news/article221775635.html>. This cost has almost doubled from the original released amount and at this point I would expect the price to go up again before any move actually takes place. I do not believe moving The Cabin is a good use of taxpayer money.

In short I do not believe the City has provided any valid reasons why The Cabin should be moved.

I also believe the City Council is doing a disservice to the democratic process by refusing to allow public testimony at the November 27th meeting. No elected official should be afraid to hear what any of their constituents has to say at any time.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Neil Luther
4502 W. Bethel St.
Boise, ID 83706
208-559-7164

From: [Bonnie Krupp](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:56:26 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Save The Cabin in its present location. It gives every Idahoan knowledge and pleasure as they walk or drive by it.

All architects feel their creation is most important and have a sense of false sense of ownership. The old with the new should be accepted. With the cost of the library and every other wish list from the City Council, the taxpayer should have a right to their concept of Boise.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Krupp

From: [Janell Pfoertner](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:45:23 PM

I support keeping the Cabin in it's original location. That will preserve Idaho History and will save thousands of dollars that can be applied to building the new library.

Janell Pfoertner
3417 N. Stone Creek Rd.
Boise, ID 83703

From: [Blaine Johnston](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:01:18 PM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Blaine O. Johnston, A.I.A.
Architect

From: [Rita Sturiale](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:32:09 PM

I definitely support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

Rita Sturiale

From: [Courtney Kirchner](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 2:30:54 PM

I support keeping the cabin on it's original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

**Courtney Brumbach
1002 W Franklin
Boise, ID 83702**

From: [Marybeth Netson](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 1:22:59 PM

Hi,

Please keep the Cabin where it is. The money would be better spent on the library, and the large concrete patio in the plans is unnecessary. It looks like it would be scorching hot in summer. Also, the trees around the Cabin should stay, not be cut down.

Thanks,
Marybeth

From: [ROY F. HEBERGER](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:03:05 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.txt](#)

From my LTEs to the Press and Statesman...

This from the Idaho Press:

From: [VA Crowe](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 10:22:17 AM

Boise City Council Member and Mayor,
Please keep "The Cabin" in it's original location.
The price-tag is too high to move it, as is the price of the new library!
It is a downtown legacy and needs to stay in it's home.
Thank you,
VA Crowe

VALERIE A. CROWE . 208.342.7574

From: [karen knudtsen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 5:28:25 PM

It would be another shame, another break with Boise's history and thus our shared identity as Boiseans, if the cabin is moved, torn down or in any way changed. This historic building should not be altered for the purpose of progress. And I include the green space around the cabin. These precious, historic areas in Boise are few. Leave the cabin ALONE.

Thank you,

Karen Knudtsen
3571 North Rock Creek Lane
Boise, Idaho
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: tmiboise@aol.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 2:11:56 PM

Mayor Bieter and City Council Members,

The ongoing contributions made to our Boise community by The Cabin are at risk without the city council's leadership and focus. If our building remains in its current location, then significant changes need to be made to the new library and related site plan so that patron and handicap access along with outdoor programming space are provided. The modest plan alterations we've seen thus far do not address our concerns or needs. If our building is going to be moved, then the new location should at least maintain the level of access and functionality that we currently have as well as proximity to sister arts organizations and downtown Boise. Of the proposed sites suggested thus far, only the maintenance yard location accomplishes this goal of equivalence.

Regardless of which path ultimately emerges, our organization has already been stressed and distracted by this process and the future impacts look even more daunting. The Cabin has been a good tenant (with approximately 40 years remaining on our current lease with the City), maintaining and improving the leased property while delivering valuable experiences and services to Boise and the surrounding communities. In your decision-making please make sure you acknowledge our history with (and investments in) the building, our contributions to the community, and our functional needs.

Marshall Garrett
Former Board President, The Cabin
Current Ex-Officio Board Member, The Cabin

From: [Carol MacGregor](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [The Cabin](#)
Subject: [External] the Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 9:36:49 AM

The space adjacent to Julia Davis Park seems to be the best option if it must be moved so that the new library can have a river view. It will be expensive and, I hope, safe. The funds from the library will have to pay for this.

I invested for years in The Cabin's building and programs. Its continuance in a place where it can thrive, people can park, programs can be enhanced, and people can learn is very important to me.

Carol MacGregor

From: [Joseph Gallagher](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 2:26:24 PM

I have spend several afternoons walking around the cabin as well as in and out of the cabin.
It's place in the city is paramount and I want it to stay where it is.

Joe Gallagher

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[Boise, Idaho 83704](#)
www.logdoc.com

From: natash1016@aol.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] THE CABIN
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:17:29 PM

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

We the citizens of Boise deserve, and have an obligation to a great historic building, to keep the Log Cabin where it is.

I understand that our Log Cabin is the only remaining log cabin structure in an urban setting built by the CCC during the New Deal.

That certainly has significance for Boiseans, and you have heard from hundreds, if not thousands, that want it to remain on its original, historic site.

It is of the upmost urgency to preserve The Cabin and keep it where it now sits. With all due respect, the architect of the project, Mr. Safdie, is thinking only of the new

library design and not the lifelong impact it will have if the The Cabin is moved. He does not reside here nor does he plan to. I think it is more important to listen to the

citizens and taxpayers of the city. So much of the city's historical buildings were lost in the 60s and 70s. Presently, the city has lost many historic homes in the area of

St. Luke's Hospital. Let's not lose The Cabin. Please consider keeping The Cabin where it belongs - by the Boise River.

Sincerely,

Barbara Winston-Powell

From: [marliece thomas](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Ted Vanegas](#); [Terri Schorzman](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 12:10:04 PM

Mayor Bieter
City Council Members
Library Project Planning Team

The Cabin should remain on its current site, where history happened.

Further, no organization renting space from the City should determine the fate or future of the structure they occupy. The Cabin belongs to the people of Boise, and their voice should determine the location of this building. The people have called loud and clear for The Cabin to remain in its current location - throughout the July open house series and feedback period, and ever since through online surveys and editorials, the resounding voice for The Cabin has been to leave it where it is.

I question how The Cabin's presence is any more of a sightline interruption than the new Wassmuth Center structure or the trees along the river. Mr. Safdie made his disdain for our "pastoral" Cabin, our trees, and our history in general known during his remarks at JUMP in September. I left that evening with even more concerns and questions about this project.

Tuesday's work session agenda lists that Planning & Zoning is seeking direction on the Library Campus project. There are so many serious issues and concerns surrounding this ill-timed and unfunded project. I strongly encourage you to stop now before more precious city resources are used on another expensive architectural services contract. This is not the right time, the right price, or the right design concept for our City.

Sincerely,
Marliece Thomas
Boise, Idaho
marliece@yahoo.com

My previous email on this subject for your consideration.

Mayor Bieter
City Council Members
Arts & History Department

How do we keep Boise "Boise?"

Through the 1960-1980s, we saw wide swaths of historic Boise buildings demolished, which led to the creation of historic preservation districts, including the South 8th Street "Warehouse" Historic District in 1982. Residents and city leaders at that time recognized that preserving the unique character and culture of our city is imperative to a growing Boise, and that preserving spaces and structures is part of that effort.

The Main Library proposal as outlined would result in the loss of three historic buildings - a horrible precedent for the city to set in today's rapid growth climate.

As a long-time Boise resident, I am extremely concerned about the pending potential demolition of the Salt Lake Hardware Company building (housing the current Main Library!) and the Zellerbach Paper/GE Supply building

(Foothills school), as well as the relocation of the Cabin. The Library! and school are both excellent examples of Boise's commitment to sustainability and preservation of culture through adaptively reusing existing structures. If these buildings are allowed to be demolished, a piece of our history is lost and the foundation of our culture is damaged.

What if the South 8th Street Historic District had not been founded? We would not have the wealth of adaptively reused buildings that house the cultural district and BoDo. It would be a significant loss to the unique cultural heritage that attracts people to Boise and benefits residents.

I implore you to extend the South 8th Street Historic District for inclusion of eligible historic buildings from Fulton Street to the river. Local district designation serves to protect places that matter to Boise, in this case the Salt Lake Hardware Company and Zellerback buildings, which should be incorporated into a new Library campus rather than be demolished. Our shared history is important to our culture and character as a city and as a people; preservation provides an authentic sense of place to who we are and how we have evolved as a city. Protecting this history is one way we can help keep Boise "Boise."

From: [Susan Medlin](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:46:19 PM

I am sorry the cabin has to move. But, given that it must, the Julia Davis alternative close to the Black History Museum seems most in keeping with the cabin's history, mission and needs. And it would retain the Park feel in its surroundings. I urge you to make Julia Davis Park the future home of The Cabin.

Susan Medlin

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lee Hipsher](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 4:02:23 PM

I am concerned about the relocation of The Cabin. I would like to express my opinion. I prefer the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. I believe that this location is the only option that provides a safe, tranquil space for our literary programs while preserving easy access to our classrooms, boardrooms, and offices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee K. Hipsher
2897 E. Ragusa Lane
Meridian, ID 83462

From: [Martha Lane](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 1:59:49 PM

The loss of this location is tragic enough for the city of boise but to move it to a location other than by the African American museum is unacceptable. This tiny jewel in our city exposes students and us to the joys of literature and expression.

The cost of this move is abhorrent along with the swelling cost of the library when the need for affordable housing is so great. A great library does not have to bankrupt its citizens.

Once again I have heard that the cost of the land at the park is too expensive for the likes of the cabin (it was also used by the church of the Rockies when discussing affordable housing). When has the Bottom Line been more important than our stewardship of this city and its inhabitants?

Martha Lane

From: [Jamie Hausman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin's relocation
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 12:29:31 PM

Hi there,

I'm writing to urge your committee to approve the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue for the relocation of The Cabin. We believe that this location is the only option that provides a safe, tranquil space for their literary programs while preserving easy access to our classrooms, boardrooms, and offices.

Thank you,
Jamie Hausman

From: [Malia Collins](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Importance of The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 12:10:36 PM

Dear City Council Members:

I've lived in Boise for the past twenty years and my family and I deeply value the vibrant reading and writing community we have in this town. It is with this love that I send this letter. I believe The Cabin and the Library! both contribute positively to our community, and I hope you will equally prioritize both programs as you contemplate plans for the new Library! building.

The Cabin brings national award-winning authors to our relatively small city; puts professional writers into our K-12 schools through their Writers in the Schools programs; offers summer camps for our children; and low- and no-cost workshops and events for our community members. The Cabin has brought in writers who've made us feel and think, writers whose ideas are both timely and universal. Clearly, The Cabin contributes immensely to Boise's increasing attractiveness and provides a great public service.

I support construction of a new library building and expansion of literary services the new building will bring. I understand that it's not reasonable for The Cabin building to remain where it is. My concern is that the City Council and Mayor recognize the importance of The Cabin and their programs and to prioritize The Cabin location for the benefit of their programs.

The only site that will ensure that The Cabin does not suffer harm to their ability to continue providing the full array of programs is the one that the City has previously offered – the area currently being referred to as “The Maintenance Yard,” with a full outdoor buffer to make sure children's summer camps can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities and/or other mobility issues.

I urge the Council to look to the public good and literary arts values that will sustain far into the future by providing the best physical structures and locations for both the Library! and The Cabin.

I urge you to relocate The Cabin building, as previously identified, to land currently owned by the city on part of the maintenance yard near the Black History Museum and Lincoln Statue with sufficient outdoor easement to accommodate youth summer camp programs and other Cabin activities.

Thank you,

Malia Collins

From: [Patricia Northrop](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Library Campus and The Cabin
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:59:21 AM

Dear Boise City Council -

I understand that you are taking comments before your meeting regarding the proposed new Library Campus.

I am concerned about the welfare of The Cabin. I understand that The Cabin will be moved to accommodate the new Library and I hope you will choose the location behind the Black History Museum.

We are supporters of The Cabin and cannot commit to help funding the new Library without a confirmed plan for The Cabin's future.

Thank you for taking public comments.

- Patricia Northrop

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Sent from [Postbox](#)

From: [Diane Plastino Graves](#)
To: [Library Campus](#); [Mayor Bieter](#); [Lauren McLean](#); [Elaine Clegg](#); [Scot Ludwig](#); [Lisa Sanchez](#); [TJ Thomson](#)
Subject: [External] The Log Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:24:43 AM

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

We deserve, and have an obligation to a great historic building, to keep the Log Cabin where it is.

My search seems to indicate our Log Cabin is the only remaining log cabin structure in an urban setting built by the CCC during the New Deal.

That certainly has significance for Boiseans, and you have heard from hundreds, if not thousands, that want it to remain on its original, historic site.

But we also have an obligation to the history of our Country. While Boise has received laudatory press coverage nationally, it has quickly turned negative, with the impacts of homelessness, sprawl, and unaffordable housing.

Do we also want the next negative national story to be about the city that once again eviscerated its own history by moving this cherished, celebrated, and historically important building from its historic site? Because *what* the Log Cabin is and *where* it is are the same thing.

We dismantled many significant historic buildings once, in the 70s and 80s. We don't need to revisit that dark time again.

Let us be known locally and nationally as the City that revered its—and our Nation's--history by saving the nationally-significant Log Cabin in its historic home.

Most sincerely,

Diane Plastino Graves

From: [Kerry Cooke](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Log Cabin's Significance to Boise
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 8:48:36 PM
Attachments: [Cabin comments CC KCooke.docx](#)

Members of the City Council and Library Board:

Please consider my comments, as attached.

Thank you.

Kerry Cooke

From: [Steve Jakubowics](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The new library and it's impact
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 10:17:09 AM

There are many questions that are unresolved surrounding the proposed new library. As a resident of Boise for 40 years now, I have watched the loss of Boise's past, it's historic structures, livability, etc. to parking garages, hotels, and unmanaged and uncontrolled development all to bring \$\$\$ to Boise's quest for more \$\$\$.

Whether a new library should be built at all has never been brought before the people. I am a big supporter of the library, but not to the detriment of our almost completely lost history, natural environment, etc. You at City Hall have lost the values that make for a great city.

You preach "sustainability", yet after spending who knows how much money for an unnecessary redo of the plaza outside city hall, there isn't even a bike rack in front!! What the ???

I will not reiterate the reasons the "historic" cabin should be left in place and alone in one of the few remaining green spaces on Capital Boulevard. You have already heard from others all the valid arguments for leaving the cabin in place, all of which I fully support.

Boise has gone amuck. You have created a nightmare of a city. Clogged with traffic that doesn't move but one traffic light at a time. Vehicles idling at traffic lights is when the greatest vehicular emissions occur! The historic district is a joke. My street is the perfect example. They tore down everything historic for huge houses and garages with apartments above, all for increased tax revenue for the city. I no longer have a view of the sky and north end trees; just structures all around me. The lava rock walls along the alley are gone. This is historic preservation!!?? Air Force overflights and laser beam exercises downtown, what are you thinking but \$\$\$.

Slow down city "leaders". Take a deep breath. You are doing things without any involvement from the public who live here. Maybe the new library, if justified, (have you even considered renovating/expanding the existing structure!??) should be built at a different location. What's the rush here?

How about public input and meetings before moving forward? The cabin should not be moved or sacrificed for the new library. You could build it, if proven necessary, where one of the parking garages or hotels which dominate downtown Boise's skyline now occupy. The new library can be put somewhere else if justified. The "cabin" needs to be left alone and in place. Context and place is one of the first parameters considered in historic preservation.

I've said enough. My beloved city is no longer beloved. Slow down and think before you act. Once history is lost it cannot be restored or resurrected.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jakubowics
908 N. 21st Street
Boise, Idaho

From: [bev.harad](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Tuesday's meeting re: Cabin
Date: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:25:49 PM

From: bev harad <bevharad@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2018 7:52 PM
To: Lauren McLean; elaine clegg; sludwig@cityofboise.org; lsanchez@cityofboise.org; hwoodings@cityofboise.org; TJ Thomson
Subject: Tuesday's meeting re: Cabin

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!!

My name is Bev Harad, and I'm writing to you as the 5-year Chair of the Boise Library Foundation Board, as well as one of the co-chairs (along with my husband) of the Boise Library Philanthropic Campaign. The new Library Project is very meaningful to us. We have, happily, made a very substantial donation to the New Main Library Project. We believe in the Library's ability to reach, engage, and help ALL community members, regardless of age, race or gender.....all for free!! No other Boise nonprofit can make this claim!! We, also, feel that the time has arrived when the Boise community should have an iconic structure of which they can be proud.

Due to my visibility with the Library and Campaign, I continue to receive a huge number of messages and questions from community members. Most of the comments focus on the same areas. I would like to share these with you... and, by the way, I agree with all of them.

CABIN'S NEW LOCATION: callers agree with the Cabin's preference to be relocated adjacent to the Black History Museum and the Lincoln statue in Julia Davis Park. That location reinforces the cultural atmosphere in the Park and provides increased visibility for the Cabin. It provides increased parking opportunities; many of the Cabin visitors have young children or are senior citizens and not necessarily cyclists. It also preserves the integrity of the Park. Citizens are growing tired of seeing commercial development in every available space. Sometimes we have to sacrifice increased City revenue to maintain the beauty of Boise.

SEVEN MONTHS TIME LAPSE FOR A DECISION: all of the delay has reduced the credibility of the City's commitment to the Library Project. Many potential supporters are debating the risk of making a donation to the Campaign given all the uncertainty surrounding the decision about the Cabin. I personally have received an e-mail from a prospective seven-figure donor who "did not trust the City" to provide accurate information about its negotiations with the Cabin. Our communication ended well, but how many others may not have taken the time to e-mail or call me?

I understand that some of you may have your personal preferences, but I am asking all of you to put those preferences aside and focus on the benefit to the community

as a whole. A unanimous vote in favor of the Cabin's preferred new location would be a great message to send to the community, and would certainly benefit the campaign for the New Main Library. If that may be too much to ask, please consider recusing yourself.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this info with you...being a public official is never easy...

Bev Harad

bevharad@hotmail.com

208 345 0808

From: [Lothar Pietz](#)
To: [Library Campus](#); kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Subject: [External] We <3 The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:48:01 AM

I have been involved with The Cabin since 2012, when I joined the Live Poets Group. The Group meets at The Cabin twice a month. I have had a poem published in the 2016 anthology, *Writers in the Attic, Water*. I am a dues-paying member of The Cabin since 2013.

When we first heard about the suggested move of the building, my wife's first comment was to move the building somewhere near The Black History building. I quickly concurred. This site has all kinds of advantages, the major one which is it would be close to its original site.

I believe The Cabin provides unique services to the community. Boise should be proud to have this organization in the heart of the city. And, as long as the city insists on expanding the library to include The Cabin footprint, it is very important that the city make every effort to make sure The Cabin has a happy new site. The loss of The Cabin would do great harm to the literary scene in Boise, as I am sure you are aware. This note is to add my comment to the many others who have also expressed interest in the future of The Cabin.

Thank you for your serious consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Lothar Pietz
5109 W. Cove St.
Garden City ID 83714
(208-853-0295)

A NEW MAIN LIBRARY *and* CENTER FOR ARTS & HISTORY

Cabin Location Options Initial Report - Public Input

As of 12:20 p.m., 11/26: 301 EMAILS

Keep Cabin On-Site: 167 (55%)

- There was no preference between Option A or B; general sentiment was that it should be possible to "make the design work"
- Typical response expressed concern for the \$ needed for move
- I don't recognize many of these names and some even specifically say "I used to live in Boise..." or site residency in other locations
- 341 have signed the Change.org petition. While not considered part of the public input record, should be noted

Move the Cabin - Option 2: 100 (33%)

- Response was typically to "move the Cabin to the property adjacent Julia Davis Park," and did not site a preference between Option A or B

Move the Cabin - Unspecified Location & OTHER: 34 (11%)

- Input in this category indicated support for moving the Cabin but did not site a preference for location - OR...
- General feedback not related to the Cabin - I will parse this out for the final report



From: [Jeffrey Janis](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Matlock Allen](#); [Amanda Brown](#); [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: David Klinger Letter
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:38:21 AM
Attachments: [D.KlingerCabinRelocationComments112018.pdf](#)
[image003.png](#)

Good morning,

Please add the attached letter to the record for the potential relocation for The Cabin.

Thank you,
Jeff



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From: [Mayor Bieter](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: FW: [External] 1939 CCC Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:40:09 AM

Good morning,

Please add the below email to the record for the potential relocation of The Cabin.

Thank you,
Jeff

From: Linda J. Lear <linda@lindalear.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Mayor Bieter <Mayor@cityofboise.org>; kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Cc: Library Campus <librarycampus@cityofboise.org>
Subject: [External] 1939 CCC Cabin

Dear Mayor Beiter, President Killingsworth, Members of Boise City Council,

I write to you with respect for your civic responsibilities and out of my deep experience as a New Deal historian (including a biography of Harold Ickes, Secy of the Interior under FDR who began the CCC) and as the biographer of Rachel Carson, and as an environmental scholar.

The "CCC1939 Cabin" is not an insignificant property, small as it may be, and unprepossessing it may seem as an architectural structure. It is, and it has been, a touchstone of the city's past and a reminder of its legacy to the Great Depression and the natural disasters of the 1930s. The CCC was crucial to Idaho and to the West. The opportunity to preserve it in place comes at a time when we are vividly reminded of our debt to those who preserve our natural resources and who fight fires to save our forests and habitat. It serves as a physical reminder of the government/citizen partnership and ability to survive hard times and to move on to a future based on the abundance provided by the area's natural environment. The 1939 Cabin reminds all of us of the crucial mission which the CCC had labored so hard to protect.

Historic property moved; is History lost. Property with historic meaning as the 1939 CCC Cabin is, has a mythology all its own that

draws people entering into it to see their own lives in relation to what went before: and hopefully to affirm what they are called upon civically to protect in the city of Boise and in the great northwest in the 21st century.

As someone who has studied the New Deal in depth, I affirm the contemporary significance of saving the 1939 CCC Cabin on its **original site**. It is a structure to be cherished as historic memory and gives the citizens of Boise a respect an important perspective on their own lives in the 21st C. The dark days of the Great Depression and the new days of hope offered by the New Deal and the CCC had an historic impact on the daily lives of the citizens of Boise unlike any other period.

Moving the 1939 Cabin to another site removes the vital significance of both place and time. It is not repeatable in another place, however benign or convenient.

A CCC cabin anywhere in the US is vital history to be preserved. But because of its historic value as a reminder of the dark days of work of the CCC during the Great Depression in the West, the 1939 CCC cabin it is especially vital. Boise has a civic and historic structure of immense historic significance on its original site and in its historic context. I hope that you will vote to preserve it in place.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Lear, Ph. D.

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From: [Mayor Bieter](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Keep the Cabin where it is
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:39:23 AM

Good morning,

Please add the below email to the record for the potential relocation of The Cabin.

Thank you,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Comcast <pep4223@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:30 PM
To: Mayor Bieter <Mayor@cityofboise.org>
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin where it is

Mayor of Boise,

I heard from friends that the historic Cabin of Boise is in jeopardy of being moved or destroyed. I am shocked, as I am a former resident of Boise, living in the Silverwood subdivision at the time. I am horrified to hear of the rampant development happening in Boise, and the lack of wanting to preserve our history. Once you move it, it will never be the same, nor will it be as valuable as it is now.

Please do not make this mistake.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joette Borzik
Formerly of S Redhawk Place
Boise

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Donna Yule](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin location.
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:57:04 AM

I'm perfectly fine with moving the Cabin. It would be great in the Park.

Donna Yule
210 Wallace St

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bob Taunton](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Relocation
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:00:29 AM

I was pleased to learn that the Cabin leadership and the City are engaged in a positive exploration of an alternate site for the Cabin in the Julia Davis Park area. I believe the selection of one of the options will prove to be a superior location due to the park setting and improved parking and access.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Bob Taunton
208-401-5505 (cell)
bobtaunton@gmail.com

From: annetterun@aol.com
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:38:30 PM

I'm fine if the cabin is moved to the park.

But I want care to be taken that the new library doesn't overwhelm the greenbelt or the river and the habitat. Push the building back.

Thanks
Annette Hanson
Boise, ID 83712

From: [Wanda Firman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 3:26:26 PM

The Cabin, and all the outreach of literacy in our community that the Cabin provides, is very important to our family. Please make the best choice for a practical and attractive spot for that building, preferably on the Julia Davis site, near the Boise River. Wanda Firman

From: [Lynsey Winters Juel](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:32:59 PM

I support the option of moving The Cabin to Julia Davis Park. For the past few summers, my kids have taken writing camps through The Cabin-- a highlight of their summers. When I discussed the potential move with my kids, they had strong opinions about the importance of the location. A significant part of the writing camps involve accessing nearby sites for writing inspiration. During the week of camp, they often walk the Greenbelt and visit the library, art museum, Freak Alley and the Anne Frank Memorial. Being in the downtown area near the river and the parks is key to the tone of The Cabin's stellar kids' summer camps! Additionally, the location is along a bus line and near many places of work allowing families to juggle camp drop-off and pick-ups with work schedules.

Thank you for your consideration and the time you are spending helping ensure that the historic and cultural influences of The Cabin are kept intact and preserved for Boiseans.

Lynsey Winters Juel
208-906-4493

From: [Nancy Kobe](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:26:33 AM

I am in support of moving the Cabin to Julia Davis Park rather an other location.

From: [Jared Ostyn](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library comment
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 10:37:53 PM

I approve of the current plan. Just keep in mind that the courtyard will get hotter than blazes in the summer. Maybe leave room for the trees to grow into the design?

Good luck!

-Jared Ostyn

From: [Stephen Hill](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Move the Cabin
Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 9:17:18 AM

I usually advocate in the same way Preservation Idaho calls for, including a plan to attend the hearing for the new proposed historic district along Main St. near St. Luke's & the old Assay Office.

However, in this case I strongly prefer the Cabin be moved to whatever site in Julia Davis Park the City, Library and the Cabin can agree to. Near the bandshell might be best, and I don't think it a huge imposition in a growing city to expect patrons to walk 1-2 blocks (incl. from the pending new library garage or existing Rose Garden/Zoo parking), so long as adequate handicap parking is provided adjacent. This location would allow similar riverfront views and scenery for outdoor programming, while also protecting the possibility of an affordable housing development on the current maintenance lot at appx. 5th x Myrtle-- something else the city sorely needs. Close to the Lincoln statue could also be ideal so long as a large portion of the maintenance lot isn't devoted to Cabin parking.

Any location within Julia Davis I expect will prevent extra construction costs for the new library (e.g. raising the height), which is a worthy but expensive undertaking for taxpayers as is.

Lastly, I find it inappropriate to apply the normal thinking of protecting historic structures ON their original site when my understanding is that the Cabin building was moved to it's current location from another site anyway. It also was historically a USFS cabin rather than something always tied to literacy, creative writing or language arts. Thus, both the original site and the mission have changed over the decades already.

Thank you for your time & efforts negotiating this issue with each other. I and the family look forward to enjoying both institutions & their programs.

Stephen H. Hill

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From: [Elizabeth Langley](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Move the cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 7:19:23 AM

I support moving the cabin across the street so we can have a world class library building designed by a world famous architect in Boise Idaho!!

Elizabeth Langley
208.918.9085

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Elizabeth

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From: [Ken and Molly Reed](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] New Location for the Cabin
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 2:20:05 PM

Hello,

Just voicing my opinion regarding a new location for the Log Cabin Literary Center. I believe that the Cabin should indeed be moved in order to best facilitate the new Library! complex. That said, I also strongly believe that the Cabin should be relocated as close as possible to its existing location, in terms of distance, accessibility, and park-like setting. In short, the BEST possible relocation spot would be literally across the street, adjacent to (or in?) Julia Davis Park. While representing a significant savings in simple moving costs (the greater the distance, the greater the cost), this new location would preserve all the best features of the current location, remain close to the Library!, easily accessible by bicycle and public transportation, be near the Historic Museum (the Cabin is, after all, another historic building), and in an even better "park" location. A win for everyone involved!

The Log Cabin Literary Center is an important cultural and educational asset to the residents of the City of Boise. My daughter's absolute favorite activity every summer when she was a student in junior and high school was attending the writing workshops for kids. I firmly believe that those experiences helped her develop into the eloquent writer she is today. Please make certain that The Cabin is moved to its best possible new home, remaining a wonderful resource to our community. Thank you for your time,

Molly Reed

From: [Andy Heidelberg](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin location
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 5:05:45 PM

I'm an avid user and lover of the Library! and have been following the discussions regarding the remodel of the Main Branch and the possible relocation of The Cabin.

I understand why people want it to remain in its current location or nearby. I'd like to suggest something else.

Move The Cabin to a grassy area at a School.

My suggestion is based on Bown House at Riverside Elementary. My daughter went there and having it onsite and integrated into part of her learning experience and the local community was wonderful. I think doing something similar at a different school would work just as well. And who knows, maybe it would inspire young future writers.

Andy Heidelberg
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Boise

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From: [Amy Collins](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin relocation site
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 10:22:44 PM

Good evening,

I am writing because, as someone who has lived in Boise for over 10 years, loves to read, and deeply values our open space, I wanted to add my input on moving the Cabin.

First of all, I 100% support a new library. I grew up eagerly looking forward to trips to the library. Shortly after moving to Boise I made sure get a library card. I am still amazed at what an incredible resource this is to be offered to everyone in our community for FREE. Seems too good to be true. Our current library has no natural light or character making it a place I never want to linger in. I believe a new space would bring the community in.

From what I understand the Cabin needs to be moved for the new library to take shape. I love the idea of moving it to Julia Davis park. With its deep history, it belongs in a peaceful setting amongst other historical buildings. It made me sick to read councilor Ludwig's feedback that the land should be developed for the city to make money. I don't think this is considering what will truly make our city livable and vibrant in the long run. I also don't think it takes into account what the people of the city want. As a Boise citizen and homeowner, I would like to see the areas surrounding Julia Davis to remain park-like and for this land to be used for something that is accessible to the people of our city. The Cabin would be a perfect fit for this location.

Sincerely,
Amy Collins

From: [TRACIE BOYER](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:21:10 PM

I love the Cabin and have sent my daughters to summer camps there.

Frankly, the cabin is currently in an awkward and inappropriate location. Capital Boulevard is the heart of Boise and should be beautiful and impressive. The new library will be a beautiful centerpiece between the capital building and the train station. The cabin just doesn't fit there.

I've heard the Cabin called Boise's heritage. The building has been in Boise for a while, but the Cabin is fairly new and not anybody's heritage. The building itself is not all that impressive, or historically significant. I would love to see the cabin moved into a park along the river. The Cabin activities would be able to go on as always and it could flourish. Moving it would not hurt it one bit. They could even get decent parking.

Leaving the cabin where it is would be foolish and short-sighted. Boise is changing. That is a fact. That is even a good thing. We can make Boise even better, and this new library will be a gift to the city. Leaving the cabin where it is would ruin the aesthetic of this beautiful new library. I don't want to say that the Cabin is an eye-sore, but it will be if it is left in place within the context of the new design. I find this Cabin uproar ridiculous.

Thanks,
Tracie Boyer

From: [Mary Alice Glen](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:50:25 PM

I am in favor of moving the cabin to a new site, and building the new library that has been proposed.

Thank you,

Mary Glen

Mary A. Glen

From: [JOYCE T. TAYLOR](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:14:45 PM

The site that The Cabin prefers is important to consider. They know their needs better than outsiders (or even insiders). Yes, that \$650,000 (which seems ridiculously high - structures get moved around Boise for less than that) could be used on the new library. And having an award winning architect will make Boise be taken seriously as a cultural center so I'm all for the new library. Just do something that makes it less stressful on all concerned and gets things moving on a new library.

From: [Halford, Fredrick \(Kirk\)](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:32:30 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am sending this email in support of maintaining the Cabin in it's current location. Location and setting are key elements of a site/structures significance.

Moving the Cabin will severely diminish it's significance and request that the library expansion incorporate the Cabin in it's current location and configuration.

Working the Cabin into the libraries expansion will enhance the the Library by incorporating a piece of Boise's historic fabric into the architecture, a win/win.

Thank you,

F. Kirk Halford

Deputy Preservation Officer/State Archaeologist

WO240 Cultural Heritage Program Geospatial Archaeologist (acting)

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From: [Jeffrey Janis](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Please move the Cabin so the Library can go forward
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:38:18 AM

Good morning,

Please add the below email to the record for the potential relocation of The Cabin.

Thank you,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: C K Sage <seeksalvia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Mayor Bieter <Mayor@cityofboise.org>
Cc: info@preservationidaho.org
Subject: [External] Please move the Cabin so the Library can go forward

Mayor Bieter,

I'd like to throw my opinion into the mix concerning the proposed relocation of the Cabin to a site in the Park. With all respect and affection for the dimension of our history that the Cabin represents, I also believe that our new library as planned is a huge new and significant asset that should not be compromised by misguided nostalgia for the Cabin.

Having owned an historic (and registered on the National Register) hotel in Montana for 20 years, I fully appreciate the importance of historic structures. As we all know, one of our less impressive chapters in our hometown included the loss of a lot of iconic downtown structures. But history is not just flies in amber; it is dynamic, self referencing and forward thinking as well as rear viewed.

We have some terrific relocation precedents in Boise! Look at the huge success of the move of the Ahaveth Beth Israel synagogue! History will not be "lost" if we relocate the Cabin to a new location in the Park behind the Museum. "Context" is a relative term, and the fact that the Cabin would still be adjacent to the Boise River is significant. We're not moving it out by the Birds of Prey! Interpretative signage is an opportunity, and frankly, I could argue that the Cabin will be better "presented" and served by being in a cluster of similarly significant structures. There would be a synergistic impact of buildings there.

Thanks for listening.

Respectfully,

Caren Sage

C K Sage
seeksalvia@gmail.com

From: [Trish Gallagher](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keeping the Log Cabin on the original site
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 5:03:06 PM

Sirs,

I support keeping the cabin in its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library.

So much of this city's history has been torn down for "progress" hospital expansion, new office buildings, etc. While a lot of fuss has been made regarding this historic and meaningful building, nothing is said about the Anne Frank Memorial. It is in line with the cabin site and yet is not brought up in the conversations. The new library concept has many glitches to be worked out, parking being one of the more important. Many opinions , many ideas, one correct decision to preserve an important structure. Moving the building is not a good solution, in my opinion.

**Respectfully,
Trish Gallagher**

From: [Ranelle Nabring](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Comments Re: The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:53:35 PM

As a resident of Boise since 1976, I have seen the city grow and change. One change I would hate to see is the removal of The Cabin, to make way for the new library. There is no reason to move this historic building, which is so central to the economic, historic and cultural development of not only Boise, but our entire state. I am concerned that the cost would be prohibitive, but also that we would lose another tie to our sense of shared history.

I think the esteemed architect of the new library campus does not speak for Boiseans, nor can he possibly understand why so many of us are willing to fight for the retention of the cabin at its original site. This is another case of "Call In the Experts" - oh WAIT, we are the experts, since this city belongs to us.

Sincerely,
Ranelle J Nabring

From: [J Hull](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Jim Hull](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin!
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:52:20 PM

I support keeping the cabin at its original location. Keeping it on-site preserves an important part of Idaho's history and keeps the cabin relevant to Boise's sense of place. Leaving it on-site will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on OTHER MORE PRESSING AND NEEDED PROJECTS. Projects that will better serve the needs of ALL of Boise's residents such as more branch libraries, additional parks, and affordable housing.

Once a historic building is removed from its original site, it becomes a just building, losing its context and position in the fabric of time and place. The cabin represents more than just rooms for writers to meet. It represents Idaho and our legacy of forestry, one of the industries that helped shape our modern state. To move the cabin from a perfectly accommodating and legitimate place, just so the architect of the proposed new library can complete his vision of a grandiose and pretentious plaza to go along with his grandiose and pretentious building (the cabin is not in the way of any actual structures), makes no sense. This is OUR city and we should have a say in how it develops. The cabin (and the existing library building) is an integral part of what makes Boise a unique and livable city. To remove these buildings just so we can claim a famous (and out of state and out of touch) architect designed a building for us, is ridiculous.

The whole idea of replacing a perfectly sound and usable library building, the product of a creative and local process to reuse a historic warehouse, makes ZERO financial sense. The estimated cost of \$100 million to build a new library could be better spent to build more branch libraries, which is actually what the citizens of Boise want from their library system. Or \$100 million could go a long way toward remodeling the existing library with plenty of funds left unspent. Or those funds could be used to build parks (such as Spaulding Ranch, which is on hold pending funding), more affordable housing, or even a better bike trail system that could benefit ALL of the citizens of Boise, not just downtown residents and library patrons. The branch library in my neighborhood is a very busy place and its meeting rooms are booked out months in advance. That's what people really want from their modern library system: a place to meet and share information. Everything is moving the way of electronic data and places to store dusty paper volumes is going the way of the dodo bird. The call for a

new and larger library building is a thinly veiled attempt by City Hall to leave a selfish legacy of new construction that really says "Yes, we are getting to be a big monotonic city like every other big city, come here and you won't know the difference from where you came."

PLEASE reconsider funding the whole library project. At the very least, STAND UP and protect the cabin and keep Boise and Idaho's history intact. Right where it happened. On the banks of the Boise River. The citizens of Boise demand fiscal responsibility and this cannot be achieved if this grandiose, wasteful, and unneeded project is allowed to move forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Jody Hull
7916 W. Queen Ct., Boise
Resident of Boise since 1995**

"Sometimes the people who live in a place have to stand up in the face of an unwise turn their city is about to take. Whether "The Cabin" remains where it was intended to be--or summarily carted off in the face of looming over-development--is much more than a conversation about the movement of a little writer's hut. It's a needed debate about what Boise is becoming...and whether the people who live here have any say in their destiny. It's a debate about whether the past matters anymore as we are charting our future. It's about whether there's room left for small places and little oases in the middle of big ideas and grand visions. It's a matter of whether the average person--you and I--count for much anymore in the "new Boise"." ~ David Klinger, Boise resident

From: [Fred Fritchman](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Saving the Cabin in place
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:51:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

As plans for the new library proceed, I support keeping the Cabin on its original site. Keeping it on-site preserves Idaho history and will save hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent on the new library. Too many times Boise has sacrificed its unique historic buildings in the name of progress. It is imperative that the new library design respect and embrace this important of our city's past.

Thank you for your consideration,

Fred Fritchman

1321 Denver Avenue,

Boise, Idaho

From: [WILLIAM A VON TAGEN](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Save the Cabin-where it now sits
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:43:55 PM

Please adjust the Library plans to save the Cabin and let it remain where it is. We have lost so much of the historic Capitol Blvd.

Bill von Tagen

208-284-5053

wvontagen@msn.com

From: [Katherine Ultican](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic cabin location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:38:47 PM

Dear Mayor Bieter and City Council Members,

The historic cabin built by the Civilian Conservation Corps should remain in its current location.

Why?

The building relates in scale and historic value to the area's Boise Art Museum, the 1907 Julia Davis Gene Harris Bandshell, the 1931 Capitol Boulevard Bridge, and the 1911 8th Street Trestle Bridge.

Its plain style, height, and simple landscape contribute to an open feel that allows for views of sky, hills, and river. There are no good reasons for removing it....A new library could be built on Americana or old Bob Rice Ford area where there is greater accessibility and ready open space.

Respectfully yours,
Kathy Ultican

From: [Erik Kingston](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: [Lauren McLean](#); [Elaine Clegg](#)
Subject: [External] Save Money, Save Face: Preserve The Cabin in Place
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:21:46 PM

First, I'm a fan of the Salt Lake City Library designed by Moshe Safdie, and was initially very excited to hear Boise might benefit from his design sense.

But...

When I learned of his dismissive attitude towards the historic Cabin, and plans to push the structure aside, my enthusiasm diminished. My father is also a fan of Safdie's work. Dad is a retired AIA Fellow—a farm kid from Taylor, UT that went on to serve as head of the Utah Arts Council and NEA board member...eventually knighted by Pope John Paul II for his volunteer work to restore Salt Lake's Cathedral of the Madeleine. I've discussed the Boise Library project with him and we're in agreement: any good architect can create something given a blank space, but **great** architects appreciate the challenges of designing in harmony with nature, culture and history.

My daughter and her friends have all benefitted from writing camps at the Cabin, enriched by its proximity to the Anne Frank Memorial, Greenbelt and Library! access. The Cabin is a Boise landmark visible when entering our city; it is more valuable because of this setting.

Boise has suffered in recent years from a push to sacrifice our connectivity, character and soul for the sake of new development. As recent Community Conversations have shown, Boiseans see housing affordability as a crisis and express alarm at the loss of historic assets, open space and the features that make Boise unique.

I support keeping the cabin where it is. Let's preserve Idaho history and save the \$600,000 (and counting) that can be better spent on the new library, on housing or other critical aspects of our community.

If leaders can show respect for the past, I'm happy to contribute to the future (Library). If leadership continues to dismiss public concerns around growth and preservation, it will reaffirm that our values and contribution aren't valued, and make it harder to make the case for future bonds and levies.

Erik Kingston, [PCED](#)

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Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense.

--Buddha

From: [Daniel Brown](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Keep the cabin where it is
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:29:17 PM

Having a link to the past is important to all Boiseans. If we pave over And develop all the historical places what is next. Luxury condos where ann morrison park is now?
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pam Nokkentved](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin history
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:12:08 PM

Dear Council,

Please leave the cabin alone! Not one more piece of our fascinating and important history should be raised or moved! It tells a story where it is. This is Boise! It is not just anyplace, USA. These structures are landmarks which are unique to place, OUR PLACE. Change is not always good and it is not always progress. Please consider those of us who grew up here and want some reminders of the wonderful city of many decades ago.

Thank you for reading this.

Pam Nokkentved

Sent from my iPod

From: [Nancy@Gmail](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:59:02 PM

I definitely support the cabin remaining in it's present location!!

From: [Susan Meloy](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The CABIN
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:19:01 PM

I support keeping the cabin in its original location - right where it belongs! Keeping it on-site preserves our Boise history and will save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be much better spent on the new library. What a waste of funds to move it!

I work at 913 W. River Street (at 9th Street) and pass the cabin many times a week. I love seeing it there every time I go by.

That sweet little cabin does not block any "needed" views, and its character and history should be respected and incorporated into the plan and design for the new library. It is a Literary Cabin - and it Belongs with the Library! It Should be right where it is!

Please Do Not Move the Cabin!

Susan J. Meloy

From: [erika.benson](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Boise Citizen Concerns Regarding The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 12:52:38 PM

City of Boise Cultural Master Plan (2017)

Moving the Cabin contradicts many of the goals and initiatives of this plan, especially Goal 2, and contradicts the Mayor and City Councils own words for this plan.

Goal 2: Enhance & Preserve Neighborhood Places

Strategy 2.1 Preserve Historical Connections

- * Preserve, promote, document, collect and celebrate Boise's history at the neighborhood level.
- * Develop a cultural sites program that preserves and activates historical Boise locations.

An important part of the cultural landscape is historic preservation, historic artifacts, and community resources (p.55).

Boise's Mayor and City Council know the importance of place based culture in making Boise the most livable city in the country.

—Cultural Master Plan Fact Sheet

The Cabin and this historic brick building housing the library are extremely close to the South Eight Street Historic District, which should be expanded to include these structures, rather than eliminating these structures. This would support the initiatives of placemaking, historic preservation & interpretation, and cultural heritage tourism.

National Register of Historic Places

If the Federal Highway Administration were placing a road through this site, then yes, no feasible alternative except relocation would be possible for The Cabin. But this is not the case. The issue at hand is simply a subjective preference, not a mandate. In addition, losing the National Historic designation for this asset will be placed at risk if it is moved. There is a detailed process to follow if moving a structure, with no guarantee that the property will remain on the National Register.

§60.14 Changes and revisions to properties listed in the National Register.

(b) *Relocating properties listed in the National Register.* (1) Properties listed in the National Register should be moved only when there is no feasible alternative for preservation. When a property is moved, every effort should be made to reestablish its historic orientation, immediate setting, and general environment.

Eight Targeted Goals For Livability– 2019 Annual Budget

- Responsible Built Environment
- Environmentally Sustainable Community

Re-use, versus demolish and rebuild, is responsible and environmentally sustainable. A large, modern new library is a common goal for up and coming city's – a way to announce that they have arrived. But Boise tends to pride itself on being a unique and special place; therefore actions should be more unique and original as well. Choosing to directly support the "L" and the "I" in the LIV initiative through action, by recognizing that brick is Lasting, and re-use over re-do is the most environmentally sustainable option, is far more Innovative than following in the path of other big cities.

From: [Sue](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 12:36:28 PM

Please please please leave The Cabin in place.

We believe that retaining historic icons of Boise is critical, especially in this period of time when so much change is evident.

Please do not move The Cabin.

Thank you, Sue and Paul Paduano

3233 W. Edson St.
Boise, ID 83705

From: [Jeffrey Janis](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: FW: [External] SAVE THE CABIN
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 12:24:17 PM

Good morning,

Please add the below email to the record for the potential relocation of The Cabin.

Thank you,
Jeff

From: natash1016@aol.com <natash1016@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2018 5:22 PM
To: Mayor Bieter <Mayor@cityofboise.org>; Lauren McLean <LMcLean@cityofboise.org>; Elaine Clegg <EClegg@cityofboise.org>; Scot Ludwig <sludwig@cityofboise.org>; Lisa Sanchez <lsanchez@cityofboise.org>; TJ Thomson <TJThomson@cityofboise.org>
Subject: [External] SAVE THE CABIN

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

We the citizens of Boise deserve, and have an obligation to a great historic building, to keep the Log Cabin where it is.

I understand that our Log Cabin is the only remaining log cabin structure in an urban setting built by the CCC during the New Deal.

That certainly has significance for Boiseans, and you have heard from hundreds, if not thousands, that want it to remain on its original, historic site.

It is of the upmost urgency to preserve The Cabin and keep it where it now sits. With all due respect, the architect of the project, Mr. Safdie, is thinking only of the new

library design and not the lifelong impact it will have if the The Cabin is moved. He does not reside here nor does he plan to. I think it is more important to listen to the

citizens and taxpayers of the city than to Mr. Safdie. So many of the city's historical buildings were torn down in the 60s and 70s.

Presently, the city has lost many historic homes in the area of St. Luke's Hospital. Let's not lose The Cabin. Please consider keeping The Cabin where it belongs - by

the Boise River.

Sincerely,

Barbara Winston-Powell

From: [Kim](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Old Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:04:38 PM

Please keep this piece of Idaho history for all Idahoans to honor and enjoy.

Kim Brown
Post Falls, ID

From: [Abbe Adams](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Historic Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 6:01:02 PM

Please save the historic Cabin. It's important to keep the character of Boise or else it will just become another nondescript small city in somewhere U.S.A.

These old buildings keep Boise special and unique.

Thank you.

Abbe Adams

From: [Jan Boles](#)
To: [Library Campus](#); [Mayor Bieter](#)
Subject: [External] Location of The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 12:49:11 PM

11-21-18

Boise City Council:

Please vote to keep The Cabin in its present location. There is historic integrity involved here. The anticipated costs of moving the structure are prohibitive.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Jan R. Boles
16371 Frost Road
Caldwell, Idaho 83607

From: [Mayor Bieter](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: FW: [External] 1939 CCC Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:40:09 AM

Good morning,

Please add the below email to the record for the potential relocation of The Cabin.

Thank you,
Jeff

From: Linda J. Lear <linda@lindalear.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Mayor Bieter <Mayor@cityofboise.org>; kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Cc: Library Campus <librarycampus@cityofboise.org>
Subject: [External] 1939 CCC Cabin

Dear Mayor Beiter, President Killingsworth, Members of Boise City Council,

I write to you with respect for your civic responsibilities and out of my deep experience as a New Deal historian (including a biography of Harold Ickes, Secy of the Interior under FDR who began the CCC) and as the biographer of Rachel Carson, and as an environmental scholar.

The "CCC1939 Cabin" is not an insignificant property, small as it may be, and unprepossessing it may seem as an architectural structure. It is, and it has been, a touchstone of the city's past and a reminder of its legacy to the Great Depression and the natural disasters of the 1930s. The CCC was crucial to Idaho and to the West. The opportunity to preserve it in place comes at a time when we are vividly reminded of our debt to those who preserve our natural resources and who fight fires to save our forests and habitat. It serves as a physical reminder of the government/citizen partnership and ability to survive hard times and to move on to a future based on the abundance provided by the area's natural environment. The 1939 Cabin reminds all of us of the crucial mission which the CCC had labored so hard to protect.

Historic property moved; is History lost. Property with historic meaning as the 1939 CCC Cabin is, has a mythology all its own that

draws people entering into it to see their own lives in relation to what went before: and hopefully to affirm what they are called upon civically to protect in the city of Boise and in the great northwest in the 21st century.

As someone who has studied the New Deal in depth, I affirm the contemporary significance of saving the 1939 CCC Cabin on its **original site**. It is a structure to be cherished as historic memory and gives the citizens of Boise a respect an important perspective on their own lives in the 21st C. The dark days of the Great Depression and the new days of hope offered by the New Deal and the CCC had an historic impact on the daily lives of the citizens of Boise unlike any other period.

Moving the 1939 Cabin to another site removes the vital significance of both place and time. It is not repeatable in another place, however benign or convenient.

A CCC cabin anywhere in the US is vital history to be preserved. But because of its historic value as a reminder of the dark days of work of the CCC during the Great Depression in the West, the 1939 CCC cabin it is especially vital. Boise has a civic and historic structure of immense historic significance on its original site and in its historic context. I hope that you will vote to preserve it in place.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Lear, Ph. D.

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From: [Mayor Bieter](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Keep the Cabin where it is
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:39:23 AM

Good morning,

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Thank you,
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Comcast <pep4223@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:30 PM
To: Mayor Bieter <Mayor@cityofboise.org>
Subject: [External] Keep the Cabin where it is

Mayor of Boise,

I heard from friends that the historic Cabin of Boise is in jeopardy of being moved or destroyed. I am shocked, as I am a former resident of Boise, living in the Silverwood subdivision at the time. I am horrified to hear of the rampant development happening in Boise, and the lack of wanting to preserve our history. Once you move it, it will never be the same, nor will it be as valuable as it is now.

Please do not make this mistake.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joette Borzik
Formerly of S Redhawk Place
Boise

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Linda J. Lear](#)
To: [Mayor Bieter](#); kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Cc: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] 1939 CCC Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:59:12 AM

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From: [Sherry McTigue](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Possible relocation of The Cabin
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:19:50 PM

To whom it may concern:

Though I entirely oppose the City's apparent determination to relocate The Cabin, if the historic and beloved Cabin must be moved, the space adjacent to Julia Davis Park is the only suitable choice.

Thank you.
Sherry McTigue

From: [Martha Lane](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Cc: kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Subject: [External] The cabin
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 1:59:49 PM

The loss of this location is tragic enough for the city of boise but to move it to a location other than by the African American museum is unacceptable. This tiny jewel in our city exposes students and us to the joys of literature and expression.

The cost of this move is abhorrent along with the swelling cost of the library when the need for affordable housing is so great. A great library does not have to bankrupt its citizens.

Once again I have heard that the cost of the land at the park is too expensive for the likes of the cabin (it was also used by the church of the Rockies when discussing affordable housing). When has the Bottom Line been more important than our stewardship of this city and its inhabitants?

Martha Lane

From: [Sue McMillan](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Downtown Public Library
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 9:55:29 PM

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed relocation of The Cabin due to the proposed new downtown Boise Library. First, I object to the design for the new library in that I believe it includes many design features that are unnecessary, duplicative, and too expensive. I also object to the relocation of The Cabin for an ill-conceived new library.

In addition, it appears there was poor planning compounded by poor communication regarding the effect on The Cabin of the proposed new library and that the City kept the new design of the library under wraps in an effort to make The Cabin's fate a fait accompli. This does not build confidence in our City and its inner workings.

Given the recent news reports, it appears that the City continues to leave The Cabin out of the equation when it comes to planning the proposed new library and the continued viability of The Cabin. I urge you to work closely with The Cabin staff to ensure that it remains in its current location, or, if by mutual agreement that is not possible, to choose a site acceptable to The Cabin.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sue McMillan

From: [Comcast](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Don't move the Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:52:00 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

Please make note of my concerns of the discussion of the possibility of moving or destroying the historic Boise Cabin.

I am a former resident of the Silverwood subdivision on South Redhawk Place. I was shocked by the rampant development of Boise when I was a resident in the late 90s and early 2000s. If this action occurs to the Cabin, it is an unacceptable decision that will harm the history of the city.

Once you move or destroy the Cabin, you can no longer go back to that sense of place it once had.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joette Borzik
Formerly of South Redhawk Place
Boise

Currently of Shenandoah Jct, WV

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lee Hipsher](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 4:02:23 PM

I am concerned about the relocation of The Cabin. I would like to express my opinion. I prefer the space adjacent to the north side of Julia Davis Park behind the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue. I believe that this location is the only option that provides a safe, tranquil space for our literary programs while preserving easy access to our classrooms, boardrooms, and offices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee K. Hipsher
2897 E. Ragusa Lane
Meridian, ID 83462

From: [Jan English](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] I support The Cabin
Date: Friday, November 16, 2018 3:53:43 PM

The Cabin is a treasure to Ada County. It needs to have a save, tranquil environment to continue it's valuable work to the community. It's outrageous that the Cabin is, in reality, not being given the respect and consideration it truly deserves.

Jan English
janenglish23@gmail.com

From: [Leslie Garrett](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Library project and The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:22:18 PM

It appears that the city is not willing to adjust Library plans to allow The Cabin to remain in its current location and to have accessible parking and outdoor space similar to what it currently enjoys.

So, best choice for new location is north of the Lincoln statue ... where these needs could be met.

It would be a bad idea to place it near the band shell as that area is often busy with other events.

I hope that you will give full consideration to the needs of The Cabin (the organization) in relocating the building.

Sincerely,

Leslie Garrett,
supporter of The Cabin
... and of Preservation Idaho

From: [Elizabeth Gutting](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Letter to City Council
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:10:57 PM

Dear City Council members:

My family and I moved to Boise just over a year ago from Washington, D.C. Though Boise hasn't been our home for long, two places have made us feel at home quickly -- The Cabin, and the Library! I serve as the secretary of the Cabin's Board of Directors, and I greatly value all the work that the Cabin does (and I valued it from afar, in DC, before we moved here). Likewise, most weekends you can find my husband and I at the library with our son, checking out stacks of children's books. Our son is only two and a half, but he learned the word "borrow" because of the Boise library.

The Cabin is a wonderful Boise institution -- and as I mentioned, a place whose work I admired when I was the program director of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation in DC. The Cabin brings national award-winning authors to this relatively small city; puts writers into our K-12 schools, with a particular focus on low-income and/or at-risk students; offers summer camps for our children; and offers low- and no-cost workshops and events for our community members. When we were considering moving here, the Cabin was high up in the "pro" column.

I support construction of a new library building and expansion of literary services the new building will bring, and I understand that it's not reasonable for The Cabin building to remain where it is. My concern is that the City Council and Mayor recognize the importance of The Cabin and their programs, and that you prioritize the Cabin's location in a place that will benefit all of its wonderful programs.

The only site that will ensure that The Cabin does not suffer harm to their ability to continue providing the full array of programs is the one that the City has previously offered -- the area currently being referred to as "The Maintenance Yard," with a full outdoor buffer to make sure children's summer camps can safely continue, and enough space to remain accessible to those with disabilities and/or other mobility issues.

As I understand it, the "maintenance yard" land could be sold for a one-time influx of cash. If cash plays a major role in this public decision, then one could suggest we keep the existing library building and Cabin as is. I say this decision is not about maximizing influx of cash. Rather, I urge the Council to look to the public good and literary arts values that will sustain far into the future by providing the best physical structures and locations for both the Library! and The Cabin.

I urge you to relocate The Cabin building, as previously identified, to land currently owned by the city on part of the maintenance yard near the Black History Museum and Lincoln Statute with sufficient outdoor easement to accommodate youth summer camp programs and other Cabin activities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

All best,

Elizabeth Word Gutting

From: [Tracy Sidell](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Moving The Cabin
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:02:59 PM

If the design for the new public library erases the easy access to and functionality of the current Cabin, let's move The Cabin to a place where its literary programs (in particular, its Summer Writing Camps) can continue to thrive in a safe, natural, peaceful but stimulating setting. The **space next to Julia Davis Park, near the Idaho Black History Museum and the Abraham Lincoln statue**, will give the young writers at the Cabin's Summer Writing Camps access to the parks, river, zoo, library, museum, downtown, and BSU campus, all of which serve as outdoor classrooms and as venues to spark creativity and adventure. The location of The Cabin is critical to the success of its programs. Please do the right thing and support The Cabin board's belief that the space next to Julia Davis Park is the only option that will ensure the continued success of The Cabin and all of its community-enriching activities for readers and writers. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Personally I take classes at The Cabin and am a yearly supporter of Readings and Conversations and would like The Cabin to still be easily accessible to downtown Boise.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sidell

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From: [JoAnne Stringfield](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] Cabin Location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:28:33 PM

I am writing to encourage you to please consider the wishes of The Cabin in determining where to locate it.

While I appreciate the design and importance of the proposed library, I am also sensitive to erasing important historical features of our city. I don't want to lose the uniqueness of The Cabin.

The location, accessibility and tranquility of The Cabin are critical to fulfilling the mission.

The Board of The Cabin is best suited to make the recommendation on the location and I support their recommendation to locate in the north side of Julia Davis Park.

Best regards,
JoAnne Stringfield

From: [Colleen Brennan](#)
To: [Library Campus](#)
Subject: [External] The Cabin location
Date: Monday, November 26, 2018 1:06:28 PM

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Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Colleen Brennan
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From: [Lothar Pietz](#)
To: [Library Campus](#); kurt@thecabinidaho.org
Subject: [External] We <3 The Cabin
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 8:48:01 AM

I have been involved with The Cabin since 2012, when I joined the Live Poets Group. The Group meets at The Cabin twice a month. I have had a poem published in the 2016 anthology, *Writers in the Attic, Water*. I am a dues-paying member of The Cabin since 2013.

When we first heard about the suggested move of the building, my wifes first comment was to move the building somewhere near The Black History building. I quickly concurred. This site has all kinds of advantages, the major one which is it would be close to its original site.

I believe The Cabin provides unique services to the community. Boise should be proud to have this organization in the heart of the city. And, as long as the city insists on expanding the library to include The Cabin footprint, it is very important that the city make every effort to make sure The Cabin has a happy new site. The loss of The Cabin would do great harm to the literary scene in Boise, as I am sure you are aware. This note is to add my comment to the many others who have also expressed interest in the future of The Cabin.

Thank you for your serious consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Lothar Pietz
5109 W. Cove St.
Garden City ID 83714
(208-853-0295)