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To: [Plan Commission members]
Cc: Ahrens, David
Subject: Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan

To the Plan Commission and Alder David Ahrens -

I am writing in opposition to the Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan's draft future land use (relocated commercial alternative). In particular, I am opposed to the extension of Buckingham Lane through Eastmorland Park.

My primary concern about extending Buckingham and connecting it to Corporate Drive and Dempsey Road is that it would result in drivers using Dawes instead of Milwaukee Street when travelling between Dempsey and Walter. At present, Dawes serves as a connection for segments of the bike path. I will be disappointed if we turn what is a calm, bike-friendly, residential street into a main cut-through in the neighborhood, just one block off of Milwaukee Street.

I support the addition of mixed use and residential space, but do not understand the necessity of extending Buckingham in order to support access to that area. It seems like extending Corporate Drive and connecting it to Dempsey provides access to both housing and the park.

I am also quite concerned about the impact that building a road through Eastmorland Park will have on the park itself as well as safety for the users. Our neighborhood is awesome because we have multiple parks that can be easily accessed by walking or biking. I am in support of adding housing options to the neighborhood, and think that those residents would also appreciate having a calm park without a road running through it.

Sincerely,

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