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Greetings, Tim!

I am not certain where this note might land or be Forwarded, I can only hope my comments will be noted somewhere as I feel this is urgent.

The two recent murders on the troublesome east side/Milwaukee Street have jarred my brain once again. In addition to wanting, still, Save Some Voit Farm, while reading brilliant ideas from neighbors for creation of a community meeting place/kitchen/agriculture education center/youth music/meeting rooms, etc. ***makes so much sense and is essential.***

A youth/child living anywhere along Milwaukee St. has no resources, and has nowhere to go (well, maybe Woodman's). To get to the Goodman Community Center, one needs to walk five very dark blocks south. To get to the Darbo Gym it's a five block walk to the north from Milwaukee Street. Any wise parent will not/can not allow their youth on a Metro Bus driving east/west on Milwaukee Street.

Please: Housing, Planning, Safety, Economics, all Alder Committees, look seriously at the new density coming to Milwaukee Street. We need resources for this influx of humans. We need a community gathering place; I encourage you to get more community input. Ask our youth-involve them-it's their city and their future.

I am waiting to see wise, conscientious planning from our elected leaders.

Sincerely,  
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