

To: City of Madison Common Council
From: Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association
Date: April 16, 2007

The Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association kindly asks that legislative agenda item #36, file #05815 - the Wingra, Arbor Drive, Monroe Street development, scheduled for your April 17 meeting, be referred. The development team was to come to the DMNA council meeting in March for a final presentation but had to cancel and promised to be at our April council meeting which was held April 11 but had to cancel again due to the surprise snow storm.

It was from this final meeting that the board (of which there are 15 active participants operating in response to questions raised at two large public meetings and the recommendations made by urban design, the plan commission, and our own development committee) will vote to approve or oppose this development.

First, a word of thanks to the development team for their cooperation and willingness to entertain our suggestions from the outset and through to the middle stages of this process. It is in keeping with this cooperative spirit that we ask for some additional time to consider the proposal in its final stage.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with our neighborhood association process, and thank you in advance for listening to our request. Further, we would appreciate your continuing respect and support for an extremely active, involved, committed, professional, and engaged group of city residents highly attuned to the complexities and long term implications of infill development at this critical business, residential, and environmental site.

Very truly yours,



Audrey Highton, President of DMNA.

From: Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association
To: City of Madison Common Council
March 27, 2007

The following is a letter of support for the Dudgeon Center Renewal and Extension Project that we submitted to the Planning Commission. Our support remains as stated in that letter, "strong and enthusiastic". We would like this entered into the record as evidence for our continuing support for this proposal.

To: City of Madison Planning Commission
March 18, 2007

The Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association would like to strongly and enthusiastically support the Dudgeon Center Renewal and Extension Project, as well as the purchase of the building and the land needed for the extension that is being proposed by Wingra School.

Indeed, the neighborhood association itself was actually founded nearly 35 years ago to save this building for educational children's programming. Cooperation between Wingra School and the neighborhood has continued for over three decades enabling the neighborhood to have the use of the facility for numerous association functions and committee meetings, to be a focal point of activity for adult and children's programming, be a city polling location during elections, and remain an important historical landmark for the neighborhood and the city.

The reaction within the neighborhood to this most recent plan for the Dudgeon Center was overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

As the foundation of our heritage and the seed of its continued survival for the future, we, the neighborhood association, wholeheartedly urge your support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Audrey C. Highton
President
Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association