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To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Plan Commission: 6/10/2024
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I would like to register the following public comments on agenda items on tonight's Plan Commission agenda. I am a city of Madison resident residing at 1422 East Dayton Street, #20.

Agenda Item #24: I support this development. As someone whose plans for the future are quite literally on hold as a result of the cities housing crisis, placing too much emphasis on the relatively minor complaints of a few well-funded current economic winners casts the values of this city into question. We are facing a crisis and an all of the above approach is necessary to avoid Madison becoming San Francisco or New York when it comes to housing injustice and inequality.

People are coming. The only question is what this city will look like after they arrive.

Agenda Item#10 & #13: I am in support of both these developments that will bring additional housing online while also hitting other city goals of density and walk ability.

Thank you for your time and consideration of public input.

Rick Coelho

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From: [Beth Welch](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: I support the Starkweather Plat at the Voit property (June 28th Plan Commission comments)
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:09:20 AM

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Greetings Planning Commission and Common Council Members,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit Property. Voit is the perfect location for affordable & sustainable homes. I learned that the proposed units have been reduced to around 1,100 from the previously proposed plan iterations. Only plans for MORE homes (for more Madisonians in need of safe, permanently affordable, sustainable housing) should be encouraged.

I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust (MACLT). I am a current resident of MACLT and I believe that we need more housing under the land trust model to provide more opportunities for families to buy affordable homes in Madison. The Land Trust is a remarkable non-profit in that it also supports and educates its homeowners on how to care for their home and the land for the long-term.

MACLT has assisted us with refinancing and repairing our home so that we can afford to remain living in our home. I believe MACLT has about 70 homes now. Growing that number in Madison will benefit the entire Community because access to affordable housing coupled with the the Land Trust's support has also provided our family with TIME (my husband and I do not need second jobs) to accomplish goals like volunteering, voting, and civic engagement - such as writing letters of support to the Common Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Welch

From: [Paul huber](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Affordable Housing
Date: Sunday, June 9, 2024 10:42:31 PM

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Hello,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property and the work of Madison Area Community Land Trust to create permanently affordable housing options. My wife and I were fortunate enough to be able to purchase an affordable home through MACLT. It has been an incredible blessing for us to have a stable housing option and it has been the only way we could afford to purchase a home in Madison. As we all know, Madison is experiencing a housing crisis that makes it nearly impossible for low and middle income individuals to be able to obtain affordable housing. This project presents a unique and special opportunity for MACLT to expand the reach of its work and continue to innovate and create new solutions to the housing issues we face.

Sincerely,
Paul Huber

From: [Deaken Boggs](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: In support of Voit Development and Old Sauk Road Development
Date: Sunday, June 9, 2024 9:37:15 AM

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Dear Madison Plan Commission,

I am writing to share my support for several posed development projects up for review. The first is the proposed development of the Voit farms site. In full transparency, I am associated with the development as I am the housing director with Madison Area Community Land Trust which does have an Option to Purchase a lot from Starkweather Group after they have exercised their option. Our organization is excited about the opportunity to provide Madison with more permanently affordable homeownership opportunities.

As a Madison resident I am in full support of this development as the Voit farm site is a perfect site for new and diverse housing for the community. I believe the development is well thought out and presents a structured use of the space which balances an influx of new residents with the existing infrastructure. The diversity of housing options is a major benefit to the community and fits the neighborhood aesthetic as well as the greater needs of housing in Madison. If anything I would like to see more housing units at the site but from the review of the proposal I believe in its current state it would be a wonderful addition to the community.

The other project I would like to submit my support for is the development of 6610-6706 Old Sauk Road. As a west side resident I am incredibly excited about more infill neighborhood housing. Through my review of the development proposal and understanding of the current neighborhood I believe that this project fits well within the location it is posed. I hope to see more projects of a similar nature throughout the city and while neighboring feedback can often present loads of problems in need of solving I encourage plan commission members to consider what is being lost by not approving a project. This complex will provide 138 homes to Madison residents in an area that previously only could house 2 families.

In conjunction with the approval for the overall project I also want to provide my high praise for the development and property management staff of Stone House Development. As a previous property manager of a property down the road from one of their projects I was incredibly impressed how seriously they took the management of their complex. Any interaction I had with their staff was always pleasant and any issues were addressed swiftly. Their treatment of each project they have taken on has shown much grace and care for the community they are building for and I would be hard pressed to imagine they would not do the same for this one.

Sincerely,

Deaken Boggs

From: [Nicholas Davies](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Cc: [Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina](#); jillian@stonehousedevlopment.com
Subject: Yes to it all! (esp 78911 & 83478)
Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024 12:33:41 AM

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Dear Plan Commissioners,

You have a lot of exciting items on your June 10 agenda. In particular, I want to express support for both the Tiny Home Village and the Starkweather Plat. I live near/between both these locations, and I look forward to how both of these projects will bring more neighbors into the neighborhood, particularly those who are struggling the most with finding housing. I wish my neighborhood were doing even more, and I believe we could, if we had more zoning flexibility--not the contiguous swathes of single-unit-only we have today.

Recognizing the housing crisis we're in, I'm also very supportive of the proposed added housing on Wilson St, Braxton Pl, Whitney Way, and Old Sauk Rd.

It's a shame that neighbors have already bullied the owner of the Old Sauk Rd property into scaling down their plans. We really can't afford to let an entire neighborhood just opt out of addressing this crisis, and if this doesn't get approved, I don't see how else that neighborhood could conceivably create 138 additional housing units. I hope that you'll consider the 138+ future residents, whose voices are not included in this process.

I just wish Stone House Development would include commercial space! This part of Old Sauk Rd is short on this kind of amenity, and while it could be that adding density will spur the creation of commercial space nearby in future, including commercial space as part of this project could also help win over the neighbors, by making the neighborhood more self-sufficient and walkable.

Thank you,

Nick Davies
3717 Richard St

From: [angie alcorta](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#); [Deaken Boggs](#)
Subject: Voit Farms Development support-MACLT resident opinion
Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 1:58:29 PM

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Hello members of the Plan Commission and Common Council,

My name is Angie Alcorta and I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current resident of MACLT, I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families and singles to buy affordable homes in Madison.

I have been working for 6 years as a housing case manager and recently doing intake calls for families seeking emergency shelter at the family shelter in town. I triage each situation and provide resources and referrals. I work with families that are in their darkest moments facing housing insecurity. In the time I have spent helping others get into housing, I felt I was stuck in the vicious cycle of renting and living with roommates that stole from me, making for a constant feeling of unease at home where I should have been able to recuperate from the world. I was also paying nearly 2/3'rds of my income in rent alone and using resources like food pantries to make ends meet.

I make a humble \$23 an hour and am a single BIPOC LGBT cis female. Even though I work full time helping other families get into housing I could not even consider owning my own home as my salary is not enough to afford rental, let alone a single family home in the Madison area.

In 2019 I was able to purchase my first home on the East side of Madison near the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I plan to live in this home for the rest of my life. MACLT has made it possible for me to have a piece of the American Dream that I thought I would never be able to have. I finally have peace in my home and can save money to do things like pay off my car, take a vacation, have a garden, pets in the home, basic things that should be in reach to everyone.

MACLT has drastically improved my overall well being and quality of life for the better. Getting involved with MACLT was the best thing I have done for my mental and physical well being. I encourage the Plan Commission and Common Council to allow MACLT to acquire this land to make affordable housing accessible for more low income Madisonians.

-Angie Alcorta
709 Gannon Ave
Madison WI 53714

From: [Peter Fiala](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support for MACLT at the Starkweather Plat, Voit Property
Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 6:52:56 AM

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City of Madison,

I have been loosely following the ideas generated leading up to and after the sale of the Voit property in Madison. Ideas have come and gone and there is always the chance that developers or the city wont make the right decision at the right time. An email sent by Madison Area Community Land Trust staff (we live on a MACLT property) really piqued my interest with their description of permanently affordable condos on the property on the Starkweather Plat. As costs and inflation continue to rise, Madison needs to assure access to more affordable housing and theirs is a great plan. Troy Gardens on the north side has been a success story and if we can replicate it, I am in full support of MACLT's plan.

Thank you,
Peter & Lisa Fiala
MACLT Residents

From: [Tara Beck](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Supporting MACLT--Voit Farms Development
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:40:04 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current resident of MACLT, I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families to buy affordable homes in Madison. I am a resident of Troy Gardens Condos and believe that we have a positive impact on our community. We are thankful that MACLT was able to develop this area and hope that other households will have similar opportunities in the future. This new development would be a great stride in that direction. I know that the wait lists are consistently long for those hoping to purchase a condo within our community! MACLT made homeownership an option for us and we're so grateful!

Thank you,
Tara Beck

From: [cassidy ann](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: In support for MACLT
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 8:16:48 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current resident of MACLT, I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families to buy affordable homes in Madison. It is more needed than ever!

Cassidy Kirkpatrick

From: [Nate Ehresman](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Starkweather Plat at the Voit property
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 5:25:48 PM

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Dear Madison Plan Commission,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current resident of MACLT, I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families to buy affordable homes in Madison.

My family of 6 has been living in MACLT affordable housing for the past 18 years on the far east side of Madison. It has been a tremendous blessing for us - opening the door for us to live in a community we otherwise could never afford and allowing our children to play in a large shared yard that would be unheard of within city limits.

MACLT's sustainable/affordable housing model is a bright spot in an otherwise untenable housing market for lower/middle class families. We would love to see the same opportunities offered to other families that we so much enjoy here on the east side.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

~Nate Ehresman (and Kelly, Noah, Westley, Logan, and Abby too)

From: [Connie Kilmark](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Starkweather Plat at Voit Property
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I am in support of the Starkweather Plat at the Voit Property. I particularly support the inclusion of the permanently affordable housing that the Madison Area Community Land Trust can offer and am delighted to see the Land Trust model included in the development plans. The Land Trust model for housing is particularly important in a time in Madison when affordable housing is in such short supply.

Connie Kilmark
1802 Winnebago Street
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From: [Lael Sheber](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Voit property
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:44:56 PM

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Hello,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current resident of MACLT, I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families to buy affordable homes in Madison.

I've lived in Troy Gardens co-housing community since 2007 and have raised my children there. I fully support affordable housing in Madison, especially at this time of outrageous housing costs.

Thank you,
Lael Sheber

From: [Evan Bonsall](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support: Voit Property Starkweather Plat
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:32:44 PM

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Hello,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current member of the MACLT Board of Directors, a Madison resident, and a strong advocate for affordable housing, I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families to buy affordable homes in Madison.

Best wishes,

Evan Bonsall
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From: [eli.steenlage](#)
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Hello,

I am writing today in support of the proposed Starkweather Plat at the Voit property. I applaud the inclusion of permanently affordable housing through an option to the Madison Area Community Land Trust. As a current resident of MACLT, I know that there are virtually no options for affordable housing in the current Madison housing market. I believe we need more housing under this model to provide more opportunities for families, like my own, to buy affordable homes in Madison.

Thanks,
Eli Steenlage