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From: Diane Hinderaker <drhinderaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:17 AM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Pillars in Downtown

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to share my concern about the decision to demolish the pillars around downtown. I want them to be preserved and not taken out. I do believe this is an inappropriate use of city funds and that demolishing them is wrong. This is not the best use of funds for the City. I feel there are many other significant issues for the City to be deliberating and this is not one of them.

I like these pillars and find them to be a distinguishing part of the downtown landscape. If it is not broken, don't fix it. Would like to see them maintained and not destroyed. If there is a way to update and secure them for the future, that would be a better use of the funds around this issue, in my opinion.

I would like the Council to reconsider the demolishing of these pillars.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Hinderaker
Ames Resident

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From: Douglas Pepe <dougpepe.dp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:08 PM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: DowntownBallards

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Greetings Mayor & Council,

I amplify the desire to maintain the downtown ballards/pillars.

Thank you,
Doug Pepe
3539 Tripp St 50014

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From: holly aronson <biknholly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:47 PM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Downtown Pillars

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Mayor and city council

Please keep the downtown pillars from being destroyed. I find the destruction of so many great intact art and historic pieces a shame. Seems like a huge waste of money as well Thank you Holly Aronson

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kathy McRoberts <klsm105@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:06 PM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Historic Pillars Downtown

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Please reconsider the decision to remove the historic pillars from the downtown Ames area. I truly enjoy them and feel they give downtown a little extra culture for visitors. My son still talks about touring them with his third grade class for their local history unit. He is now a junior at Ames High. I feel it would be a detriment to just tear them down.

Sincerely,
Kathy McRoberts
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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Katherine Wuhs Latham <klwlatham12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 8:24 PM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Demolition of Pillars

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Good evening,

I am writing to request that the council reconsider demolishing the brick pillars in our historic downtown. There are so many reasons to keep these beautiful markers, not the least of which is the historical significance of them. But for many, they are just a part of our memory of Ames. There seems to be no real reason to demo these as (as I understand it) they are not impeding the laws around ADA, or blocking traffic.

Please reconsider. Our downtown is thriving, it's beautiful, it's historic. Let's keep it that way!

Sincerely,
Katherine Wuhs Latham

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From: Thomas and Sharon Fenton <fentonames@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:38 AM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Pillars

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Hello, all!

I am writing in support of repairing the historical pillars downtown. They are a personal and unique way of sharing our common history. When they were put in place, friends and neighbors collected money to support their installation. Ellen and Don Hadwiger collected funds for the Martin Pillar to honor the family who housed black students when Iowa State wouldn't. I would encourage you to walk the blocks and become familiar with all this history. Also, it seems that repairing the pillars would be more cost effective than demolishing them.

Sharon Fenton
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Sent from my iPad

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From: VALERIE STALLBAUMER Owner <vastall@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 1:57 PM
To: City Council and Mayor
Subject: Please submit this letter to the mayor and all council members
Attachments: Historic brick pillars-Nov. 12, 2023.docx

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To the Honorable Mayor Haila and all Council Members,

I would like to discuss the more accurate facts about the brick pillars that were voted to be demolished. After having them inspected by a qualified mason, he said that they are in good condition but need to be cleaned and have each base sealed better. I have measured the clearance for each one and all have plenty of space--over 4 feet and up to 8, 10 and 12 feet.

All of the people I have talked with have expressed an interest in keeping the pillars in place.

Please read the attach letter to understand more of the details.

Sincerely,

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