



April 18, 2006

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz
210 MLK, Jr. Boulevard, Room 403
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mayor Cieslewicz:

Thank you for meeting with Bill DeAtley and me last Wednesday. We found the meeting to be very informative regarding the City's plans for the Hauk property on Allied Drive. As we stated in the meeting, and as was later discussed in Friday's edition of The Wisconsin State Journal, we are very supportive of the City's efforts to purchase this property.

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County is also very interested in participating in the redevelopment of some of this property into owner occupied homes. We are eager for the City to develop an overall vision that would incorporate many non-profit and for-profit builders in the housing solutions in the neighborhood.

Our current strategic plan calls on us to begin focusing on more multifamily projects in urban neighborhoods such as the Allied Drive area. We have had experience in the past with this type of development, most notably in the late 1990s when we purchased and refurbished 36 apartment units in Eric Circle into 29 owner occupied condominiums now known as Harmony Park in the Town of Madison.

Because of this experience and the wide range of volunteer, church and corporate partners we bring to any initiative, we feel that we would be well suited to participate with the City in the redevelopment of the Allied Drive property. It is clearly a project that would be greater in scope than we could take on alone and, therefore, we reiterate that it should be a cooperative effort of which our model is only a part of the solution.

We look forward to hearing more about the City's plans regarding the redevelopment of this large part of the Allied Drive neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Miller".

Brian Miller
Executive Director