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To: Plan Commission Comments

Subject: Comment on File 90615 (Woodland Reserve development plans at Stevens St.)

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To the City of Madison Plan Commission,

I am writing as a resident of McKinley Street to express strong support for preserving the existing sidewalks that link Bluff Street, McKinley's dead-end, and Stevens Street.

The sidewalks connecting Stevens and Bluff to McKinley's dead-end are used by hundreds of people each day. Because the street network is discontinuous, and because many streets in the neighborhood are without sidewalks, having a sidewalk connection available to the dead end of McKinley street is especially important. At one time the City even considered a bike thoroughfare through this corridor.

The developer's letter of intent states that "The new sidewalks through the site will provide well-lit pedestrian connections for neighbors to move between Hoyt and Quarry parks." Yet in reviewing the civil plans, I see no sidewalk drawn that connects Stevens or Quarry to McKinley. In fact, there are no "new" sidewalks drawn on the civil plan at all every sidewalk shown on that plan already exists.

Eliminating or reducing public pedestrian access at this location would disrupt neighborhood mobility and conflict with Madison's goals related to walkability, safety, and sustainable transportation. I respectfully urge the City to ensure that:

- 1. Continuous, publicly accessible pedestrian pathways linking Bluff, McKinley's dead-end, and Stevens Streets are maintained in their current alignment or in an equally functional configuration.
- 2. Civil plan sheets accurately and explicitly depict these sidewalks so they match the commitments made in the letter of intent.

Thank you for considering this comment and for your commitment to community-oriented planning. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and hope the City will prioritize permanent pedestrian access through this important corridor.

Sincerely, Daniel Rogge 2925 McKinley Street From: Annie Wilson

To: Plan Commission Comments

Subject: File 90615

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Hello.

I am a homeowner of 2925 McKinley street and want to strongly advocate that the pathway on the east side of the proposed 3205 Stevens Street construction is retained.

The existing pathway that connects Bluff and Stevens streets going through the cul-de-sac of McKinley street is so important. Children, families, commuters and bikers use this path daily.

A prior comment by Alicia Lyu notes that this pathway may actually be trespassing. However, even if that is correct, decades of public use of this path without the owners ever having prevented it put it within the public use doctrine.

I also very much mourn the loss of the green space on the east side of this development - it was a wonderful visual and sound break between the apartment complex and McKinley street. Although that space is appreciated, it is not as absolutely essential as the pathway, and I strongly encourage you to only approve this development if, at the very least, the pathway is kept.

Lastly, I want to bring up that the city of Madison was actually going to expand that pathway and turn it into a biking boulevard about a decade ago. I am not sure why this was not completed. It seems that if they had developed it then as planned, it would certainly be included at this time.

Please make sure this pathway is retained. Thank you, Anne Wilson