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Subject: ATTN: Public Works meeting Jan 22, 2020. Alley reconstruction and tree removals
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Jim Wolfe
Project Manager

I request that an alley reconstruction project under consideration for the 1800 block Adams/Jefferson Alley be abandoned or deferred.

Why?

Because the project is supported by only 3 of the 11 property owners affected: two owner-residents and one non-resident owner of an investment property. The other 8 owner-residents either oppose the project or are indifferent. [My neighbor, Dan Sidney 1010 Grant Street, advises me that he has canvassed all the property owners on the block and obtained these results.]

The project calls for the removal of at least one healthy mature maple and acknowledges the likelihood/possibility of the removal of two additional maples. These maples are significant, welcome landscape features whose importance are augmented these days because of the significant number of ash trees in the immediate vicinity that have been or will soon be removed.

This is the third occasion since my family has owned our residence at 1006 Grant Street that the idea of paving this alley has been explored. In the prior instances the City of Madison surveyed owners about their support of paving the alley and both times the City dropped the idea announcing that City Engineering had plenty of other projects to which it could direct resources and that it would pave the alley in absence of the support of affected owners. I think that I retain a letter from City Engineering advising that the City will not pave the alley without residents' significant support.

This project would come at a cost to the City and at a cost to adjacent property owners. Simply put, the project does provide me and my neighbors with any substantial benefit, but does require costs of dollars, tree-removal, and aesthetic degradation of a peaceable alleyway.

I acknowledge that there seems to be a drainage issue at the alley's western end of the 1800 block. Because the alley arcs to a high point mid-way between its ends, paving the alley and removing trees at its eastern end is unrelated to addressing a specific, limited drainage issue at the alley's western end. I am confident that City Engineering can devise a limited, well-calibrated solution to address a very specific and narrow issue without undertaking to pave the entire alley. Perhaps I misunderstand the city's motivation for initiating this project. Why is the Engineering Department considering this?

Thank you for your consideration.

I eagerly await your reply.

I am out of town for a ski holiday and unable to appear before Public Works.

I will appreciate your confirming that you will or have shared this message with members of the Public Works Committee at today's meeting.

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I tried to talk with you by telephone earlier today and left a message before sending this message. I will still be happy to talk with you.