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Date: November 10, 2017 at 9:17:09 AM CST

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Subject: Teweles and Brandeis Granary

Good Morning!

I know that none of you actually represent me in any capacity as I am a resident of the Town of Sevastopol. However, I am hoping that you might consider my opinion on saving the old granary.

My grandfather, Karl Rudolph moved from Liberty Grove to Sevastopol in 1899 to find improved farmland, and better markets for his farm products. He sold many horse drawn wagonloads of grain to the Teweles and Brandeis firm. My father, Edgar Rudolph did significant business with Stanley Brandeis, and later the Door County Cooperative in the same location. I continued that tradition until the Door County Cooperative moved out of town.

The granary is most likely the last link to Sturgeon Bay's agricultural past. At one time, Sturgeon Bay had blacksmith shops, harness shops, implement dealers, food processing facilities, feed processing plants, and various warehouses for storing ag products. The granary is all that is left. It would be a most fitting memorial to honor the hard work and risk taking our ancestors undertook to get us where we are today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Don Rudolph

From: Diane Magolan _____
Date: November 16, 2017 at 10:19:40 AM CST
Subject: The Granary

Dear Sturgeon Bay Council Person,

I am writing to share my thoughts as a small business owner who has been in business on Jefferson Street in Sturgeon Bay for the past 23 years.

The joy of a small business grows from the people who choose to visit our community and the daily conversations in our stores.

These conversations offer an important & unique perspective on how tourist eyes see our town....

Our waterfront, the bridges, the museum, the harbor, the activity on the working waterfront....

ships, sailing, pontoon boats, fishing boats, paddle boats...always place childlike awe in the words and eyes of people I talk with in my Sturgeon Bay store.

The most talked about thing about our waterfront is the Tug Boats!

They link generations with feelings of wonder and amazement....with a time and a place in history.

The tugs offer a window to contemplate just what our town means both historically but most importantly today...here & now...the fact IS that, here, in Sturgeon Bay, Tug Boats are still a way of life and commerce. They make Sturgeon Bay special.

These conversations all tell us....

Historical perspective and related attractions are what bring customers to our community. It is what makes us unique and desirable and for so many of our visitors....surprisingly awe-struck....

You get to the hill, come down to the harbor and Bammmmm....it takes you by surprise and you can't help but want to explore.

Our Community needs to not take this incredible opportunity for expansion and growth of our unique way of attracting tourists and their desire to explore and stay here in Sturgeon Bay lightly.

This is Big.

It is what small towns dream about....

It brings people and \$\$\$s here....

It sends chatter back to where these folks come from about what they saw and did and experienced....

And such chatter, more than any pricy marketing message, encourages more to come.

The Granary is a Huge part of Sturgeon Bay's story.

We should explore every avenue for saving it, for redefining its purpose and saving it to preserve our beautiful waterfront and Historic story as a unique addition to what we have to offer as OUR brand in the tourism market.

Please explore the possibilities.

Give us the time to see if there is merit in salvaging and redefining this structure.

It is of GREAT importance to the history and future of our Community.

I appreciate the time you spent listening to me.

I would be happy to meet with you any time to continue this conversation.....and to share more of what I hear and see as a business woman who survives on the tourist's desire to stay here in Sturgeon Bay and to explore our community and spend their time and resources with US

vs. anywhere else in this whole world of wonderful places to visit. My personal phone number is 495 1177.

Diane Magolan, Proprietor
Monticello on Jefferson
715 Jefferson Street

From: Liz Orlock _____

Date: November 15, 2017 at 9:40:43 AM CST

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Subject: Westside granary

The westside granary is a diamond in the rough.

When you Google historic granary renovations and see what the possibilities are for this 100+ year old structure, it is awe-inspiring. Surviving granaries, especially, have become focal points in many cities for tourists and residents alike. The Sturgeon Bay Historical Society sees these possibilities and has already raised enough money to stabilize and start re-imagining its use at no cost to taxpayers. If the city council doesn't accept this generous gift to Sturgeon Bay, the razing will cost the taxpayers both monetarily and historically. Let's open our minds and imaginations and revitalize our working waterfront creatively.

Mike and Liz Orlock
District 2

From: Nancy Aten _____

Date: November 15, 2017 9:27:37 PM CST

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Subject: Please Save the Historic Granary for Our Community

November 15th, 2017

To Sturgeon Bay Common Council, Mayor Birmingham, Administrator VanLieshout, Fire Chief Dietman, and others:

I am writing in support of saving, restoring, and activating the historic 1901 Teweles and Brandeis Granary for community and public benefit using private funds.

Thank you to the Common Council for your vote November 7th to allow 60 days for two firms (including Meyer Borgman Johnson who performed the 2013 full structural assessment for the City) to re-assess the Granary structure. I believe this shows that the City is acting responsibly – to use private funds from the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society (SBHS) to secure and assess the structure is a prudent step; the City is taking immediate action to safeguard the granary structure while determining options for repair and restoration, all using private funds rather than taxpayer dollars.

To Administrator VanLieshout: Thank you for working to use our community's resources wisely. I ask you to proceed promptly with enabling these in-depth structural assessments to proceed safely in full-hearted collaboration with SBHS. I ask you to use the guidance provided by the professional engineers at MBJ for immediate safe bracing of the structure, or steps they recommend.

To Fire Chief Dietman: Thank you for your work to keep our community safe. I ask you to fully consider and in your best judgment support options proposed by MBJ for temporary safeguards or bracing of the granary structure to enable proper structural evaluation that can produce in-depth structural assessment and repair options and is safe for all. MBJ performed a thorough structural analysis including load modeling in 2013

and has the specific knowledge of the Granary to propose appropriate safety measures and structural analysis methods.

To Council members Ward, Allmann and Hauser: Thank you for supporting this prudent action to safely and fully re-assess the Granary structure. I ask you to honor the nearly \$1.5 million dollars now pledged by community members for assessment and proper repair and restoration (and maintenance) of the Granary. I ask you to follow the advice of the City's Historic Preservation Commission that the Granary is a historic treasure worth preserving. I ask you specifically to check in with Administrator VanLieshout on a regular basis and provide guidance and assistance until contracts are underway.

To all Council members: Thank you for your service to our community. I believe that you serve the entire City, and also the wider community that calls Sturgeon Bay home, as well as visitors that support Sturgeon Bay's community and businesses. I ask you to follow the guidance from the Sturgeon Bay Visitor's Center that the Granary is a community asset worth preserving.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Aten
Sturgeon Bay (Town of Egg Harbor) 54235





From: stephanie trenchard _____

Date: November 12, 2017 1:01:04 PM CST

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Subject: Defining Sturgeon Bay

Greetings,

Please consider finding a creative solution that includes the historic and classic granary building in the wonderful possibilities for the city of Sturgeon Bay. Like the tug boats and the steel bridge it is an icon of our narrative. As an artist who chose this city to establish my nationally recognized business, I would appreciate the leadership of the city to pursue creative plans for the future.

Please feel free to call me to discuss your thoughts on this matter. I hope you weigh in the additional healing component of a city that works together in creating magic.

Thank you and best wishes,
Stephanie Trenchard

Popelka Trenchard Glass
64 S 2nd Avenue
Sturgeon Bay

From: Chesla Anschutz _____

Date: November 9, 2017 at 3:31:00 PM CST

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Subject: *PLEASE SAVE OUR GRANARY

Subject: **PLEASE SAVE OUR GRANARY**

I am a voting resident of the City of Sturgeon Bay. I live in District 2.

So to the point and purpose of this letter:

PLEASE SAVE OUR GRANARY

Respectfully,

Chesla Seely-Anschutz

221 N. 6th Avenue

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

**PLEASE
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GRANARY**

From Tim Nyberg 12:24pm Nov 9
Aldermen Vandertie and Ward:

In 2012 we moved from Sturgeon Bay back to Minnesota. But for nine years, we thoroughly enjoyed all that Sturg had to offer and did everything that we could to contribute positively to the city. Julie was born there and lived there until 4th grade. Her dad, Bill Berg, worked at the Gambles store on Third.

During our years living at 732 Memorial Drive I took many photos of the granary knowing that one day, it may be demolished. It's a wonderful nod to Sturgeon Bay's agricultural history and, in my opinion, should be saved at all cost.

From Sturgeon Bay, we moved to Stillwater, MN where they've made great efforts to save their heritage/landmarks and even designed new structures to blend seamlessly with the old. Stillwater's granary has become a very recognizable symbol of this popular tourist / river town. [photo attached]

While Julie and I are no longer your constituents, Sturgeon Bay is still in our hearts as a very special place. Systematically tearing down what makes it unique and proudly shows its heritage is a sad mistake.

Please reconsider your vote to save the granary.

Sincerely, Tim and Julie Nyberg
Minnesotans with deep Door County roots



From: Beth Stracka _____

Date: November 13, 2017 at 12:10:34 PM CST

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Subject: PLEASE SAVE THE GRANARY

Dear Mr. Mayor, members of the city council, and city staff,

I am writing you today to express my strong objection to spending any amount of my tax dollars on the demolition of the granary building. The Sturgeon Bay Historical Society has graciously offered to restore this structure, if it is restorable, and I feel that their offer should be accepted with the same graciousness and gratitude. Please do what is right and just. Please do your part to preserve the Granary for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Beth Stracka
123 North 7th Ave
Sturgeon Bay, WI



From: Kelly Swingen _____

Date: November 12, 2017 at 2:30:49 PM CST

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Subject: Granary

As a West-side resident of 32 years I take great interest in ongoing developments on the 'Sawyer' side.

To me it defies logic to not allow the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society to complete a professional structural engineer study of the historic Granary. All costs are covered under their plan including insurance and demolition if deemed necessary thus saving taxpayers the cost.

We are not a few "tree huggers" trying to save the Granary out of argument. Our intention is to restore the Granary to a safe structure that will provide a local and tourist destination of activity and historical significance

Let us work together to develop an environment for future generations to enjoy while honoring the past generations work that has made Sturgeon Bay the wonderful city it is.

Sincerely,

Kelly Swingen
318 S Hudson Ave
Sturgeon Bay

From: Mira Miyamoto _____

Date: November 9, 2017 at 1:56:16 PM CST

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Subject: Re: SAVE THE GRANARY:

I am sorry all.. but I forgot to include my address to prove that I AM A CITIZEN of Sturgeon Bay and currently reside at: 1641 Louisiana Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI. (District 7), I understand that someone had mentioned no one wrote or voiced their concern from Dist. 7? Well... here I am writing and voicing my opinion to SAVE The Granary!

Thank you,
Mira Miyamoto

On Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 10:56 AM, Mira Miyamoto wrote: _____

To: Mayor of Sturgeon Bay, Council Members and Citizens:

I am a citizen of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. I came to Sturgeon Bay in 1976 from Kobe, Japan, since I have been calling Sturgeon Bay my home town.

In the last 40 years I have lived in many parts of the country and some outside of USA, when I return to Sturgeon Bay, the familiar tugs boats, the old steel bridge and the granary were the welcoming site... seeing these items were a comfort, it signaled "Coming Home" to Sturgeon Bay.

Recently I've learned great deal of history about "Granary" how the granary was the sight or the starting point of 'saving the earth quake victims of the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906". Sturgeon Bay, WI has many interesting history to offer, and granary is one of them. We need to save our 'heritage', we need to save our 'history' especially today with ever so fast changing world... history seems to have been forgotten.. History is what makes Sturgeon Bay, WI and Northern Door County.

Not only do history is important but in reality, west side of Sturgeon Bay needs boost in economy, I believe having a historical building full of controversy will, I am certain bring hoards of tourists just to see the building, with the galleries, shops and may be a cafe in the Granary will for sure bring revenue as well.

Save the Granary! It has so much potential! But most of all, it is History of Sturgeon Bay! Just as steel bridge is important so is the building that watched Sturgeon Bay grow.

Sincerely,
Mira Miyamoto

From: Matt Young _____

Date: October 26, 2017 at 12:43:13 PM CDT

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Subject: The granary

Thank you all for your service to our community. I appreciate the time, thought and effort you each put into your work.

As a citizen of Sturgeon Bay I ask you to use all your talents to pursue a restoration of the Granary on the West Waterfront. It is a standout of Sturgeon Bay's 'skyline'.

There appears to be significant private interest in developing it into a multipurpose building that could benefit (and be utilized by) the whole community. I learned today through an article in the Peninsula Pulse that the SBHS has secured over a MILLION DOLLARS in funding to rehabilitate the site.

Razing the building when there is someone standing at your door offering to try to save it seems, well, a waste.

In line with the SBHS plan I respectfully ask that you do your part to enable SBHS to spend their private funds for a structural assessment update and then allow SBHS to proceed with stabilization/repair using private funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Dixner Young

415 W Maple ST

From: "Jacinda Duffin" _____
Subject: Concerns About the Granary

Hello,

I'm writing to request that you reconsider the fate of the historic Teweles & Brandeis granary. My understanding is that a 2013 structural analysis by the engineering firm of Meyer Borgman Johnson found the granary to be structurally sound (with some modifications), and my hope is that any necessary refurbishing will occur so that the granary will remain an integral part of Sturgeon Bay's downtown.

Here in Door County, we don't have to look far to find a village that has benefited from saving and honoring an historic structure. Anderson Dock, in Ephraim, is a beloved and much sought-after tourist attraction. The Sturgeon Bay granary, because of its location and recognizable architecture, has the potential to become an icon of Sturgeon Bay in the same way that Anderson Dock has for the Village of Ephraim.

I also have first-hand preservation experience through property that I own in downtown Fish Creek. I am a co-owner of True North Real Estate. Last year, my business partners and I purchased and renovated the Seventh Day Adventist Church, c 1876. This building is located at the intersection of Hill Street and Bluff Lane in downtown Fish Creek, a stone's throw from Noble Square. We took seriously our responsibility as stewards of this historic property and have renovated it into a functional, beautiful, and usable real estate office. On a weekly basis, both locals and visitors stop in to thank us for saving this structure. It's rewarding to see this structure preserved, and to have it be a home for our thriving business.

Below I'm including a series of photos/artistic representations of the granary and Anderson Dock, as well as photos of the True North Real Estate/Seventh Day Adventist renovation project.

As you know, private funds have been raised to stabilize the granary, and there's a tremendous amount of excitement around future plans. Please reassess and reconsider before tearing down this historic structure.

I love Sturgeon Bay. I believe this is an opportunity--both for preserving history and for encouraging economic growth--that shouldn't be wasted.

Jacinda Duffin





From: _____

Date: October 27, 2017 at 9:45:11 AM CDT

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Subject: Allow Sturgeon Bay Historical Society Funds to Pay for Granary Analysis

Dear Mayor, Members of Sturgeon Bay City Council, and City of Sturgeon Bay Staff,

I am writing to ask that you allow the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society to use private funds to pay for professional engineers to reprise the structural integrity of the Granary building that is set to be razed.

This data can be presented to the fire chief and other key officials, and could ultimately allow the SBHS to proceed with stabilization, repairs and restoration to this historic building.

At this point, it is a more cost-effective move with tax-payer money, saving the city \$75,000 that it would cost to tear the building down. It could also give life to a building that could ultimately become the centerpiece for development along the west-side waterfront. What some perceive currently as an eyesore, with creativity and foresight, can ultimately remain a historic fixture, and mirror other small cities who have creatively used such historic buildings as fixtures in green urban renewal.

Although I reside in northern Door County and not Sturgeon Bay, I appreciate thoughtful redevelopment in this valuable location, and see it as a boon for the City of Sturgeon Bay, and those of us who visit and shop there.

Thank you for your attention to this request,

Beth Coleman

From: Terry Goettelman _____
Date: October 24, 2017 at 11:50:41 AM CDT
To: sbdistrict5@sturgeonbaywi.org
Subject: The Granery

Hello Barbara,

My name is Terry Goettelman and I live in district 7 at 613 Louisiana St. I would like to express my concern with Fire Chief, Tim Dietman's order to level our historical granary in 30 days. I am opposed to how quick this decision was made and with very little documentation on the state of the buildings structure. I do understand that the building may be dangerous but it was my understanding that there were proposed plans for renovation that were to be presented to the city board the day after this leveling order was made. Is it also true that the SBHS has money saved to help repair the building? I think we need to step back and look at what our fellow small towns have done with similar buildings. Below I have attached a FB comment from a Sturgeon Bay resident. **James F Gomez** I'm new to this discussion, and relatively new to the city of Sturgeon Bay (2.5 years). So, I'm a bit uninformed about historical arguments for/against various city projects. My contribution to this is that in my previous town of Glencoe, MN, an historical preservation society purchased the old school which sat as an eyesore in the heart of the city. It was renovated to become the Glencoe City Center, and it has become a MAJOR reason for people to come to town. Grand Ballroom, event center, city offices, library and meeting spaces...all from a building that many wanted to raze. It's historic in architecture and can't be replicated. That's part of the beauty of it.

And here is another example of what was done to a similar granary in Bellingham, WA:
<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/.../article169412917.html>
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We live in the historic district of Sturgeon Bay. My husband and I choose this neighborhood due to it's history and charm. The granary is such a large part of it. We Cannot allow this building to be taken down.

We have seen this city fight and fight over this water front area for far too long. In this crazy political time, we would like nothing more than to see us all come together in a fair and open discussion on what is best for this WI historical building instead of pushing through a raze sentence that has obviously ruffled many feathers of your constituents. We need to consider all the financial benefits this building could bring to Sturgeon Bay. I have been in retail for over 22 years and these past few years, there has been a significant upswing in traffic, which include people planning weddings, large

family reunions & work retreats in our area. This unique location could be transformed into shops on the main floor and a restaurant and large rustic ballroom that could host these large events. Event space on the water is a key draw. Offer wide open landscaping to accommodate tents for outdoor events. What a beautiful and UNIQUE anchor this would be for the West side. I would love to see SB have the same draw that our northern communities have which include many historical landmarks. Anderson Dock, the Thordarson Boathouse which is deemed as one of the most historically significant buildings in the state, Cana Island lighthouse, our amazing state parks & even our Skyway Drive-In Theater in Fish Creek just to name a few! These are the things that separate us from other tourist areas. People come to escape from their city homes to feel embraced in the charm and warmth that Door County offers.

I see great things for the lovely waterfront of downtown Sturgeon Bay. And this includes keeping our stoic and historical granary and have it repurposed to bring the city more revenue. Please help make this happen and be open to what your constituents have envisioned.

Best,
Terry Goettelman

From: Paula Wendland _____

Date: October 24, 2017 at 6:29:07 PM CDT

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Subject: Fwd: letter to Mayor

----- Original Message -----

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From: Paula Wendland _____

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017, 5:35 PM

To: paula wendland _____

CC:

Dear Mayor Birmingham,

I would like to applaud your recent support of the city's decision to proceed with dredging Little Lake. The improvement of Little Lake has already come a long way with the installation of the drainage swale. Dredging Little Lake will make it one of the gems of our city's parks, as it deserves to be.

Taking leadership in the conservation and restoration of Sturgeon Bay's resources should be a central responsibility of city government. I am glad to see you and the council have the imagination and vision to do so.

I am therefore puzzled by the city's decision to raze the granary. Yes, it has been abandoned and allowed to decay. But funds are already available to begin restoration. So, why not do so?

There was a time when most of the lighthouses in this county were also abandoned and allowed to decay. Forward thinking people stepped up to prevent their loss. Now most of us agree that our lighthouses are charming historical gems that grace our county, and we are proud of them.

Like our lighthouses, the granary is an historical artifact that symbolizes an important aspect of our history. We were and still are an agricultural county, and I think we should be proud of that.

The natural and cultural history of our area is rich and diverse. Our history helps to make our city an interesting place to live and visit. We should celebrate our history. We should cherish it. We should do everything we can to preserve it for our children and grandchildren.

In preserving the granary you would create a legacy that would enrich generations to come. You would make your mark as a leader with imagination and vision and pride in where we came from. Please, Mr. Birmingham, reconsider. Save our granary.

Respectfully,
Paula Wendland

From: Elliot Goettelman _____

Date: October 25, 2017 at 10:53:51 AM CDT

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Subject: The Granary.

Hello Everyone,

I would just like to voice my opinion about cancelling the raze order for the granary, and looking to let the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society clean it out and save it. Someone recently compared it to Andersen Dock in Ephraim and I feel our granary could be the same type of building kept around for people to talk about past heritage.

I know many of you personally and I wish I could talk candidly about this with each and every one of you. I would also like to talk to those of you I know personally so I can ask, why this whole thing has been such a struggle? It seems the side of the "friends" has been completely open to negotiation, while the side of the city has not. I am literally confused by the actions of the city, and especially the new raze order for the granary.

Obviously with the high winds we experienced last night, the granary is fine to stand for a long time yet. Also, I am upset that I make complaints about the noise on 3rd. ave. and I have yet to see a truck or motorcycle get pulled over for noise violations, while in the meantime, someone can complain about the granary leaning, and you jump to take it down. Do you see how frustrating that can be?

For the longest time now we have fought, over Wal-mart (which is now suing the city over lowering their property taxes - nice work on that one if it is true), over the Steel Bridge, and now over the west side waterfront. I have literally spent all of my time back here after college watching the leaders of our town do little to bring people to move to our area. Our population is in decline. While other communities thrive by looking out of the box to bring them into these difficult times, our city just is withering away. We watch Sister Bay explode and even the rest of the towns up the county seem to have more going

on then we do in Sturgeon Bay. Start embracing our tourism, as the TOP priority and in that comes protection of the past and the environment.

Let's start figuring out how to get people to move here. I try to put myself in all of your positions and think about how it cannot be easy I appreciate all of the hard work all of you have done. But I feel you need to quit fighting so much, it's a waste of time, money and energy.

A small group of people from Sturgeon Bay, along with people from Algoma & Kewaunee went to a meeting last night in Casco. The meeting was put on by the Kewaunee Chamber of Commerce and it brought a women in from Viroqua, WI to talk about the great economic ideas they are using to bring new people to their area. It had to do with saving old building and having "pop up shops" in empty storefronts. Basically it is a movement to get landlords to start filling their spaces. It has proven successful. I was sad to see that no one from our city alderpersons or the visitor center were in attendance. It makes me question if many of you really love Sturgeon Bay. Or if you are just "doing your jobs". (A loathed expression of mine). Think outside the box. Educate yourself on what other PROGRESSIVE communities are doing. Let focus on making ourselves different from everywhere else. Someday our waterfront will be longed for worldwide, let's protect it now. Please start considering at least 3 generations ahead when it comes to community planning.

Save the Granary please. It's not that hard to do, and the money if already privately funded. Just move on already. You are the ones who are wasting taxpayers money, not the friends group.

Elliot Goettelman

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From: Katie Bosman Krotje _____

Date: October 25, 2017 at 9:08:23 PM CDT

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Subject: The grainary...

Dear Sturgeon Bay decision maker:

I grew up on Oxford Avenue in the 80's and 90's. Even as a small child, I understood the value of preservation. There was always an epic fight going on to save the things we loved, from pristine public lands near the canal to the Michigan Street Bridge, and even our own neighborhood threatened by developers using "eminent domain." I'm proud of the people of Sturgeon Bay and Door County for standing up to protect the properties and historical landmarks that make it so special. I've also lived in the South, the Pacific Northwest, and lower Michigan, and traveled all over this country. There is no other place like Sturgeon Bay- the living history, the working waterfront, and the wild places that have all been preserved and celebrated make it truly unique and desirable.

The grainary is in dire need of repair, but all I ask is that you give the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society a fair chance to evaluate it. I think it would be an absolute jewel if it can be renovated into something like a micro brewery or a waterfront art gallery (or both!), an interesting attraction to be treasured by locals and tourists alike.

My parents and sister (all still Sturgeon Bay voters) agree-- Please give the grainary a chance to become the historical waterfront centerpiece it should be.

Katie Bosman Krotje
Shelbyville, Tennessee
Born & raised in Sturgeon Bay

From: _____

Date: October 26, 2017 at 11:01:20 AM CDT

To: sbmayor@sturgeonbaywi.org, SBDistrict5 <sbdistrict5@sturgeonbaywi.org>, jvanleishout@sturgeonbaywi.org

Subject: The Granary

Hello Mayor Birmingham, Alderwoman Allmann and Mr. VanLeishout,
I am writing with hope that following the news of a \$1.25million donation to help restore the granary on the west side waterfront that there will be reconsideration to razing the building. It is a historic icon and with that amount of money it could be restored very beautifully.

There are several ideas generated by community members for the use of the granary upon completion of stabilization. I have not been part of these discussions but am impressed and encouraged by the community's vision and openness for continued growth that adds value to our city.

I thank you for your time, hard work and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Holland

117 S Lansing Ave

I trust you have seen the article I am referencing, but in case you have not I am including it: <https://doorcountypulse.com/donor-pledges-1-25-million-granary-restoration/>

From: Matthew Barr _____

Date: October 26, 2017 at 5:41:21 PM CDT

To: sbmayor@sturgeonbaywi.org, sbdistrict1@sturgeonbaywi.org,
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Subject: Please support the restoration of the old granary

Dear City of Sturgeon Bay Leaders,

I grew up in Sturgeon Bay and spend time in your lovely city every summer. You have an excellent opportunity to save and repurpose an unique old structure that has been a landmark in Sturgeon Bay for over a century. Sturgeon Bay has come a long way since I was growing up there in the 1980's. The proposed granary project will be a valuable asset to the community when it is completed. This use of this land should be a no brainer type of decision. It's a much better fit for the bay front than another hotel or the lighthouse tower proposed by the Maritime Museum. Please allow the Sturgeon Bay Historic Society to use the private funds they've raised to re-assess and stabilize this property. This would save tax payers in Sturgeon Bay \$75,000 that will be necessary to demolish the structure. You only have 1 chance to save this structure. Please have the fore site and courage to let this project proceed. It's projects like this one that make a town unique and worth visiting.

Best Regards,

Matthew Barr

From: Lynn Gilchrist _____

Date: October 27, 2017 at 3:31:27 PM CDT

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Subject: My Plea to Save the Granary!

Dear Sturgeon Bay City Council Members Kelly Catarozoli, Ron Vandertie, David J. Ward, Rick Wiesner, Barbara Allmann, Stewart R. Fett, and Laurel Hauser,

I am writing all the Sturgeon Bay City Council members today to ask you hard-working folks to help halt the demolition of the Sturgeon Bay Grain Elevator.

Tax-paying, voting citizens like myself hold you in great respect. We realize how many, many hours and how much effort you put into making Sturgeon Bay a wonderful place to live. We know that safety is one of your primary concerns for our city. But now it looks like there will be sufficient funds to restore the Granary to a state of public safety and enjoyment.

Although I wasn't raised in Sturgeon Bay, I have lived here 42 years and know a great many people. Everyone that I talk to (including lots of contact with tourists in my job) has a love and appreciation of the things that make Sturgeon Bay unique, especially its waterfront and our landmark, towering Granary. I look at it almost every day and have included it in my paintings of the waterfront. Residents and visitors alike enjoy Sturgeon Bay's small-town charm and how grounded in history it is.

Now that there is the promise of a large donation plus an ongoing strong fund-raising campaign, the Granary can be preserved in a safe and beautiful way. There is no need to burden residents with the costly demolition of a historic landmark.

Please make a positive mark in the history of Sturgeon Bay by changing direction to one of historic preservation and please SAVE THE GRANARY!

With thanks and my kind regards,

Lynn Gilchrist
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From: Wence Martinez _____

Date: October 30, 2017 at 1:34:47 AM CDT

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Subject: Don't ignore grainery funding.

Raze order still stands for grainery despite funding?

Charm drives our tourism and other communities and many developers manufacture “charming” landmarks to replicate lost originals.

Please open your minds to creative preservation and add to Sturgeon instead of ripping the community apart.

Epic crazy to ignore the supportive funding and rip out the grainery instead of using it as a positive!

Thank you,
Sandra Martinez

From: Betty Parsons _____

Date: November 4, 2017 at 2:18:22 PM CDT

To: <sbmayor@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict1@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict2@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict3@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict4@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict5@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict6@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <sbdistrict7@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <jvanlieshout@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <molejniczak@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <bbordeau@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <tdietman@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <aporter@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <cshefchik@sturgeonbaywi.org>, <rnesbitt@pinkertlawfirm.com>

Subject: SAVE THE GRANARY

To: Everyone Listed in the Above Email

I'm writing this letter as I value historic preservation, and consequently, support saving the granary. When preserving character, heritage, historic and architectural components of our community, we also provide a sense of continuity, place and pride for our residents, and in this case, a sense of agricultural heritage.

Sturgeon Bay spends significant sums marketing its museums. We are fortunate to have our mostly intact Historic Third Avenue, the Maritime Museum, the Door County Historical Museum, the architecturally unique Michigan Street Bridge, and the Miller Art Museum, which is a repository for deceased and living DC artists. In most instances, museums strive to recapture what has been destroyed. Remove our museums and collections of the past and what are we left with? Surely, we are diminished.

Via the internet, I read that many economic studies have been done during the last decade for historic preservation. Results, regardless of methodology, indicate that historic preservation is economically good for the community.

Communities often struggle to raise money for rehabilitation of historic structures. Incredibly, our community has been blessed with money to cover financial demands for the granary. To save the granary, a unique and tangible environment, gives an opportunity to honor the investments of our grandparents and preserves another dimension of community history, which remains, heretofore, unrecognized.

In addition to the Sturgeon Bay 'Best Old House' walking tour, so claimed by the Old House Magazine in 2011, I can envision walking tours that include the Maritime Museum, Michigan Street Bridge, Granary and the waterfront, with its working tugs. Where else does such a combination of components exist?

I find it interesting that young, old and new residents, alike, find a building they've never seen in operation meaningful to our heritage.

I urge a vote for granary rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

Betty Parsons
Sevastopol

From: Mary "Casey" Martin _____
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Olejniczak, Marty
Subject: Casey RE: SAVE THE GRANARY

To: Mayor of Sturgeon Bay, Council Members and Citizens:

RE: Council Meeting, Tuesday November 7, 2017 related to The Granary on the Westside of Sturgeon Bay

I'm a native of Door County, and currently spend six months of every year in my home village, Egg Harbor. My husband and I are considering Sturgeon Bay as a permanent relocation address within the near future. But, I'm concerned about the rush to tear down some of Door County's icons. I consider The Granary one of those symbols of Door. The Granary stands proud and tall, and it honors the agricultural elements of the peninsula as much as the fishing and boating industries, cherry commerce, and recent businesses related to wine and beer that bear our Door County name.

A respected group, the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society, has met — actually exceeded — the requirements of time and money that were set upon them this fall. Raising over \$159,000, and a recent gift of \$1.25 million dollars, to stabilize, repurpose, and maintain The Granary. The State Historical Society has acknowledged its value, and national recognition is being pursued. Creative minds have offered some excellent ideas for repurposing the structure for public use.

Meanwhile, the city left piles of dirt on the property only to devalue the entire site. I can only deduce that looking as though it is a blighted would make it easier for it to be handed over to some private investors; that would be the rationale to sell the neglected site. I believe that was apparent, given the length of time the precious real estate has been underutilized and not maintained. At the very least, the piles could have been raked or mounded into a more presentable waterfront landscape. The Granary is featured between the two bridges that traffic locals and tourists to the region, and can continue to be a beacon, not an eyesore, with the local support that has surfaced in recent years.

As a taxpayer, but more so as a person who loves all the Door County has to offer, I don't understand why precious public, coastal lands are even considered for sale to private individuals or businesses. Our unique coastline is limited, and it's one of the reasons people travel internationally to experience Door County. The taxes that would come from another hotel property surely don't equate to the years of experiences of locals

and visitors to a revitalized historic Granary, and our shorelines. Protect, preserve, and repurpose what exists, before you tear down an icon, and put a small plaque in its place. People travel to historic sites, and those dollars may be lost to Sturgeon Bay and Door County, if you let go of the Granary.

SAVE THE GRANARY!

Sincerely, Mary "Casey" (Lautenbach) Martin

Mary "Casey" Martin
7629 Horseshoe Bay Road
Egg Harbor WI 54209

and
2540 Abby Lane
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

From: Jimm McIver _____

Date: November 6, 2017 at 11:49:47 PM CST

To: _____

Subject: Sturgeon Bay Granary

I am writing in support of preserving Sturgeon Bay's historic 1901 granary, which was recently added to the State Register of Historic Places. I am asking for the fire chief and the city to accept the win-win proposal offered by the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society, which will cost ZERO taxpayer dollars. It is the best solution for public safety, honoring our past, and planning our future.

Thank you,

-Jimm McIver

From: Cathy Grier _____
Date: November 7, 2017 at 11:25:01 AM CST
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Subject: Save The Granary

Dear Mayor Birmingham, and Sturgeon Bay Representatives,

As a relatively new resident of Sturgeon Bay (I moved here last year), I am thrilled to be part of a Community with such rich history. It disturbs me to see a historic structure as the Granary be pulled into a political battle.

I believe that the Granary to not only be of historic significance, but a structure worth saving.

I am originally from New York State and have enjoyed traveling to New England to visit historic covered bridges. Most of the remaining structures are unsafe to drive on, but they are not demolished. They are saved, preserved by organizations with the necessary funds to stabilize and restore, with no cost to municipalities. And as a destination, a living museum, the Communities that surround those bridges can be proud to have preserved an important part of our past. Not to mention, they gain millions in tourist dollars. We too have an organization willing and able to help stabilize, preserve and restore our historic building the Granary, with no cost to our municipality. I ask you to move forward with the steps to allow them to proceed

People travel far and wide to see structures of historical significance, like the covered bridges in New England. The Granary is wonderful icon of our agricultural past, welcoming visitors as they enter Door County and our beautiful Sturgeon Bay. To remove it from where it stands would be a travesty.

I urge you to do what you can to save the building. Most importantly, if I am to understand the gravity of the situation, to ensure that the order of demolition be rescinded.

Regards,

Cathy Grier
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From: John Yount _____
Date: November 7, 2017 at 6:08:17 PM CST
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Sturgeon Bay Common Council;

From my perspective, the actions voted on and passed, and the tabling of any action on the bids for the demolition of the Granary, serve to ignore our Fire Chief's legal authority. Personally I find this serious and troubling. Going forward, who's legal authority does the City recognize or not recognize?

It is time you all have some constructive and creative discussion about how to move beyond this stalemate surrounding the Granary. Given the continuing silence of the DNR on the Lot 92 OHWM, perhaps the matter is being deferred to the legislature? Being in the position of not having a determination is an obstacle for the City in the determination of the future of the Granary. What if most of Lot 92, including the Granary footprint, is determined to be commercially developable? You do have a fiduciary responsibility that the property is developed to its highest and best use.

I ask you to begin considering an alternative course. It is clear there are a good number of very generous folks ready to donate significant amounts of money to save and repurpose the Granary. We have the OHWM determination for Lot 100. I suspect there is close to an acre of property below the OHWM that cannot be commercially developed. Let's focus on that area as an alternate location for the Granary, the Center for the Arts, etc.

George Evenson mentioned Big Creek. Every building there was moved from another location. Old World Wisconsin, the State Historical Society's major facility and draw, consists entirely of historic buildings dismantled and moved from every corner of our state. Structurally the Granary is not a complicated building. It could be easily dismantled (razed) and reconstructed on a portion of Lot 100, on a proper foundation.

Thinking about this approach, I see nothing but advantages:

--The dismantling of the Granary will put the City in compliance with the Fire Chief's legal raze order. Even a one day delay is wrong.

--The reconstruction of the Granary on Lot 100 will allow for a cohesive and coordinated plan to be developed for the public area of the lot, the area below the OHWM.

--The removal of the Granary from Lot 92, will leave a clean slate for the commercial development of Lot 92.

Also of great importance, I see taking the course of dismantling and reconstructing the Granary on Lot 100, as an opportunity for many in the community to work together to create a wonderful public waterfront pavilion, Center for the Arts, etc. The amounts of money people are willing to contribute is impressive, generous, and cannot be ignored. I personally liked the Collins/Hauser proposal for the Granary from two years ago.

The continual delays must stop. Our west waterfront is an embarassment It is time to work together and get constructive things done.

We all know our West Waterfront has incredible potential for our City. It can be a draw for residents and tourists alike.

The citizens of Sturgeon Bay look to you for leadership and will support you working together on a resolution of the Granary issue which respects our Fire Chiefs legal raze order, and gives recognition to those who desire to save and repurpose the Granary. Simply put, take it apart and rebuild approximately 150' feet to the south

Kind Regards, John Yount

From: Center Line Forum _____

Date: October 21, 2017 at 7:14:59 AM CDT

To: sbmayor@sturgeonbaywi.org, sbdistrict1@sturgeonbaywi.org,
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Subject: Suggestion Box #53: Westside Pavilion

From the Center Line Community Suggestion Box - a repository of ideas provided by citizens who love Sturgeon Bay! Some are projects and solutions that have been used with success in other communities; others are creative but untried. Responses are not expected (but would always be welcome). What we hope is that this is a useful repository of constructive suggestions from the community for you to refer to, and sometimes might indicate an opportunity for communication from the City to share information or clarification on questions or concerns that are raised. It could also be an opportunity for you to forward it to the right person, if the suggestion is not directly in the City's purview. Thank you for embracing what is meant as a positive contribution from the community.

Door County lovers....Sturgeon Bay friends, please look at these pics.

This pavilion could be on Sturgeon Bay's westside waterfront and fall within public trust doctrine uses. It could be attached to the granary and be designed in a way that houses public restrooms and provides the support the historic granary needs.

It's been confirmed that the City can maintain and operate a Pavilion Park like this and the revenue from events and rentals can go into the general fund. City Attorney Randy Nesbitt, the City administrator and Alderman Ward, have seen this concept at the friends negotiations in Madison earlier this year.

Think: farmers market, covered concert venue, wedding rental, festivals & car shows, fishing tournaments, and much-needed shoulder and off-season events like housing a very prominent and beautiful ice rink, Christmas festivals and Christmas market etc.

It could be designed to have sections closed off such as an area near the fireplace for a warming house. Please share and add your thoughts for potential uses below.

Mohonk Mountain House, NY

THINK COVER OF DC TOURISM GUIDE BOOKS. NEW AND OLD ICONS.

Submitted by Carri Andersson





(Sent via Center Line Community Forum. This email was sent via a form on the Center Line website's Community Suggestion Box at centerlineforum.org/suggestions, without moderation except for ensuring civility. Center Line does not necessarily endorse the idea).

From: Joe Kaftan _____
Date: October 22, 2017 at 1:23:59 AM CDT
To: Joe Kaftan _____
Subject: Please Help

Dear Sir,

Imagine if someone had had the foresight to save the iconic shanties at The Whitefish Bay Creek. They would be treasured. It is so important that as a community, we think ahead, and not let more tragic unnecessary losses like that happen again.

Please promptly pursue all possible means of having the Granary's existing full structural assessment updated -- by the professional engineers -- to enable an informed decision about stabilization/repair/raze rather than an uninformed one -- knowing that the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society has in hand the full private funding covering the amount previously estimated for stabilization by Meyer-Borgman-Johnson.

Sincerely,

Joe Kaftan

4830 Bark Road
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From: Center Line Forum _____

Date: October 21, 2017 at 7:19:08 AM CDT

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Subject: Suggestion Box #54: New Life for Granary

From the Center Line Community Suggestion Box - a repository of ideas provided by citizens who love Sturgeon Bay! Some are projects and solutions that have been used with success in other communities; others are creative but untried. Responses are not expected (but would always be welcome). What we hope is that this is a useful repository of constructive suggestions from the community for you to refer to, and sometimes might indicate an opportunity for communication from the City to share information or clarification on questions or concerns that are raised. It could also be an opportunity for you to forward it to the right person, if the suggestion is not directly in the City's purview. Thank you for embracing what is meant as a positive contribution from the community.

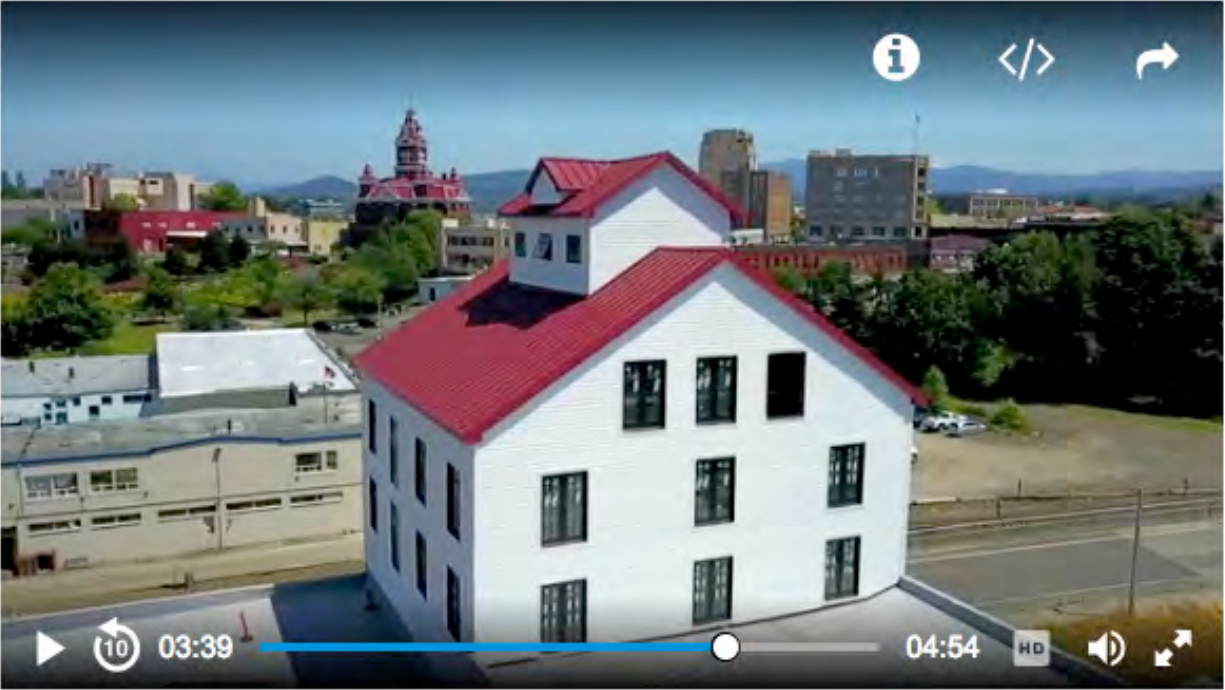
Here is a great video of a granary being renovated for Bellingham, WA.

"The renovated Granary Building on Bellingham's waterfront is taking shape in the former home of the Washington Egg and Poultry Cooperative Association."

From the Bellingham Herald: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article169412917.html>

"It only takes an ounce of vision to see how this type of adaptive use and historic preservation would revitalize Sturgeon Bay's west side waterfront." (Bob MacDonald)

submitted by Bob Dubuque via fb



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From: Beth Renstrom _____

Date: October 28, 2017 at 10:03:05 PM CDT

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Subject: Support of the Granary

We've been visiting Sturgeon Bay for over 20 years, bought a home here 10 years ago, and moved here permanently earlier this year. We've traveled the world but we decided to make this our home because of the unique aspects and lovely people that have kept us coming back for so many years. There are many wonderful things about Sturgeon Bay but it would take a novel to go into them all so I'll comment on the one that is in jeopardy at this moment, the old Granary downtown. I've heard it referred to as an 'eyesore', as a 'danger', but much more I've heard it referred to as a 'landmark', a 'unique bit of history', a 'lovely, old building'. And I wholeheartedly agree with the latter.

Having grown up in Chicago and having lived in various cities across the US, I've seen historic old buildings torn down in many places, all deemed to be 'old and of no value'. I saw my own father rip out a claw foot tub because it was ugly and old fashioned and replace it with a plastic insert. So many decisions regretted when it was too late to salvage our history and honor the unique aspects of what made these things special. The Granary is part of what makes Sturgeon Bay unique - it should be given a place of honor on the waterfront, a public space where people can go and enjoy some of the best that Sturgeon Bay has to offer - the waterfront, the tug boats, the bridges, the splendid views.

Some people may not deem it beautiful, some may consider it an 'eyesore', often times people that are close to something, grew up with it, have a hard time seeing the beauty in it. Please take time to consider the value and opportunities this unique landmark contributes to the city. I, for one, love the Granary and consider it a wonderful feature of my new home town. The offer of over 1 million dollars to restore it delivers the opportunity to make it a feature point of this beautiful city.

Beth Renstrom
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Date: October 30, 2017 at 1:40:52 PM CDT

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Subject: Delay Raze Order

As a concerned citizen of Sturgeon Bay and someone who has been disappointed by the tactics the city has used to resolve the issues impacting the preservation of the granary, I respectfully ask that fire chief Dietman delay the raze order and consult with professional structural engineers Meyer Borgman Johnson to obtain an updated structural analysis which can be conducted safely. MBJ did the full 2013 structural analysis and concluded that the granary was in generally good condition needing \$150,000 in repairs. These funds are now privately available through the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society. And as you are aware, additional funds of \$1.25 million for stabilization and restoration have been donated through the Door County Community Foundation, contingent on the city and the historical society working together to find a long-term solution for the granary.

I ask the mayor and my councilman, Ron Vandertie, along with the rest of the council and city staff, to act in good faith and to represent the interest of a broad section of this community by urging Chief Dietman to delay the raze order so that an objective decision about the granary can be made by qualified professionals.

Judy M Drew
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Subject: PLEASE SAVE THE GRANARY!!!!

To those in our city government who were elected
and appointed to represent the constituents of our community,
I strongly implore you to do away with the raze order for the Teweles &
Brandeis grain elevator on Sturgeon Bay's west side.

We are at a very fortunate time in our history
where we have both man power AND financial
support to save a historic structure that can be
enjoyed by generations to come.

Please do the right thing: please save a granary!!!

melaniejane
Holiday Music Motel
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Subject: Tax dollars/ grain elevator

November 6, 2017

Michael Grimm
30 North 7th Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dear Sturgeon Bay City Council Members and Mayor;

As a homeowner and tax payer in the city of Sturgeon Bay I urge you to use your powers as a city council member to adapt a fiscally conservative approach to the use of my tax dollars by utilizing the private funding now available to examine the structural integrity of the Teweles and Brandeis Grain Elevator. Then, hopefully, after this first step of assessment, the private (non-tax payer) funding will be used to stabilize and ultimately restore and invest in this historic building for the economic and education potential it holds for our city.

The cultural significance of this structure is evident and affirmed by recent statements of the Sturgeon Bay Historic Preservation Commission and the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Please take the fiscally conservative approach, save my tax dollars, and use the generous private donations to assess and ultimately save this historic building.

Sincerely,

Michael Grimm

From: Lynn Gilchrist _____

Date: November 6, 2017 at 2:15:36 PM CST

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Subject: Please rescind the raze order for the Granary

To the Honorable Mayor Thad Birmingham

Dear Mayor Birmingham,

Door County historian and native George Evenson said it best: "It would be disrespectful to the past, to its builders and to the community" to tear down the Grain Elevator.

I am writing again with my sincere plea that you will help find a way to halt the raze order for our historic Granary.

There must be a way for you and Chief Dietman to be able to postpone the deadline so that the option of saving and restoring the building may be considered. I hope that at tomorrow's City Council meeting you will work with those who wish to postpone the deadline.

Your townspeople, including me, will respect you for being able to have an open mind in the face of the overwhelming support for the preservation of this beloved building.

Thank you for your leadership and all your work on behalf of our beautiful city.

Respectfully,

Lynn Gilchrist
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Subject: Granary

Hello All,

I want to add my voice to the chorus that is pleading with city leaders to give the granary a chance.

I've heard all the arguments. I've followed this from Day One.

There are a lot of arguments I could present. Perhaps they would be dismissed out of hand by those on the board who are perpetually opposed to the historic renovation.

(ie. I talk with tourists almost daily during the season, and they are shocked that the city would remove an asset like that. Authenticity matters. Etc. etc. Please read my Door county Advocate column in the October 28th issue)

So, instead, I'll be practical: There is money--and it's NOT taxpayer money--on the table that could preserve the structure.

The alternative is to use taxpayer money--MY money--to remove it.

Removing the granary would furthermore hurt my business that has successfully used the historic structure and adjacent tugboats as a background for wedding, family, engagement and senior photography.

This does not add up. Not for me.

I do have a dog in this fight. I have been a huge champion of Sturgeon Bay over the years, working to promote it in every way I can (Yes! Sturgeon Bay IS part of Door County!)

I've chosen this city as my home, bringing up my sons here: Cheering for the local school teams, mourning leaders and luminaries who pass away. Waving from my steering wheel as I pass my friends and neighbors on the road

The city has had my back during times of great distress--especially when I had cancer 10 years ago. And I have had the city's back, too, stepping up to attend fundraisers, functions, events.

I love this place with all my heart and soul.

I am pleading: Please listen to people who are in the industry, on the street, and deeply committed to the opportunity to provide something unique to the peninsula. Something that would draw in visitors and retain residents.

Please listen to me.

Heidi Hodges

From: Tracy Vreeke _____

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Subject: Granary

Hello all,

I am writing to express my support of enabling the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society (SBHS) to spend their private funds for a structural assessment update of the Teweles & Brandeis Granary.

I was present at the meeting of the SB Historic Preservation Committee last Monday, and was impressed with the presentations by Laura Kayacan of the Door County Library, Claire Morkin of SBHS, and George Evenson, past DC Historical Society president, outlining the granary's place in the agricultural and shipping history of Sturgeon Bay.

In addition, much work has been put into imagining how this structure can enhance our community and give it an original and interesting skyline.

<http://www.centerlineforum.org/repurposed-granaries>

I understand it may not be possible to save the granary, but it would be a shame to raise it without adequately determining if it is possible for SBHS to proceed with stabilization/repair using private funds. And of course, if it is possible, this would save the \$75,000 of taxpayer dollars that would be spent to tear it down.

In closing, I urge you to take the opportunity to slow this down, determine to the satisfaction of all whether or not the granary is saveable, and then proceed with the discussion of what to do next.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Vreeke
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Subject: Letter in support of preserving Sturgeon Bay's historic 1901 granary, a monument to our proud agricultural and maritime heritage

I am writing to you in support of preserving Sturgeon Bay's historic 1901 granary, which was recently added to the State Register of Historic Places. I am asking for the fire chief and the city to accept the win-win proposal offered by the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society, which will cost ZERO taxpayer dollars. It is the best solution for public safety, honoring our past, and planning our future.

We are lucky to live in this beautiful community, in which so many people are generous with their money, time, talents and passion. Now that private funding has come through, and various development plans are being discussed, there's no good reason why the city shouldn't take up this opportunity to preserve this monument to our agricultural and maritime heritage, and to allow citizens to make this investment in our city's future.

This granary is a monument to community cooperation, to those who were farming here a hundred years ago and those who worked to bring those goods to market. I would hope that the Maritime Museum next door would recognize that the granary is a significant part of our historical working waterfront and of the maritime story that they are dedicated to preserving and sharing. It also has the potential to be a newly reinvigorated icon of our city, honoring our past while looking toward our future. Development, excitement and activity around this city icon would be a huge boost to our economy. People and businesses on the West Side often say they feel overlooked- this would be especially great for them.

I look forward to hearing ideas for how to best use this building and area. I personally would like to see a covered farmers market and small park. I had the pleasure of living near the Ithaca Farmers Market for a few years, and it was wonderful. It was on the waterfront, had live music and night events, and the access to storage, water, and electricity was convenient for vendors and visitors. The park area was always full of

families at picnic tables and children at play. This location in Sturgeon Bay would have the advantage of being next to the museum and various businesses which would be the beneficiaries of increased foot traffic, and of having the historically significant, monumental granary as its principal aesthetic feature.

It's fantastic and inspiring when a community comes together to honor their history and plan for their future, to make their shared home more beautiful and useful – this is Sturgeon Bay's chance to do just that.

Thank you,

Melissa Clark

Sturgeon Bay resident

From: Carri Andersson _____

Date: November 7, 2017 at 12:15:01 AM CST

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Subject: Letter of support for granary



Dear City officials and employees,

This is my letter of support for the preservation of the granary where it stands, if at all possible. I am including photos of Mohonk Mountain House Pavilion in NY. I would love to see something like this pavilion be considered for the public land space and a source of revenue for the city. This specific pavilion generated a lot of interest on social media locally and an abundance of ideas for uses were generated. It could be attached to the granary and the granary and supporting structure could house public restrooms, among other things.

Prior to moving to Sturgeon Bay, I worked as an event planner & designer (CT, NYC, MA, Chicago and Milwaukee clients) and I know the revenue potential a well-thought out, visually appealing, unique and versatile space can bring. Think thousands of dollars for just a 6 hour rental. That means you could book multiply events/day/weekend. We do NOT have something like this in DC - especially waterfront. The demand for a venue like this is high and unmet in Door Co. and that is echoed on Wisconsin and Illinois social media sites.

I believe that a beautiful structure would be used widely for visual marketing in our guidebooks and free marketing on social media. It could be the "attraction" that hosts attractions that gets people moving around the West Side. Please take a minute to look at the pictures and consider how the following uses might benefit our city in all seasons:







- sheltered farmers market / nighttime farmers market
- concerts
- weddings, family reunions, corporate events

- Christmas Market (Christmas by the Bay - NYE for additional sale of local product)
- boat/car shows
- fishing tourneys
- ice rink/rental not dependent on weather (local kids could get free rental on winter break)
- hockey, broomball leagues/teams
- all season social gathering space
- warming house (could have a portion by the fireplace able to be enclosed)
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I see a lot of potential and a great revenue source that could generate the funds to not only maintain it, but bring in people to spend money at nearby businesses. I would love to speak to anyone interested in building a community space such as this. And I ask that you stop and consider new possibilities for reuse of that site incorporating the historic granary.

Thank you,

Carri Andersson

From: _____

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:35 AM

Subject: CFTA press statement about the granary raze order

CFTA statement about granary

The CFTA Exploratory Committee has worked diligently over the past four months to develop plans for a new community and arts center on the westside waterfront that would consist of four elements:

1. A “Modern Miller” wing as a second location for the Miller Art Museum
2. A 125-150 seat theater for Third Avenue Playhouse
3. A large multi-use public space with free exhibits and community events
4. A restored, cleaned up and structurally secured Granary that can also be used as a flexible three season space for events, exhibits, and lectures about our city’s history.

Our committee believes that the Granary is a treasure to our community because it symbolizes the proud efforts of past generations to till the land and distribute the fruits of their labor around the country. It symbolizes the agricultural foundation of our community, and with it the spirit of the people that settled this land. We feel indeed fortunate to have such an iconic structure right in our midst and believe that thorough efforts should be taken to protect, restore, and preserve the granary.

Our plans for a possible CFTA in this particular location were inspired by the opportunity to celebrate history through creativity. Our motto is “...where community and creativity meet...” and to celebrate creativity and community with a restored historic icon in our midst would indeed raise Sturgeon Bay to another level.

If this unique building is found to be unsafe and beyond repair than we have missed out on our responsibility to preserve and honor our community’s history. Our committee urges all parties involved to examine the structure of Teweles & Brandeis Grain Elevator with expert help and determine its condition.

Sincerely,

HANS CHRISTIAN
Chair, CFTA Exploratory Committee

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Subject: Letter Regarding Current Granary Building Raze Order

Hello all,

Please see the attached letter in regards to the current Raze Order for the Teweles and Brandeis Granary.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sara Powers

Architectural Intern at Collage | a r c h i t e c t s
Candidate, Master of Architecture
University of Minnesota 2018

Hello all,

I am writing to voice my opinion of strong opposition to the recent raze order for the Teweles & Brandeis Granary Elevator.

While I am no longer a current legal resident of Sturgeon Bay, this is still the only place in the world that I would consider my home. Since graduating from Sturgeon Bay high school in 2011, I've been a full-time student at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities). In 2015, I graduated with a Bachelor of Design in Architecture, and will be graduating this coming spring with a Master of Architecture as well. I've also had the privilege of working at Collage Architects in Minneapolis throughout the duration of my graduate education. Both in practice and academic exploration, I've spent the past six years learning about the theory, history, and current practices in architectural design and, more broadly, the ways in which the world around us has the power to transform our lives (for better or for worse).

I've learned that the places we live are fundamentally a part of our existence. Each has a unique identity, simply because it exists. It is our perception of these expressions of identity that create our connections to (and memories of) a specific place.

Not unlike my own personal memories of my childhood in Sturgeon Bay, this building represents the City's collective memory of its maritime past and historical foundation. It once stood as the community's central hub for commerce, public engagement, and connection to the water (and, therefore, the communities beyond). Places and buildings like this are ripe with the tremendous opportunity for *placemaking*. Placemaking can help a city establish a unique identity around which the community can grow. More specifically, the Granary has the potential to firmly link our city to its history, and use this as a foundation for growth and change to come.

This Granary is not only a place, but represents a story. It is a story that happens to be a fundamental part of our city's history. It is a piece of history that happens to stand on a publicly-owned piece of *waterfront* property in the *heart* of our downtown (and happens to be right next-door to the well-known Door County Maritime Museum). It is a place that has the potential to link two currently disparate sides of downtown, creating a district for retail, recreation and tourism that successfully connects the east and west sides. And, perhaps most importantly, this is a place that has the potential to establish an identity in Door County that is unique from any other around it.

As a candidate for a Master of Architecture, the next seven months of my education will be spent exploring these ideas in depth through my Thesis project. I've been both inspired and angered by the discussions surrounding the Granary's future for a few years now – and come May, I will perhaps be an expert on the possibilities, constraints, and opportunities this building presents to the community. I've already begun discussing this project with my thesis advisors and professors, and no one – *no one* – I've talked to has needed convincing on this building's and this site's importance to future of the community.

The decision to raze the building is not only short-sighted, but it negates the potential for these types of discussions to be brought up further in public debate.

Surely if one anonymous tip can spur a hastened timeline for building demolition, I would hope that my voice, and my opinion, will at least be given equal consideration during the debates to come.

I believe I've made my own opinion for the Granary's future perfectly clear. However, I know that there are many people in Sturgeon Bay who do not currently share the same hopes for its restoration – and that is *absolutely* their right. The potential for this building and this place are limitless and *must* be continued to be discussed by community members, local experts, and public officials. I can envision a multitude of potential futures for this building - some of which are already being discussed and brought forward by local groups and organizations. This is not a decision that should be made by any one person – this affects us all, and therefore cannot, and *should* not be discussed behind closed doors. This raze order is a symptom of a much larger issue in the public processes in Sturgeon Bay.

In August, the City Council voted to suspend a decision on the demolition of the Granary until 2018, giving the community time to discuss and generate support for alternatives. Why is the City not honoring this decision? The Granary has stood for 116 years despite city neglect and lack of upkeep – so, what is the rush? I understand that the building is currently in a state of disrepair, however, the City has owned this property for years. Just as community groups have found funding and the support necessary to stabilize the structure and restore the character of the building, then it suddenly becomes unsafe beyond hope for repair? I don't buy it.

I am aware that there was a Structural Analysis Report conducted in 2013 by Meyer Borgman Johnson. This is a very well known (and legally licensed) engineering group who specialize in these types of analysis. While myself and Chief Dietman both practice in professions that deal quite a bit with building structure, human safety, and well-being, I have learned through my few years of professional practice that it is *always* best to trust our consultants. They are the experts, and I would hope that before any rash decision is made about the Granary building that an expert is again consulted and the results of their thorough analysis are discussed.

To conclude, the Granary building in Sturgeon Bay has been the subject of heated public debate and investigation for several years now, and - personal opinions aside - that primarily means one thing: this place is *important*. Important decisions such as these call for appropriate time and consideration in order to find the best solution possible for all involved. I am hopeful that my plea may help redirect the conversation from demolition to that of transformation. I know that when buildings get political like this debates and conversations surrounding their future often become heated and messy. However, you have all been given positions of authority in our community, and it is my hope that these decisions are made in a way that is both respectful of the opinions of community groups and organizations, consults the research and opinions of the appropriate experts, and takes the general well-being and future of the community into consideration.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sara Powers

Architectural Intern at Collage | a r c h i t e c t s
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OCTOBER 11, 2017

Sturgeon Bay City Council,

My name is George Evenson, currently County Historian and was President of the DCHS for about 20n years, I have lived in Door County all my life and farmed in the town of Sevastopol. I have also maintained a strong interest in community affairs and held Public office, and observed many changes that have tasked place, in agriculture and the local community over the past 80+years and there have been many.

The intent of this letter is to emphasize my support for the preservation of the Granary Building of the Westside Waterfront project under consideration. The unique size and shape building is an easily recognized symbol of past agricultural use and the vitality of Agriculture in this area. It symbolizes the strong connection between agriculture and early Sturgeon Bay.

Over the years local farming has changed significantly—several large cherry processing plants and milk processing factories have come and gone and not trace remains. Dairy farms are disappearing and few large orchards remain operating. Hundreds of acres of strawberries were grown, all changed. The history of the need for this particular type structure relates to the history of northeastern Wisconsin, the best pea growing area in the U.S the 1870s.

In its present conditions it is not attractive but nearly all observers recognizes its past function, as a shipping facility for bulk agricultural production, seeds in the spring, grain and supplies year around and shipping at harvest.

As for the future, it must be evaluated by professional engineers and reinforced, without changing the basic configuration. Innovative ways can be found for limited economic and educational activities that can be incorporated and some money can be made.

In conclusion this structure must be saved; it is the right building, located on the right spot. It truly represents past community history, water front activity and will become more valuable as time goes by. To deliberate destroy with fire somehow seems disrespectful, to its builders and those that used it and communities that were built with its service..

Sincerely,

George Evenson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Evenson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a horizontal line that serves as a separator between the typed name and the signature.

Letter to the Editor: City should work with the community on granary issue

October 20, 2017 07:49 am

By John Hauser

I am writing to express my strong objection to the decision to raze the granary on the west side waterfront in Sturgeon Bay. This building, while currently in poor condition, has the potential to become a landmark that sets our waterfront apart from other developments in small communities around the state. The decision to destroy it is a short sighted one and flies in the face of trying to provide visitors with the kind of unique cultural experience that would draw them into our community. The economic impact of this move will be negative.

I am also discouraged by the process used in making this determination. Just a couple of months ago the City Council voted to defer a decision on the destruction of this landmark until 2018, giving the community time to propose, and gather support for, alternatives. It is bewildering that the City is not honoring that Council decision and is instead moving forward with the destruction at this time – just as the community has reached its goal of securing the funds needed to stabilize the structure. Adding to the confusion is the Fire Chief’s comment that “We cannot determine if the Granary has moved to date as we have no prior readings that we know of.” Those readings do exist as a result of a City commissioned engineering study in 2013, and they should have been used to make a more objective and accurate determination of the short term risks of leaving the structure standing. The fact that he wasn’t aware of that study is certainly an indication that his decision was hasty and poorly thought out.

Rather than destroying this piece of history, I encourage the City to work with the members of our community who have already raised sufficient funds to stabilize and preserve it. There is clearly a public interest in preserving and re-purposing this building; I encourage the City to support, rather than discourage, that interest. As a first step, the City should engage the services of an engineering firm that is qualified to do this kind of analysis; rather than ignore the information that the City paid for in 2013, I encourage the City to update that information to make a determination of whether the possibilities outlined in that earlier study still exist.

I know that decisions like this are difficult, but certainly they should at least be made with all the facts in hand and with the counsel of those who have the ability to consider the broad impact of the decision.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauser

Response to John Hauser's LTE and other online comments,

Judy on Oct 21, 2017 at 02:22 pm said:

For the record, I'm in favor of historic preservation, and I have been impressed with the consistent efforts of the Friends group to find solutions that would satisfy both their desire to save and repurpose the granary and the City's need to generate income. Further, I know both Dan Collins and Nancy Aten and have a great deal of respect for their informed, dedicated approach to conservation. But whether you're in favor of preservation or not, whether you're concerned about conserving this particular piece of Sturgeon Bay's culture or not, the behavior I've witnessed with respect to the granary is in no one's best interest – not yours and not mine – because clearly the mayor and the majority of his council have no real enthusiasm for providing their constituents with opportunities to have input. If they were interested in accurately assessing the will of the community on this or any other issue, they'd hold council meetings in the evening, schedule listening sessions and/ or focus groups, conduct polls or hold referendums.

Since moving here 15 years ago, I've spent 13 years working in the nonprofit sector. What I can tell you is that upholding the organization's mission was the primary objective and the filter through which all activities and projects were screened. Why? Because nonprofits are dependent on public support and acting in accordance with a stated mission is the promise made to the public in return for that support. How did we make sure we were doing a good job? We involved the community by holding focus groups and town hall meetings, by soliciting feedback via polls and questionnaires, by being available for individual meetings. By doing everything we could do to assure that we were acting in good faith. Shouldn't our elected officials, compensated by and entrusted with our tax dollars, be held to the same standard?

Perhaps if you don't care about the future of the granary, you haven't spent a lot of time thinking about this issue. But here's my question: What happens if an issue you do care about proves to be contentious and you find yourself on the receiving end of this same disinterested, disingenuous treatment by your elected officials? It won't be okay with me, no matter what side of the issue I'm on.

Save Sturgeon Bay's 1901 Teweles & Brandeis Grain Elevator

"The Teweles and Brandeis grain elevator is an excellent, highly intact example of a grain processing and storage building of a type that was once frequently encountered in communities in Wisconsin....It is now the only surviving historic resource in the city that can attest to the city's historically important role in agriculture production in Door County."
-Wisconsin Historical Society

"The Teweles & Brandeis granary is a treasure."
George Evenson, Door County Historian

The Granary, listed on the State Register of Historic Places in August, 2017, is expected to be listed on the National Register in the coming months.

The Sturgeon Bay Historical Society (SBHS) has raised the \$150,000 in private funds needed to stabilize the Granary for future use, eliminating the need to spend \$75,000 in taxpayer dollars to tear it down. We are also pleased to announce that SBHS has received a commitment of \$1,250,000 specifically for the repair, restoration and future maintenance of the historic 1901 Teweles & Brandeis grain elevator, for public benefit. For details which will govern the implementation of this gift, and to join SBHS efforts, please visit www.centerlineforum.org/historic-granary.



"The liveliest place out of the business streets is down at the elevator where hundreds of teams are to be found daily delivering...products of the farm. The farmers never had such a cinch..."
The Advocate, October 11, 1902

The Granary has 19 separate bins and an aggregate capacity of 30,000 bushels. Some of the bins were filled and emptied almost daily; others held grain "until the owners feel disposed to put the cereal on the market."
The Advocate, August 17, 1901

The Granary was built on a dock surrounded by water to allow large ships to pull up. Later, a spur from the Ahnapee & Western main line was run to the granary so crops could be loaded onto rail cars as well.

A belt-and-bucket vertical conveyor system (still operational), took incoming crops from the "boot" -- where farmers dumped them -- 90 feet up to the headhouse in the cupola. From there, the crops were distributed into the bins or cribs. Chutes below the cribs were opened to distribute out-going grain.

Isidor Brandeis is credited with making Bay View (Sturgeon Bay's west side) a year-round settlement. "Prior to his arrival in this community, it was the custom to 'shut up shop' in the latter part of October, when everything had been marketed."
Door County Advocate, March 24, 1953

The Granary's iron cladding kept the wooden structure safe from sparks from steamboats and locomotives.

"A consignment of peas recently went from here to Havana, Cuba, where they will be made into soup for the Cubans, no doubt. Teweles & Brandeis'...goods will find a ready market all over the civilized world. This is a pretty good thing for Door County also."
The Advocate, 1903

"A car now stands on the Teweles & Brandeis sidetrack which is being loaded with provisions for the [earthquake victims] of San Francisco, contributed by the people of Sturgeon Bay, and the farmers of Door County."
Door County Democrat, April 28th, 1906

The Granary was state-of-the-art and a source of community pride. It received a coat of fresh paint every few years.

At one time, downtown Sturgeon Bay had a milk condensery, a cherry processing plant, a brewery, refrigerated warehouses, a seed warehouse and several grain elevators. They are all gone.

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