

To: CDBG Commission

From: Cindy Thomas

Date: September 28, 2009

This letter is written in support of Tim Johnson's request for some flexibility in requiring him to meet the obligations associated with his participation in the NOAH Program.

When a neighborhood reaches a tipping point, the response seems to be adding police officers, demanding more resources from the city, and getting the residents involved. The latter is often the most difficult to accomplish. Tim Johnson stepped up early to offer me (as his alderperson) and the neighborhood his assistance. His tireless efforts have improved the neighborhood's lines of communication, thereby energizing the community. He created a landlord compact for Russett Road, started a Meadowood neighborhood email group, single handedly attended to the neighborhood's crime issues, and created a simple form for residents to report criminal acts. In addition, he serves on the Meadowood Association Board, and his attendance at so many other neighborhood meetings makes him a key player in improving District 20.

If the object of the NOAH program is to put someone stable in the neighborhood to improve its condition and help low income people find decent, affordable housing, then Tim has accomplished that and much more. He is a key force in working to improve the entire southwest side of Madison. He is well known to most people who have been active in landlord/tenant relations in Meadowood. His name comes up early whenever energetic membership on a committee is needed or when someone is needed for some other project. Tim will be sorely missed when he moves from the city.

I, therefore, hope the CDBG Commission will take into consideration all Tim has accomplished in Meadowood neighborhood and in the southwest side of Madison, generally, when they consider his request. Tim did far more than NOAH could have expected and the city should be grateful to him. I suggest the CDBG Commission negotiate a repayment from him that is more feasible for this low income landlord.

5103 N. Autumn Lane
McFarland, WI 53558
September 30, 2009

To: Members of the City of Madison Community Development
Block Grant Commission

Re: Tim Johnson

Dear Colleagues.

I first met Tim Johnson four years ago when I began working in the Russett-Balsam neighborhood of Meadowood under a City of Madison Planning grant.

In the ensuing time until now, Tim has shown himself to be an exemplary landlord, neighborhood resident and citizen. He always goes the extra mile; he is usually the first to volunteer; he is reliable and follows through on what he promises. Tim works hard for his community; he works long for his community. He gives everything possible because he cares.

Tim is the embodiment of what we mean when we talk about "assets". I have learned a great deal from knowing and working with him. He has my highest respect.

It is my hope that your decision about his petition will acknowledge the invaluable contributions that Tim Johnson has made to us all.

Sincere regards,

Carol Lobes



September 30, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to on behalf of Tim Johnson. I am a public health nurse serving the southwest side of Madison and have had the honor of working with Tim on many projects. Tim was one of the first residents I met in Meadowood. During that initial meeting he expressed concern about the direction his neighborhood was moving in and such enthusiasm and energy to help his fellow man. Since that time Tim has been a part of every project Public Health has done in the neighborhood. He has attended numerous community meetings and events, has assisted us in receiving funding for the community suppers, has communicated our mission to fellow landlords, and has walked the neighborhood countless (and I do mean countless!) times passing out flyers. Tim has also run Meadowood's Neighborhood Watch and has served on the Neighborhood Association board.

In short, Tim has been a tireless community advocate who has made a positive impact. His spirit and dedication will be greatly missed in Meadowood.

Sincerely,

Kim Neuschel, RN
Public Health Madison and Dane County

Thursday, October 1, 2009 5:20 AM

From: "Bedford, Caleb" <CBedford@cityofmadison.com>

To: "Timothy Johnson" <tjohnson61@yahoo.com>

Hi Tim,

I just got back to work this morning after 3 days off. If it is any help to you, feel free to pass along my opinion that you are a credit to the neighborhood. I always appreciated your work on behalf of public safety.

Good luck (and congratulations!),
Caleb