

The City of Madison Planning Commission
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison WI 53701

July 19, 2007

I respectfully request that this letter be read before the Commission July 23, 2007 with regard to the Conditional Use Permit Hearing for 5320 Lake Mendota Drive. Please inform the Commission that as much as I want to be at the hearing in support of the proposed project, I am currently working out of the country and unable to attend in person.

As a next-door neighbor to the Lauffer / Baxter proposed demolition and construction of a single-family home at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive, I was discouraged to hear that the July 9, 2007 Planning Commission denied their request. This makes no sense to me.

The scale of the project that they are proposing is reasonable for the lot size and location. I understand that there were issues brought forth regarding a proposed second floor walkway connecting the home and the garage. It is my opinion that their proposal is very well thought-out in terms of how it will impact the views that we--their immediate neighbors--will have because of the proposed green space that will be under the walkway. In talking with Dan and Hedi, we discussed the idea of having gardens in this area to provide open views to each other and our neighbor on the other side of the proposed project. From my perspective, this is a far better alternative to having them propose a design to move the sewer line and build a structure that directly connects the house and the garage, cutting off all views. Their design allows us to stay visually connected as neighbors along the length of our short block. Please see the map attached illustrating the location of my front door and porch in comparison to the proposed project.

I do not understand why this design, that supports neighbor-to-neighbor connections in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood, is being opposed. This project should be approved.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Cheeman Yu
5316 Lake Mendota Drive
Madison, WI 53705

READ INTO
RECORD

From: Doug Flee <djflee@wisc.edu>
Subject: **FW: Support for project at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive**
Date: July 23, 2007 3:10:42 PM CDT
To: dlauffer@wisc.edu

Dan - Just FYI.

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Parks, Timothy [mailto:TParks@cityofmadison.com]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2007 3:07 PM
To: Doug Flee
Subject: RE: Support for project at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive

Mr. Flee,

I will provide a copy of your message to the Plan Commission for their consideration tonight.

All the best,

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and Economic Development
City of Madison, Wisconsin
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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Flee [mailto:djflee@wisc.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2007 2:55 PM
To: Planning; Parks, Timothy
Cc: 'Doug Flee'
Subject: Support for project at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive

City of Madison Planning Unit,

Regarding Daniel Lauffer's application to demolish the existing structure at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive and build a new house on the property, I had intended to attend this evening's public hearing (July 23rd) but will not be able to do so after all. I hope you can accept this email as input instead.

I own and occupy the property at 5324 Lake Mendota Drive, immediately adjacent to the Lauffer property, and I want to express my support for the application as proposed. I urge the Commission to recognize (as I do) Daniel's proposed structure as a reasonably-sized, architecturally appropriate, family house. Consistent with Spring Harbor neighborhood plan, it will enrich the aesthetics and "sense of community" of the neighborhood.

I urge the Commission to approve Daniel's application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Doug Flee

From: Doug Flee <djflee@wisc.edu>
Subject: FW: Support for project at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive
Date: July 23, 2007 3:05:42 PM CDT
To: dlauffer@wisc.edu

Hi Dan,

I have another meeting that will cause me to miss the public hearing this evening, but expressed my support in an email (below). I hope it helps, feel free to quote it if the need arises. I wish you and Heddy (sp?) the very best of luck.

Onward,
Doug

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Cc: 'Doug Flee'
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Doug Flee

OWNER:
5324 LAKE MENDOTA DR.

COPY
(sent to
COMMISSION
7-15-07)

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Madison, WI 53701

July 15, 2007

**We respectfully request that this letter be read before the Commission July 23, 2007
With Regard to the Conditional Use Permit Hearing for 5320 Lake Mendota Drive
Please inform the Commission that as much as we wanted to be at the hearing tonight
(July 23, 2007) work out of town made us unavailable to attend in person.**

We strongly support the above application for demolition and construction of a new single family home at 5320 Lake Mendota Drive. On July 6, 2007, we attended the hearing to demonstrate our support for Dan Lauffer and Hedi Baxter family's plans for construction of a simple, in-character-for-the neighborhood home at 5230 Lake Mendota Drive. We are the owners of a newly constructed waterfront home ourselves (completed in March, 2006) – the only new home to date on Harbor Court, just 3 lots to the west of the subject property (marked in blue on the City of Madison Map prepared for this hearing and enclosed herein). We also participated in the planning activities for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood, which is a very large neighborhood that extends way beyond the boundaries of tiny Spring Harbor itself, where our lots are located, crossing University Avenue all the way to Old Middleton Road to the south and all the way to the edge of Marshall Park on the west. We have attached a map of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood (SHNA), so you can have a clear understanding of the size and extent of the neighborhood relative to the harbor itself. We ask you to please take a look at the SHNA map.

From our experience, we have a clear understanding of the specific requirements for lakeshore property around the Spring Harbor itself. At the open house the applicants held for their neighbors last winter, we offered suggestions on appropriate set-backs, how best to keep in character with the neighborhood, and to be sure to address environmental concerns and view shed needs for our wonderful harbor neighborhood. The people are the most important part of the neighborhood around the harbor itself, and the reason we moved to the area. Dan and Hedi add to and complement that same good neighbor character of our neighborhood. Neighbors directly adjacent to the proposed dwelling are in support of this demolition and construction application.

If you walk 2 lots to the east of the applicant's property, there is a community garden and small public boat ramp with huge views of the harbor and Lake Mendota. Walking 4 lots to the east is the sizable and public Spring Harbor Beach. The applicant's lot is the smallest on Lake Mendota Drive in all of Spring Harbor. The design of the proposed home is very reasonable, tasteful, and simple considering the lot size constraints. We welcome such a design to the Spring Harbor neighborhood. We urge you to support this design which will remove a small, uninspiring, very old and run-down home and replace it with one that we strongly believe will greatly enhance the character of the neighborhood. If you do not know the small neighborhood around the harbor itself, we urge you to visit. We are a quiet, peaceful safe harbor, and this plan will keep it that way.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any additional questions or like a personalized tour of the harbor area.

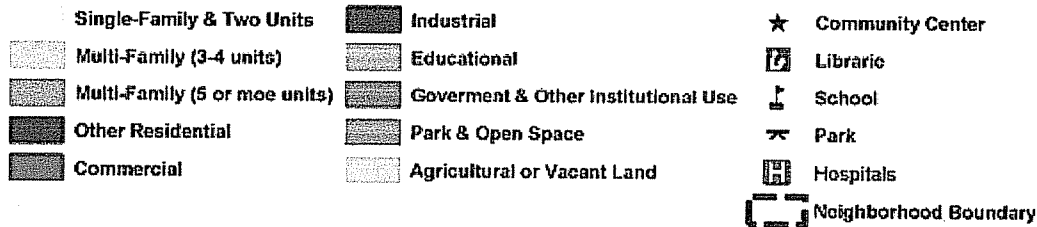
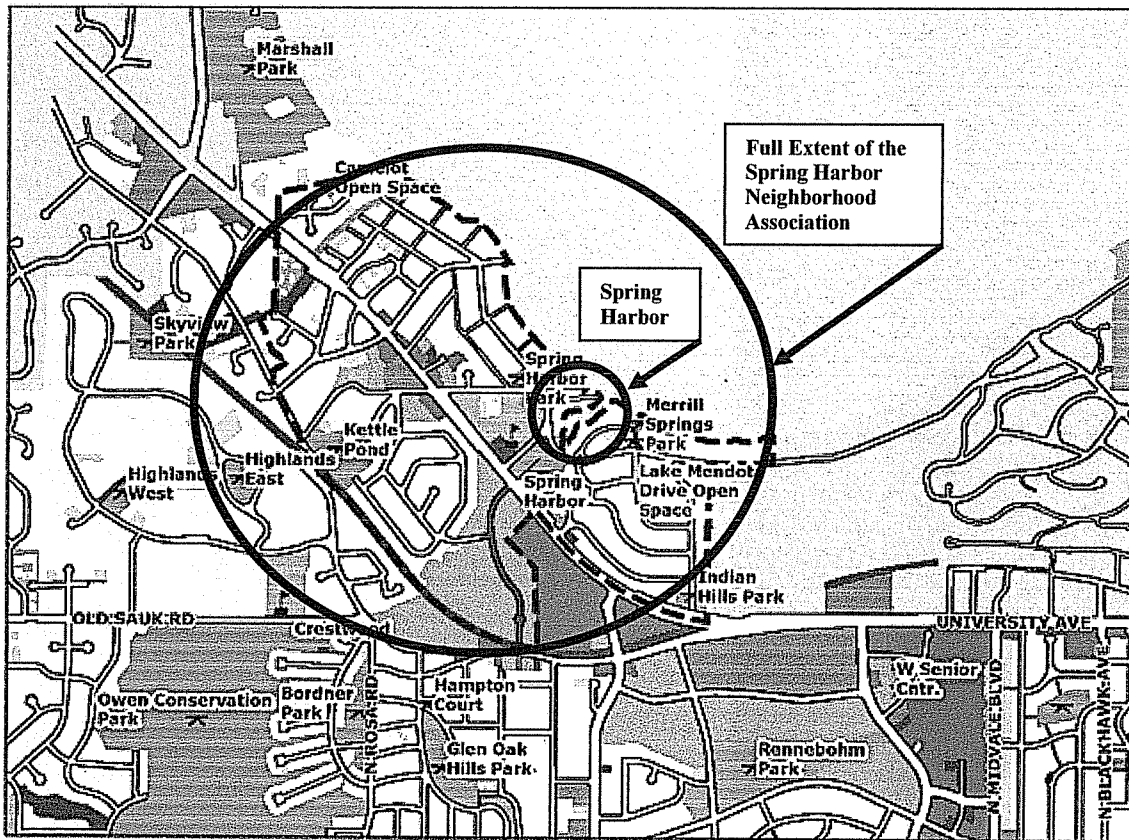
Most Sincerely,

Leslie A. Dierauf
James W. Hurley

5235 Harbor Court

Madison, WI 53705 467-7299

Welcome to Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association



Neighborhood Profile

Boundaries:	Lake Mendota on the north, Merrill Springs Road on the east, Old Middleton Road and Soo Line Railroad on the south, Heim Avenue and Marshall Park on the west
Size:	403.50 Acres
Parks and Open Space: (Map)	Camelot Open Space, Kettle Pond Conservation Park, Indian Hills Park, Marshall Park, Mendota-Grassman Greenway, Merrill Springs Park, Norman Way Open Space, Old Middleton Greenway, Spring Harbor Middle School playground, Spring Harbor Park and Beach