

Subject: North Side Redevelopment Plan
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Good day,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan, which gained press for the denial of a bike lane on North Sherman Ave:

<http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/detailreport/matter.aspx?key=17055&mode=print>

The serious problem not being addressed with this plan, is that the plan quietly addresses the City rezoning the Oak Park Terrance Mobile Home Park for commercial use, and "relocating" the residents. On behalf of those of us living in this Park, I must protest this. Since the initial draft of this Plan, our Home Owners Association has tried to meet with Lydia Maurer, our representative with the Steering Committee, but she refuses to meet with them. They have also contacted the Committee directly, with the hopes of representing our own interests, and were denied. Earlier this year, the Home Owners Association sent out a petition to apply for FEMA money to help build a tornado shelter in our park. This was also denied by the City.

Now, we know why. Now, we see we are to be denied our homes, and our right to live in Madison. Most of the residents here are retired, or disabled individuals, who reside here because they cannot afford to live anywhere else within the City. For this, they are told that they are not worth considering when planning to redevelop our Park?

Two years ago, we bought and moved a brand new home into this park, poured concrete, and built a deck. In total, close to \$100,000 was spent on moving in here. Now we face the thought of losing our home, because the City thinks a commercial district would be more profitable? And don't tell me that we can just move the house. You know as well as I that most mobile home parks won't take homes from other parks. Remember Monona? We will not allow this to happen. We will fight to keep our homes. We will not allow our fellow Madison neighbors to be forced onto the streets because of the City's greed.

I strongly urge the City to reconsider their plan to destroy our homes. Admittedly, we aren't the cleanest neighborhood in the City, but we're making improvements. With a new park manager, and the formation last year of the Oak Park Chapter of the Wisconsin Mobile Home Owner's Association, we are making vast improvements to turn our park around, clean it up, and make it a wonderful place to raise a family in.

With hopes of a home,
-Amalor Myrnnnyx