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Dear Plan Commission members,

We are certainly living in unsettling and challenging times. As a friend said, it is rather like being part of a bad movie.

That said, we continue to try to get things done for our city that are important for today and into the future.

One thing that we can do, largely as an outgrowth of our special Big Picture Plan Commission meeting on sustainability, is to continue work on possible City initiatives related to Sustainability and the Built Environment. Eric Sundquist has offered to spearhead the effort and we are encouraging members of the Plan Commission, Sustainable Madison Committee, and Common Council to participate. The intent of this effort is to make more progress toward Madison's sustainability goals as reflected in the *Comprehensive Plan* and *The Madison Sustainability Plan*. Our work could lead to the formation of a formal Workgroup, the likes of which have been used by other committees (e.g Food Policy Council, Sustainable Madison Committee, etc.) as a means to move forward on important initiatives. Alternatively, our work could be used to directly inform policy initiatives initiated by the Plan Commission or Common Council.

In the attached document, you can find additional information about this effort. As noted in the description, these efforts will be driven by those participating in order to "avoid adding work to an already busy city staff". Also note that we hope to complete this work in six months.

We recognize that the individuals who may participate in these discussions could, at times, constitute a negative quorum of certain boards, commissions, or committees and, therefore, we will plan to notice the meetings as appropriate and as allowed during the current public health emergency for transparency and to allow for greater participation should there be interest.

I anticipate there may be interest in engaging in similar discussions following our upcoming "Big Picture" Plan Commission meetings and invite you to consider volunteering to establish and lead such discussions.

Please let me know if you have questions. And thank you for all you do. In these tough times, it really means a lot.

With gratitude.

Sincerely,

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