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Avon (Strand) Theater ? South Bend, Indiana

Written by Jacob on October, 24 2012

The Strand Theatre in Shelbyville, Indiana is lucky. Not all theaters continue. Those that survived face a myriad of issues that prevent their renovation and operation. This week in South Bend, Indiana the Avon Theatre met such a fate. The Avon, originally built as The Strand appears to be facing extinction.

As of October 23, 2012 the Common Council of South Bend has voted to reject a landmark request for the Avon South Bend Theater. The reason being that the St. Joseph County Library officials have plans to tear it down in order to create more parking space for the library.

It was stated that not only is the building unsafe, but it hasn't been used in many years. Library officials believe this space is critical to the future of the library. The theater was purchased from the library back in 2007, along with the surrounding land. The Library Officials believe that the Avon theater was an important piece of history.

Library officials promised the Historic Preservation Commission that they would save the front end of the building, by taking down the Terra Cotta facade. An agreement was not reached and it appears the entire structure will be lost.

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