

Save Century II Newsletter #2

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We held our second meeting in the Mary Jane Teall theater on October 22, 2019. The prestigious panel included Bill Warren, regional businessman and founder of Warren Theatres, Ann Garvey, creator of two city-wide collaborative arts agencies and founder of Calgary City Ballet, Greg Kite, President of Historic Preservation Alliance, Dean Bradley, Pratt & Bradley Architects, and Celeste Racette, community activist.

Ann Garvey read a poem by David Cutler, former WSU English Professor, entitled **Century II**, a special tribute to John Hickman. She presented photos of Wichita's arts groups and ideas for CII as a cultural center. Bill Warren suggested uses for the building and offered help with assessing the building's functionality. Greg explained how the building could be repurposed and offered ideas for arts center development. Dean explained architectural details of the building that represent Kansas sky and landscape. Celeste presented results from her Kansas Open Records Act requests; 10 year deferred maintenance, facility assessment report, and STAR bond financing projects that impact our taxes. A video presentation by Ellen Hickman and her son ended the evening.

Here are our four talking points:

- 1. Century II cannot go dark**
- 2. The loss of this iconic building would be a waste of resources**
- 3. Community arts groups use Century II, it can be repurposed**
- 4. Citizens should have a V O T E !**

Our next meeting (free and open to the public) is December 13, Friday, Corbin Educational Center, Wichita State University, at 5:15 p.m. Robert McLaughlin, KC Modernist and AIA member will discuss modernist architecture in Wichita. He will show slides of structures designed by architect John Hickman.

We would love to speak at your group's meeting. Contact Celeste for details.

We have yard signs! One of our wonderful donors came up with this idea and it's brilliant! They are free while they last, though any donation to Save Century II is appreciated. Put one in your yard today!

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