

DC Cook: Historic Vote for Historic Property (January 30, 2020)



Dear DC Cook Supporters,

NENA has been working hard to prevent the threatened demolition of the DC Cook Administration Building--a beautiful and historic part of our community. Your support and voice matter: **on January 22, the City Council voted to apply for local landmark status for the DC Cook building, thus delaying issuance of a demolition permit.** This was an historic vote! There are two more important votes for which we'll need your support: on March 3 the Elgin Heritage Commission will vote to recommend the property for Landmark Status. On April 22, the City Council will vote whether to accept a recommendation for Landmark Status (this will require a minimum of 6 votes).

Stay tuned as we address the following KEY POINTS in our future communications:

1. NENA, with City support, is being proactive to find a suitable adaptive reuse for the property.
2. Adaptive reuse is the BEST use of the property.
3. The architectural and historical importance of this property warrant its protection.
4. We all have private property rights which are restricted by zoning and ordinances; a certificate of appropriateness for demolition is a municipal tool that protects the community.
5. Landmarking this property brings significant financial rewards and incentives.
6. Demolition is not a sustainable option: the greenest building is one that is already built.

Thank you for your support!

NENA and the Property Development Work Group