


CITY OF MADISON
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CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mayor David J. Cieslewicz and Madison Common Council

FROM: Bradley J. Murphy, Planning Division Director 

DATE: December 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Leg. #12299: Demolition / Rezoning 1308 West Dayton (Union South)

The PUD zoning map amendment for the UW's new South Campus Union project will be considered by the Common Council at its meeting of January 6, 2009. At its December 1, 2008 meeting, the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of a demolition and rezoning request to allow construction of a new South Campus Union. This included the demolition of both the existing Union South building and Hi-Ray Hall, a smaller academic building fronting onto Dayton Street. The Commission's recommendation included a condition proposed by the Planning Division stating that, "the street vacation and conditions related to it shall be approved prior to final sign-off and recording of this General Development Plan and the issuance of demolition permits." This vacation includes the western-most block of Johnson Street, between Randall Avenue and Campus Drive and will be acted on by the Common Council on January 20.

On December 8, 2008, Planning Division staff attended a scheduling meeting to discuss demolition and construction scheduling with the University and other City agencies. The University indicated they are on a tight time line to complete the project by February 2011 and wish to begin the project with the demolition of Hi-Ray Hall early in 2009. To remain on their proposed schedule, Hi-Ray Hall will need to be demolished prior to final approval of all of the conditions related to the vacation of Johnson Street. The Planning Division supports this request.

The Planning Division recommends that the Common Council approve this zoning map amendment and ordinance with the clarification to the Planning Division's recommended conditions to allow for the demolition of Hi-Ray Hall prior to final approval of the Johnson Street vacation request.

Cc: Gary Brown, UW Facilities Planning and Management