



Kings Park Civic Association, Inc.

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Board of Trustees
Smithtown Special Library District
1 North Country Road
Smithtown, NY 11787

Dear Board of Trustees,

The Kings Park Civic Association realizes you are busy preparing for the expansion and renovation of all four library branches early this spring. However, after reviewing the plans and discussing the architectural drawing of the Kings Park branch with members of the community, we are a bit disappointed and concerned with the design of the exterior of the building. We hope you will give us an opportunity to discuss these concerns with the Library Board of Trustees before construction begins.

The three basic goals of a successful architectural structure are durability, utility and beauty. We are confident the board will construct a durable building that will stand the test of time. Our board also believes the new design of the library will provide the additional space and functionality required by today's more sophisticated user. Unfortunately, we do not believe the exterior design is very attractive. As you know, the Kings Park Library is located in the center of the business district at the northeast corner of the hamlet's busiest intersection. It is because of the library's location that we strongly believe the exterior of the building should be inspirational, traditional and aesthetically pleasing. It is our belief that the current design does not meet these expectations. We are much more impressed with the design of the Nesconset Branch and would prefer a similar design for Kings Park.

The building should also incorporate the latest energy efficient standards for the facility's heating, cooling and electrical needs. There are new grants and programs available today that could help pay for much of the costs associated with the implementation of these green technologies. All four of the libraries should meet green building sustainable design principles.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope we can work together to support a new library design that will serve as a symbol of the love and pride we have for our community.

Regards,

Michael Rosato
Kings Park Civic Association