

Comments from the January 12, 2012, Neighborhood Meeting re: Grandview Commons Town Center

- Listening to all the information presented, as well as the questions and answers, it is obvious that a lot of work has gone into the building of the town center. Thank you for your work. Thank you for coming to present the information. Thank you to Roundy's for their interest in being a part of the town center. I am in support of this plan.
- You don't need to shop or eat at the town center. Feel free to drive to your choice!
- Will there be office space/retail available? If so, what is the anticipated rent?
- What demographic/market do you have to show that this area needs a 10th (including the Woodman's and Costco) grocery store that sells the same stuff as all the rest?
- Along with the library, has there been thought given to a Community/Senior Center?
- With over a dozen reported crimes* in grocery store parking lots, how will you combat heroin deals and other crime that's bound to occur?
* Found on City of Madison Police Department website
- The Food Marketing Institute reports that the trend is to smaller grocery stores – 2010 avg. = 44,000. Why such a huge store in a residential neighborhood?
- Copps – safety to neighborhood, traffic, etc. – how?
Retail shops – Ice cream: Cold Mountain, Yogurtland
Party shop
Library – community center
Dog park
- I work on Park Street and frequently find expired food on the shelves at the Park Street Copps store. Will the proposed store be more responsible to its customers?
- Location
If you need a larger store and presence in the neighborhood, move into Cubs East, as Metcalf Sentry did at Cubs West. Or, consider the Sprecher Road area – more suited for a larger store.
- Plenty of grocery stores in the area
We're saturated with grocery stores. Woodman's, HyVee, Sentry, Piggly Wiggly (Cottage Grove). Cub before they left – I think HyVee had something to do with that. Too many large grocery stores too close.
- Too big – not in original plans
The original plan calls for something smaller – that was the design – people moved there knowing those rules. They shouldn't be changed – it's too big.
- Copps as a corporate neighbor
I'm a lifelong Madison resident. I remember Copps first trip to Madison – you pulled out and left empty stores: Menards (on Copps Ave.) took the Monona location, the State of Wisconsin took Aberg. When you came back and bought Kohl's Foods, you refused to take their Northside store, leaving that area without a grocery store. That didn't set well with me.
- Northstar Park – tennis court, shelter, swimming pool with small waterslide, kids in GC neighborhood
Pick n Save if not Copps
Roundys
School
Coffee shop – Starbucks
Clinics – UW
Post Office