



November 3, 2012

Mr. Craig Ewing, AICP
Director of Planning Services
City of Palm Springs
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subj: Proposed Interior Plans for the Rehabilitation of the Welwood Murray
Memorial Library (WMML)

Dear Mr. Ewing,

We have reviewed the proposed interior plans for the rehabilitation of the Welwood Murray Memorial Library (WMML), scheduled to be discussed at the special meeting of the Historic Site Preservation Board on November 6, 2012, and applaud the city's planned uses (i.e., public meeting spaces, research library, tourist care, etc.) for this historic civic building. We especially appreciate the city's endeavor to retain the "sense of place" of the WMML by retaining some of the original book shelving. We hope that as the interior plan is refined even more shelving might be retained.

One of the most prominent historical elements of the library was the round circulation desk that greeted visitors and served as the focal point for library activities. The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation hopes that the city will seriously consider the reconstruction of that important feature and we would be interested in financially supporting such an effort.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance please contact the foundation at (760)-837-7117 or at info@pspreservationfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Marshall
President

Copy to: City Manager (Mr. David Ready); City Clerk (Mr. James Thompson) (for inclusion in City Council November 7, 2012 meeting Item 4.B) and Chair, HSPB (Mr. Tom DeLeeuw)