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Subject: FW: Galileo Extension info please share with Plan Commissioners
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Please add this to the file for the Plan Commission packet.

Thank you!

Heather

From: Barbara Davis [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>; MPNA Board <board@mympna.org>
Cc: Hall, Amanda <district3@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Galileo Extension info please share with Plan Commissioners

Dear Heather,

Please share this email in the Plan Commission Officer packets regarding the proposal to extend Galileo Dr to Milwaukee St.

While this may look like a viable solution to improve flow for proposed new multifamily construction, on the other side of Grandview it has a potentially negative/dangerous impact to older established neighbourhood.

1. Street width: Galileo was never intended to be a main thoroughfare. Measurements taken on Galileo are approximately 30 feet wide. Comparatively, Northstar Drive measures approximately 48 feet, allowing for a parking lane on either side, while still supporting two way traffic. Sharpsburg, a shorter connector street between Sprecher and Cottage Grove roads measures approximately 37' which allows for one parking lane.

2. While the north end of Galileo has some homes with carriage lanes, many of the newer constructed homes have traditional driveways and garages. By contrast, the homes on the other end are all on carriage lanes, with no driveways. Access to on street parking is important for these residents, their visitors and for households with cars that exceed garage capacity. During the winter months when alternate side parking is enforced, this challenge of adequate parking is exacerbated. With a street width that is up to 18' less than a main thoroughfare, parking on opposite side and crossing the street is dangerous, especially in winter, if you are elderly, or accompanying small children.

3. Two private parks/playground border Galileo in the older section. Kids frequently access these areas on bikes. Its also the sites for dog waste drop off cans so many walkers deliberately walk Galileo with their pets.

4. Galileo does not run all the way to Cottage GroveRrd, rather bisects Sharpsburg just below the town center commercial area. Currently the neighbourhood already experiences speeding cars who don't respect the stop sign. Traffic up Galileo has grown since the completion of the town center.

5. Lastly, but probably really important to consider is the conversation from earlier this year regarding interstate access in the future linking up to Milwaukee St. Since we dont have a firm plan on when/how that will happen, we need to proceed as if it is occurring. When it happens, Galileo would become the first option for commuters to make a left into the community. So while we can look at traffic studies for

potential impact, we really cant take into account the full magnitude.

We would like to request that Galileo extension be separated from the rest of the proposal and referred to:

1. Ped bike committee
2. City traffic and Engineering
3. Transit and Parking

with the lens on the whole neighbourhood rather than specifically the new construction being considered. In the event that separation is not possible, we would like to request an extension on this proposal until the above three committees can take a closer look.

Thank you for sharing this with Plan Commissioners in advance of Mondays meeting.

Sincerely,
Barbara Davis
President McClellan Park Neighbourhood Association