I will preface these remarks by expressing my appreciation to the City of Henderson for their efforts toward the Library or we wouldn't be here today.

Our recent library design was based primarily around site developement and exterior building aesethetics with little or no regard for cost, functuality, practicality or possible future expansion.

We can build a library with our remaining monies that meets the needs of all of the children of Henderson from pre-school through CCCC, industry, business, city management as well as the general public, not just for today but ten years hence with a built in design for future low cost expansion.

We are here today not to review history but to resolve some problem areas which are presently restricting us from proceeding with a new design. There are only three basic difficulties as I perceive them:

- 1. The current lease must be re-negotiated to eliminate some restrictions as to building height(i.e.21 floors) and a compromise on superfluous site developement. This could be accomplished through council action.
- 2. I have been threatened by one councilman not to spend any more taxpayer's money on a new design, because, he will not allow any other building than that of the original design to pass archtictural review and claims to have the votes to do so.
- 3. The same councilman has intitiated legislation to remove the Library Board appointments from the Clark County Commissioners and place these appointments in the hands of the City of Henderson. At the same time, under some guidance, the City Staff has openly discussed that they will do anything in their power to remove' the existing bOard.'

These latter two 'items are the crux of this entire discussion and without their resolvement we will just add more scars to a tarnished Henderson image. With their resolvement, we will be giving the taxpayers an honest return for their dollar and take I step forward for the future of downtown Henderson.