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Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 3:58 PM
To: Martin, Al
Cc: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: latest Gorman & Co proposal for Union Corners

Since I have small children including a 4-month old, I will not be able to participate extensively in the Wednesday Urban Design Commission meeting. Please accept this email as my comments on the proposal.

My family and I live on Milwaukee Street one block from Union Corners. I participated in several of the neighborhood meetings regarding the site during McGrath's planning process years ago and the bad proposal from CVS but as my family grew I have had less time for meetings of this sort.

We use the Union Corners property from time to time including as discussed in the story at <http://pedestrianview.blogspot.com/2013/01/a-neighborhood-ice-rink.html> so I take strong issue with Mike Ivey's assertion that it is one of the worst eyesores in the city.

That said, I do not wish the property to remain an entirely vacant 11 acres forever. Most of it should be developed in a way that fits into and enhances the Schenk-Atwood neighborhood that sits behind it.

Through the years of meetings about the property, including the design presented in August 2013, the neighborhood has supported a plan for urban infill that fits into and enhances the Schenk-Atwood neighborhood. Specifically, the tallest buildings are supposed to be along East Washington, not Winnebago. The plan is supposed to include interesting community space, a commons, community gardens, pedestrian friendliness and more for the neighborhood to get excited about. Gorman's UW clinic renderings that appeared this week in the CapTimes are none of these things.

Please require Gorman & Co to follow through more closely with past plans that were supported by the neighborhood.

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