

E-mails from Northside residents about 402 Troy Drive museum storage plan:

From: Martha Worcester [mjworchester@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 3:05 PM
To: Weier, Anita
Subject: Archive building

Hi Anita,

I walk the Troy Gardens property every day and have recently pondered why this vast stretch of turf at CWC was not considered for the building. It already has a parking lot, there is nothing to tear down, CWC has its own bus stop and except for some truly lovely maple trees, it is no one's habitat. I've never seen a single soul on this turf.

Just wonderin'.
Martha Worcester

May 19, 2011

Alders:

I am registering my opposition to the proposed museum storage facility on Troy Drive. Others opposed to the facility have listed salient points: (1) rezoning will lose conservancy status (2) increased traffic on a small street (3) unpredictability of noise (4) perhaps unsupervised and uncaring attitude during the construction-encroachment (5) too close to Troy Gardens (6) disallows Troy Gardens expansion, and (7) ugly.

My note goes a bit farther. Developers and now the state "pick on" the Northside's pristine land to develop. Query the state about what other land it owns. Citizen groups work so hard to protect the health of the lakes, land, the look, feel, and health of the Northside, and marsh. We have a harder job to do fighting agencies than people downtown or on the Westside. Help the state reconsider another site.

Muriel Simms

Dear Mayor Soglin and Madison Alders:

I am writing in regards to Item No. 6 on tonight's City Council agenda, regarding the facility being planned at 402 Troy Drive. **I ask that this issue be sent back to the Plan Commission and at least six months be allowed to consider other siting options and to allow for full public discussion about the project.**

I live at 1311 Lake View Ave., on the Northside a mile or so north of the proposed facility. I and my family members have been actively involved with Troy Community Farm (directly next to the proposed facility) for many years and are very involved in

many community issues on the Northside. We feel incredibly lucky to live in such a beautiful and politically engaged area of Madison.

I think this facility is valuable, and clearly needed. I am not against it being on the Northside and even in my own neighborhood. However, I have many concerns about the building at the proposed location. The proposed development, at this location, will have significant ecological impacts over the short and long term, as well as substantial social/cultural impacts on the neighborhood and potentially the whole north side. I will outline those in a subsequent letter--and hopefully in future public meetings.

At this point, my main concern is that **there has been little to no opportunity for meaningful public and other key stakeholder participation** in decisions about this substantial facility. This facility has been in planning for a long time, but few close neighbors knew about it, in part because of inadequate communication by city staff. Also, the former Alder did not work to engage the neighbors next to the proposed facility, or important organizations nearby or in the Northside community. For example, Community Groundworks and Troy Cohousing were not notified, though they are directly next to the facility. The Northside Planning Council, which could have helped to contact neighbors and neighborhood association in the area (as well as potentially facilitating a public participatory process), was also not notified by the city staff or the Alder.

A public meeting was finally set up a couple weeks ago by the new District 18 Alder Anita Weier, after Northside residents learned that a final decision was going to be made by the City Council about the facility in April. Citizens requested that she work to defer the decision the public and policymakers had a chance to discuss the project. To her credit, she did work to defer the decision, and then set up and facilitated an excellent, well-attended public meeting. Kudos to Anita for being so responsive to her constituents! We are lucky to have her as our Alder.

However, this meeting was far too late in the process. This is not how the process should have worked. The former alder, city planning staff and the DOA should have done the work to involve the neighbors and other key community stakeholders from the beginning. The one meeting held so far just began to bring out many important and valid questions and concerns that neighbors and other community members, as well as political representatives, have about the project. Several key stakeholders were not able to attend.

In sum, this facility will clearly have substantial ecological, social, and cultural impacts as well as impacts on the surrounding neighborhood (and the whole Northside). The community and their political representatives need a lot more time to discuss their questions, raise more questions (and hopefully get answers to most of them), and consider alternatives.

In this light, again, I think instead of referring the decision to June 7, as the WI DOA has requested, the issue should be sent back to the Plan Commission and there

should be at least six months to consider other siting options and to allow for full public and policymaker discussion about the project.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Alders,

Please refer the state museum storage facility project back to the Plan Commission to allow for more public input and clarification by DOA of their processes that led them to choose a busy residential intersection and a conservancy land (both the property in question and Troy Gardens [The Center for Resilient Cities hold a conservation easement on the Troy Gardens property, owned by Madison Area Community Land Trust on behalf of the North Side community]).

As you may well know, our previous alder failed to notify neighbors and affected organizations of this proposed development and many, many people are upset that the process was able to make it to the Common Council last month without any public input.

On a related note, City Planning staff failed to notify quite a number of immediate neighbors, the Troy Community neighborhood or the Northside Planning Council when they mailed notices of this project last year. I saw the mailing labels that the Planning staff used and I can tell you that it is seriously outdated. And many people on Northport Drive were notified, while Troy Drive and Harper Rand residents were not.

Additionally, the Planning Division previously had a policy to inform Planning Councils of proposed projects when there was no active neighborhood in the immediate area. I have been told that the Northside Planning Council did not receive notice. It seems like there was a policy change that did not include informing Planning Councils that they would no longer be notified in such a situation. I think this is a step backward for public participation (perhaps planned?). As the former facilitator for the Northside Planning Council, I can tell you that the coalition of neighborhood associations that previously formed the

Council would have been irate that neighborhoods were excluded in this process, and rightly so.

Thank you for your consideration.

JIM POWELL
North Side Resident

Hello

Regarding Item 6 on tonight's City of Madison Common Council agenda, please find attached a letter.

In a nutshell, the letter requests referral of this matter to the Plan Commission for 6 months, to allow the WI DOA to

(1) receive City PC and planning staff guidance on how to carry out a more comprehensive site selection process, including

- * sites that are not greenfields zoned C Conservancy
- * repurposing of state-owned sites or their existing parking lots;
- * sites that are not owned by the State of WI, such as government-owned infill parcels within the City of Madison (including those over which air rights might be given to the State, toward fulfilling City Comp Plan goals, e.g. the redevelopment of East Washington Avenue).

(2) toward full review of the all the sites that emerge as contenders, work with City planning department to devise an appropriate and effective plan for full public participation.

Jon Becker
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Madison, WI 53704 USA

Please support Alder Anita Weier's motion to delay action on this matter. Notice to the neighbors and surrounding community was inadequate during the transition to our new alder. The consensus of the recent meeting she held with her constituents was to move this further onto the campus of the Mendota grounds where existing parking would support this warehouse type of building, which is out-of-character for the residential neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,
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Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 9:45 AM

To: Weier, Anita

Subject: Wisconsin Historical Storage Facility on Troy Drive

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Should we contact you?: No

Message:

Dear Alder Weier,

Thank you for bringing this development to the attention of your constituents. I strongly oppose building the storage facility on Troy Drive. I am concerned it will decrease property values in the area as it essentially rezones to allow manufacturing in a residential community. I also fear it will open the floodgate for further rezoning in the state of conservancy areas and I believe it shows disregard for north side residents. I am a north side resident and property owner and tax payer for over 20 years. I plan to testify at the hearing on Tuesday asking the the Council to vote "no" to this rezoning request.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Connie Bettin

Dear Mayor Soglin and Madison Alders,

I live on Harper Road very near 402 Troy Drive, the site of the proposed 96,000 sq. ft. storage facility for the Historical Society and Veteran's Museum. I have been deeply involved in the process that created the Troy Gardens development, and have served on the board of directors of Community GroundWorks (CGW), the nonprofit organization which runs programs at Troy Gardens, continually since its inception as the Friends of Troy Gardens in 2001. I would be delighted to have this facility built in my neighborhood, but I strongly oppose this location for the following reasons:

1. NIMBY concerns, frankly. The footprint of this building looks to be 6-8 times bigger than the 3-story apartment building on the corner of Troy and Harper, which is currently the largest building on Troy Drive. You can see for yourself on the aerial view in the attached document. It will have a parking lot in front, with some bushes in front of that which I have no doubt will be insufficient to hide it. It will look immense, awkward and ugly on that site. Harper Road already runs like a river directly into Lake Mendota (and our basements) when it rains, and I'm concerned about flooding during and after construction. Although the plans contain rain gardens to contain the waterfalls that will come off that enormous

- roof, those gardens typically take a few years for the plants to grow long enough roots to suck up the water. Until then there will be a problem.
2. Having seen first-hand with Troy Gardens how successful a participatory process to determine land use and neighborhood natural resource management can be, I am appalled at the State's lack of respect for such a process with this building. The State has been planning this building for years, but neither the neighborhood nor CGW was notified (of the apparently done deal) until this winter. Furthermore, I am aware that communication from the State to CGW has been inconsistent when they do communicate. So far, the attitude of the State, in my observation, has been "Here's what we're going to do."
 3. The State owns many acres of land near this site, as part of the Central Wisconsin Center and Mendota Mental Health Institute. There are sites on these lands that are obviously better locations for such a building--sites with parking lots already there, and no homes next door. There are under-used and unused buildings at Mendota in particular that could be razed (will need to be razed eventually anyway) and the site used for this building. In response to our questions about these other sites, the State representatives have given incredibly insufficient answers, including citing community meetings with the North Mendota Neighborhood Association which its chair, former alder Paul Van Rooy, says never occurred as far as he knows.
 4. At the moment, this parcel of land is a somewhat wet field of canary grass (an invasive species) and honeysuckle (another invasive, but the songbirds love it and people love the birds), with a small forest of mature tamarack trees in front. CGW maintains a walking trail, outdoor classroom, and kids' fort-building play area within this woods. The woods and paths are well-used by people, including me, and the State seems willing to keep that mostly as it is. The field of grass is underwhelming, to be sure. But if funding were obtained, it certainly could be turned to urban agriculture, natural areas restoration, and community education by an organization such as CGW. In fact, this site would be an obvious area for Troy Gardens to expand in the coming years. The point is, this is greenspace within the city, a rare thing. Why should this greenspace be eliminated when there are sites so close that are currently in lawn or obsolete buildings--with parking lots already there? And why should the people--not just neighbors but hundreds of people who use and love Troy Gardens--have no input on the future of this community resource? Where's the comprehensive land-use plan that we all help create?
 5. And finally, if you look at the site drawing, you will see a circle to the right of the building, where Native Americans will conduct ceremonies using certain sacred artifacts that will be housed in the building. The window-less side of the 57-ft. tall building will put this circle in the shade every afternoon, blocking the sunset. If this building were put on the grounds of Mendota Mental Health Institute, they would be among a wealth of Native mounds, which were built by the ancestors specifically for historical memory and sacred ceremonies. Has the State talked with the tribes about their preferred location for this vital ceremonial function?

Troy Gardens turned out so well because we took the time it takes to involve citizens. That process has not taken place in this case. I urge you delay the

zoning decision about this property and give us at least six months for some kind of participatory process to begin.

Sincerely,

Marge Pitts
3617 Harper Rd.

Dear Alder Weir and City of Madison Alders:

I realize that once again the proposal for the building of two storage units—one of the WHS and one for the Veteran’s Museum—on state land on Troy Drive will be coming up for a vote on 17. May.

I encourage you to allow more time to both study the environmental impact of the north-side location and to review other possibilities.

- I’m concerned about impact on lake Mendota;
- I’m thinking that in a town short of community garden space—consider your deliberations on the roof of the new library—that the buildings would preclude expansion of Troy Gardens to the west;
- I believe that there are more appropriate locations available;
- the land under consideration is simply the wrong place for buildings of this magnitude: I would consider them “eye sores;”
- I feel that the best good for that piece of land would be to keep it under conservancy.

I urge you to place these buildings elsewhere, in a more developed area of greater Madison (McKee and PD, for example). There are a few undeveloped areas on the north-side where urban birds and animals can move between Governors Island and Warner Park unmolested and where children can play “in the outdoors”—not just at a “playground.” This piece is one such area. Please keep it that way!

Sincerely,

Beth Kubly

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposal for the warehouse on Troy Drive. Although I was initially all for opposing it to save the green space, a neighbor made a comment that cause me to reconsider. While the warehouse will be a major building and will certainly destroy many trees and shrubs, it could turn out to be the lesser of two evils, so to speak. I say that because with the current state of State politics and the Governor and ruling party doing everything in the name of "reducing debt" there is cause to be concerned that the property where the warehouse would go could be d surplus and sold to a development company that could build a very large number of apartment buildings. I realize it may not currently be zoned for such a project but there could come a time when that could happen. Therefor, the warehouse becomes a much more acceptable project. I would like to ask you to support the project on those grounds.

Recipient:

Anita Weier

General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

As Northsiders, my husband and I hope you will all vote to not change the zoning from conservancy to manufacturing on a plot of land bordering Troy Drive and Harper Rd. A

90,000 square foot building will forever take away one of our last urban open spaces.
Thank you. Wendy Woodard and Scott Bloch

Dear Alders,

Please consider postponing consideration of the zoning change to the Central WI Center campus so that the long term implications for the neighborhood can be addressed. Many questions have emerged.

Thank you,

Mary and Ray Evert
810 Woodward Drive
Madison, WI53704

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We are in favor of the archives building .
In fact , we are pleased with the design .
However , we are not happy with the site choice .

And the timing showed a lack of respect
Measure twice .

Our first choice for the site of the building
Would be just East of the administration building on Main Dr.
It might have to be tilted off its North – South axis ,
But that could even enhance the aesthetic .

Please be patient ! VOTE NO May 17 . Extend the process
Until you carefully consider all options and the impact of your
Decisions .

Pat and Mic Woicek
3505 Harper Rd . 249-4255

From: Justin Markofski [justinmarkofski@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 7:43 PM
To: Bruer, Tim; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva; Rummel, Marsha; Bruer, Tim
Cc: Weier, Anita
Subject: Please oppose rezoning for state storage facility at Troy Gardens - Thanks.

Hello Tim, Shiva, and Marsha,
I am writing you each as a citizen, inviting you to vote against the pending huge Historical Society-Veterans Museum storage facility to be built by the state of Wisconsin next to Troy Gardens.

This issue was postponed last month at City Council, and will reappear before you on May 17. There are plenty of land parcels that this building could go that would not interfere with existing natural beauty. This proposed location is such a pleasant and unique area of land in Madison (31 acres at Troy Gardens; organic farm, 300+ garden plots, prairie, 30 home co-housing - many, many users and stakeholders). It would be an extremely unfortunate blight on such a delightful gem.

Thanks for your consideration.
~Justin Markofski
444.3926

Attn. 18th District Alder Anita Weier
Neighborhood meeting - Tory Drive

Dear Ms. Weier,

I am in receipt of a card announcing the above referenced meeting of concerned residents to be held tomorrow night. Unfortunately I can not be in attendance but want to share with you my concerns about the proposed Wisconsin Historical Museum and Veterans Museum storage facility. As a property owner on Woodward drive, this area of the north side of Madison contains significant green belts and is very much a neighborhood of residential housing. I greatly oppose this proposed building and parking lot. I fear it will increase traffic, develop green space currently zoned as conservation space and open the way for further development which will erode the residential quality of life in our neighborhood.

There can be no justification for re-zoning this conservation acreage into any type of industrial or limited manufacturing use. I urge the City of Madison to carefully review and consider the effects of destroying natural green space for a storage building. If the State of Wisconsin Administration overview expects the proposed building to be approximately 56 feet, that is no 2 story building; likely several stories. They forecast 11 acres to be developed into a building housing 75 people with a 34-slot parking lot. These estimates may be low and even if accurate, may proceed enlarged development in the future. Thus, I fear they underestimate the ultimate number of employees, parking lot size and impact of the "human" foot print on this open, protected land.

The destruction of natural land, displaced wildlife, creation of infrastructure, additional pollution and traffic are all negative effects on our community. At a time when we are all aware of dwindling open land, I ask the City re-zoning officials to take note of the negative impacts of such a plan and then, should they approve re-zoning for this project, ask them to justify such drastic change to our north side community and the quality of life of our residents.

Further, as budget deficits are of significant concern to many of us, how can the State possibly explain building and funding a warehouse?

Please represent us in demanding the State to clarify the funding sources beyond private sector fund raising. Transparency on all these issues is due our community. A financial accounting explaining how a warehouse somehow gets budgetary priority is due not just the Troy drive community but the people of Wisconsin. I understand the land at issue is part of the Mendota Complex, owned by the State of Wisconsin. As the State of Wisconsin is the steward of this property, I ask you to remind those representing the City and the State to undertake a thoughtful and thorough review of this re-zoning proposal and oppose it.

Ms. Weier, thank you for your representation of our interests in this matter and amplifying the voices of our neighbors who want this land left as conservancy property.

Sincerely,

Susi Hughes

From: John Pike [jrpik@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 2:49 PM
To: Weier, Anita
Subject: Troy Dr.

If property in any other part of the city was proposed for a zoning change from conservancy to limited manufacturing I doubt that it would even get a hearing much less approval by the city staff and the Board of Public Works. This appears to be yet one more example of the way the north side is viewed and treated by city government. There undoubtedly are many existing buildings and building sites available in various parts of the city that are already zoned for manufacturing, but it appears that state ownership of this site is its primary attraction for the Historical Society. This proposal will lead to a

large, busy warehouse type structure that will certainly generate considerable traffic. It seems very likely that once this change is approved that the adjoining land will soon also be removed from conservancy so the neighborhood can look forward to more manufacturing uses that are completely incompatible with a residential area. City government officials frequently make pious statements about their concern for strengthening residential neighborhoods but repeatedly demonstrate that their real interest is in protecting certain areas. Here is a case where the burden does not need to fall on any one area and no neighborhood need be damaged by locating a manufacturing project in an area not already zoned for manufacturing.

. The requested change should be rejected and the project should be built in an area already planned and zoned for just such uses.

J. R Pike

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I am in favor of the proposed Wisconsin State Historical Archives building located at the Troy drive location. Moreover, I am not in favor of rezoning the Troy Dr. neighborhood, from conservancies to light manufacturing.

The problems of major construction in the proposed location are plentiful. I am most concerned with the impact the project will have on Lake Mendota. An abnormally high amount of phosphorus was deposited in Lake Mendota when Hilldale Shopping Center was constructed. This phosphorus created by the building on the west side found its way into the Lake and did a good deal of damage to the eco systems therein. If the State follows through with this project on the Central Center grounds, runoff water carrying phosphorous from the land development would have a direct route down Harper Rd. into Lake Mendota. The lake is already fragile and we need to do everything we can to prevent damaging it further.

There is an alternate site for the Archives nearby on the Mendota Mental Health Center grounds, east of the Administrations Offices. It is an area where a building has been removed, so there is a footprint there already. This site would be large enough for the Archives project. As well, this site is currently green grass, and it is surrounded by woods. The grass and the woods will protect most of the construction runoff from negatively impacting the lake. In other words, the natural root systems already in place would greatly slow down the toxins resulting from construction from reaching the lake.

Pat Woicsek Mic Woicsek 3505 Harper Rd Madison 53704 249-4255

Annie Boak 425 Woodward Dr

Hello Heather,

Thank you very much for your thorough answer. I just learned of this project with the invitation to the public hearing. I am very concerned that this project will reduce the limited greenspace near my house, upset the wildlife area that currently exists between Troy Gardens and the surrounding woods and prairies, and create a new, unattractive segment of Troy Drive.

I will make every effort to attend the public hearing. I hope to also learn what the conversion of that land to manufacturing could mean for the future of that and adjacent parcels, and the current protections around conservancy lands.

Best,

Wendy Henderson

On Thu, Apr 28, 2011 at 11:52 AM, Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Good morning, Wendy-

I'm assuming your inquiry relates to the proposed State artifacts storage facility at 402 Troy Drive. On April 11, the Plan Commission recommended approval for the requested rezoning to construct the facility. On April 19, the Common Council voted to refer their consideration of the rezoning to the May 17 Common Council meeting in order to have time to hold an informational neighborhood meeting. The new Alder, Anita Weier, has arranged for a neighborhood meeting on May 5, 6:30-8:30, at the Warner Park Community Center. My colleague, Tim Parks, will attend that evening and can address questions regarding the review process for the proposal.

With regard to your second question, I understand that the WI Department of Administration (DOA) did consider other locations, including nearby locations on the same property. I will defer to Cyndi Kraus at the DOA for further detail on this question.

Finally, here is a link to the City's Legistar site, which may help to familiarize you with the proposal:

<http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/detailreport/?key=23901>

Please feel free to contact me with further questions. Also I have cc'd Alder Weier and Cyndi Kraus, should you have follow-up questions for either of them.

Best-

Heather

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In my personal opinion and one who lives on Troy Drive. This type of facility does not belong in our neighborhood. There are a gazillion places here in madison but prefer to disrupt our quiet little street and neighborhood by placing this huge eyesore here.

What about all that vacant space on Packers ave by the old city dump? The land has already been cleared years ago when they tore out the warehouses. Wouldn't that save taxpayer money by having less to do since the land is pretty much ready to build on. What about going father down Packers Ave (down by Wi Copy and Business) where they have these types of facilities already built.

Our road is busy enough we don't need anymore traffic coming down this road. Why Troy Drive when you have a whole city full of vacant, run down and dilapidated buildings that could use a facelift.

CG

CarlInga@aol.com [CarlInga@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 1:37 PM

Thank you, Anita. Would you please also ask the project manager to be certain representatives' explanation of the proposal includes the detailed reasons why they are choosing this parcel of greenspace land that needs to be rezoned, as opposed to existing brownfield sites in areas needing redevelopment and requiring no zoning changes?

Thank you.

Carla Glewen

On Apr 20, 2011, at 12:47 PM, Anita Weier wrote:

Greetings:

Last night the Madison City Council voted unanimously to agree with a request by Community Groundworks, myself and other Northsiders to delay a decision on a proposal to build a storage facility for the Wisconsin Historical Museum and the Veterans Museum next to Troy Gardens until a community meeting can be held.

The building would be about 60,000 square feet on the first floor and 36,000 square feet on the second story, on an 11-acre site. The site would have to be rezoned from Conservancy to Limited Manufacturing in order to build the storage facility.

I and council staff are now trying to arrange a date and location for the public meeting, which would have to occur before the May 17th Council meeting. The project manager has agreed that representatives will be present to show plans, explain the proposal and answer questions.

I will let you know when the meeting plans are set.

Regards, Anita Weier

PS: From now on, please contact me about Council business at district18@cityofmadison.com

Thanks!

To my representatives in the City of Madison,

I am a homeowner on Woodward Drive, near Harper Road on the North Side of Madison. My family has had land on Lake Mendota since 1890. We preserve and protect several acres of native maple woods and rare Indian mounds, at great cost (taxation) and for the benefit of our neighbors, the town, and the environment. I share this with you to establish that I have a vested interest in the health and stability of the North Side of Madison, and I am a good neighbor.

I am writing to express my profound concern over the proposal to zone the area at Troy and Harper for "light industrial" construction. This is a verdant neighborhood, with post-WW2 houses, a renown community garden, and many historic and natural sites associated with the hospital. It is in very close proximity to Lake Mendota. Our precious lake already faces severe conservation challenges with runoff from farms, golf courses, seasonal road treatment, and the like. Any move to replace green space

with light industrial buildings is a challenge to our environment, a degradation of an old and established neighborhood, and a threat to house prices in the surrounding area. Once the zone is set, more "light industrial" buildings can come in, the corner will rapidly become a blight, not a magnet, and the green space that is a critical asset to this part of the North Side will irrevocably degrade. We need a better plan for this corner, one that is harmonious with the surrounding neighborhoods. There certainly must be other ways to meet an apparent need to house archives. For the health of the neighborhood and the health of the lake, I ask that you please deny the proposal to rezone this area, and explore a more neighborhood-friendly solution for any development there.

Thank you for your attention,

Cathy Slichter

425 Woodward Drive

Madison, WI 53704

Respected Alders,

Please give the Northside community the opportunity to fully consider the zoning change and permit for this museum warehouse structure. Our previous alder did not bring it to the attention of the larger community. Only very proximate residents were notified.

Our undeveloped lands within the city cannot be easily replaced once they are "developed." Please allow a little more time to discover whether this project is worthy of this permanent change.

Thank you,
Adam Chern
4217 School Rd.
Madison, WI

City Alders,
cc: Sayta, Anita,

We would like this issue to be postponed indefinitely tonight. As members of Troy Gardens and residents of the north side of Madison we would like to know why this land was chosen, particularly since it's so far from the museums' headquarters or from campus or government buildings. There seems to be build-to-suit land near the airport/golf course, where zoning issues wouldn't arise.

We want you to know we think you/we should steadfastly refuse to sacrifice any green space whatsoever for new development. This town - including the northside - has vacant space and brownfields galore. We need to urge some common sense on this issue.

David Kuester
Carla Glewen
1501 Wyldewood Drive
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Alders:

Please vote to refer the rezoning motion to accommodate a warehouse near the Community Groundworks in the 18th District. The neighbors and other interested parties have not had enough chance to have input into that decision. Years ago they worked so hard to save the land which is now community gardens and a CSA farm, a wooded area and a prairie. So much work has gone into that urban green space that decisions affecting that area need full disclosure to the citizens who care so much!! They must be heard. Thank you for your consideration.

Dorothy Wheeler

From: Woicek, Maggie <mbwoicek@seattleschools.org>
To: anitaweier <anitaweier@netscape.net>
Sent: Tue, Apr 19, 2011 2:14 pm
Subject: troy dr.

Hello,

I was raised on Harper Rd in the 1960's. Since that time I have watched the neighborhood grow and change. At this juncture the community is both multi cultural and very diverse economically. More to the point, this community is flourishing. Part of this energy and success of this area, is due to the Troy gardens and the efforts and results of team work, gardening, and, the establishment of an environment for wildlife education and green enrichment. Clearly, rezoning this area would have a negative impact on the existing arrangement that this community has created, with the natural world, and each other. Building one large building would spoil the peace and productivity of the north east.

This is not to say that I do not value the treasures that the WI Historical Museum has collected. However, I do not think that building any commercial structure in the area is a good idea. One commercial building would certainly lead to another, and bring unnecessary and unwanted expansion.

I appeal to your good community sense, please vote against the rezoning of the Central Center property.

Thank you for you your consideration.

Maggie Woicek
Educator

Greetings Alders,

I live at Troy Gardens Cohousing - so just down the street from the proposed historical warehouse. Folks received the informational flyer in the mail about the building - but it didn't mention anything at all about the change in zoning that they want. This has raised a lot of concern in my community - so I am requesting that this issue be referred. We'd like an opportunity for a community meeting on this so we understand the details and can express our concerns.

Thank you for your time.

David Marshall
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