

Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Madison Plan Commission Attn., Tim Parks, Plan Commission Members 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703

Dear Plan Commission Members,

I send this letter on behalf of the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara (SASY) Neighborhood Association in support of Operation Fresh Start's (OFS) efforts to move their program from its current site at 1925 Winnebago St, to the former Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 2670 Milwaukee St. In particular, I send this letter to advocate for one of the issues before the plan commission; the conditional use application to reuse this former place of worship as a school and other commercial uses. At our recent meeting on 11/10/2016, the SASY Council voted unanimously to support the OFS conditional use application.

The staff of OFS has pursued a very transparent process of community engagement in sharing their plans and building support for this move. Among multiple meetings there has been virtually no opposition to their planned relocation. On the contrary, the sentiment of the council is that we are fortunate to maintain such a high quality program in the fabric of our neighborhood.

The SASY Council is supportive of this move and the proposed reuse of some existing building space for commercial/professional tenants. We encourage you to look favorably on this application, and to do whatever you can to facilitate this move.

Respectfully,

Brad Hinkfuss

President - SASY, Inc.

Cc: Alder Marsha Rummel, Greg Markle, SASY Council