

From: Paul Skidmore

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 9:13 AM

To: jXXXXXXXXX
Cc: Erdman, Natalie, Okeefe, James, Wachter, Matthew, Matthew Melendes, Soglin, Paul, Reyes, Gloria, Ragland, Enis, Crawley, Katie, Monks, Anne, Stouder, Heather

Judy,

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about this project. There have been three public informational meetings that were conducted by the City and the project developer to review the project plans, receive public input, and answer questions. This project has also been thoroughly reviewed by staff in several City departments. All of the staff reports have endorsed the project and recommended approval. This project has also been reviewed by the Urban Design Commission (UDC) and the Madison Plan Commission. Both committees received public input as well as hearing recommendations from City staff. The UDC unanimously recommended approval of the project, and the Plan Commission recommended approval of the project on a 7 to 1 vote at their December 7, 2015 meeting.

I have received a significant amount of public input on this proposed project. I have heard from a core group who vehemently oppose the project - some near the project, some farther away. I have heard from many who support the project. I have also heard from many who do not oppose the project, but want to make sure that the facility is well managed to help insure success. In my estimation, I think that contacts in support of the project are about equal to those in opposition. I do not believe that there is overwhelming support or opposition to this project.

I know that many of the core group of opponents have been expressing their opposition to the Mayor and other Council members on a regular basis. I also know that some of my constituents are angry that I do not oppose the project. I am aware that there are those in the neighborhood who would not support any type of affordable housing in the area under any circumstances. I know that you oppose this project, and that you do not think that this is an appropriate site.

However, I do support this project. I agree with the Mayor that having affordable housing throughout the City is vitally important. I think that the City selected a good site at a great location. I also think that the City selected a good developer with a proven record of management of supported, affordable housing projects. I think that City staff have provided a thorough and professional review of the project and therefore support the project. I think that the UDC and Plan Commission were thorough and professional in their review of the project, and they both concluded that it met the standards and conditions for approval. Finally, the entire City Council will be receiving input from supporters and opponents of this project before they begin their deliberations on Tuesday evening. This project will succeed or fail on its merits, not my recommendation.

I hope you can attend and participate in the Council meeting on Tuesday.

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Legislative File #30665
Rezoning 7933 Tree Lane

From: jXXXXXXXXX
Sent: Friday, January 1, 2016 6:15 PM
To: Paul Skidmore

January 1, 2016

Alder Paul Skidmore,

Why aren't you supporting your district's voters instead of expecting your district to support this deeply flawed project location at 7933 Tree Lane?

This highly problematic project site is in no way responsible, in no way is it a good use of the city's (i.e., taxpayers') funds and in no way imaginable is it a good living solution for the potential residents.

Now that this proposed 4 story apartment building is becoming more widely known in District 9, it's apparent that there is considerable deep opposition to these plans to utilize the undersized lot at 7933 Tree Lane in this way. How can you continue to support and advocate for this project?

Certainly there are other locations that are well suited for a building of this size, near schools the children can walk to safely, have frequently running city bus lines and be near affordable grocery stores. Directly behind a busy strip mall at Tree Lane with such inadequate room for 150+ children to play safely outdoors does not meet those requirements.

Heartland says the project cannot be smaller for them to still make a profit. Please help find a properly sized lot that will be profitable and also be good for the many children depending on the City to do this right. Please respect the views of those who elected you and entrusted you to represent them. Use this opportunity to locate a truly safe, suitable location at which these homeless families can happily live.

Build something that the City can take pride in having created, that other cities across the nation can be inspired to create for themselves. This project, as currently proposed, will accomplish neither. This is too serious to regard as an experiment, and difficult to remedy afterwards.

After careful reflection, I hope you take a leadership role and reject this proposal. Please advocate for the City to continue it's search for a site that is the right fit to make this a win-win solution.

Please vote to reject the Tree Lane location at the Common Council meeting, January 5, 2016. Or if you cannot bring yourself to vote against it for whatever reason, at least please abstain from voting.

The many homeless families as well as your constituents are all counting on you to do this right, Alder Skidmore.

Please respond to let me know you have received this email.

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Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 1:10 PM
Subject: Re: Housng project

Pat,

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns about this proposed project. I am forwarding your comments to the Common Council office so that they can be included in the Council packet for tomorrow's Common Council meeting.

The Common Council meeting starts at 6:30p, and the public hearing begin at 6:45p. I hope you can attend and participate.

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From: pat konrad
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Paul Skidmore

Aldermqn Paul Skidmore,

I am writing to say I am concerned about the high rise building for homeless people that you have going in on Tree Lane. I have many objections to it and many questions.

I assume you have researched this project extensively and have good documentation that a high rise building has been successful in other cities. What does your research say about a large group of people living in a multiple unit building and also a large group of homeless people living in a large building? Has that been successful?

It has been shown that disease and infestation spreads quickly in large groups of people. If the homeless have not had access to medical care this could be a serious issue. Children may not have had vaccinations and could potentially get serious illnesses and spread it to not only the other children in the living facility but endanger children at school.

And that brings up schooling. You said it wasn't your concern that the school district would handle that. Children that have not had gone to school only a little or not at all require more than the usual attention in school. I feel they should have the opportunity to have the special care that they need. Are the schools in this area able to provide that care? How far will they be bused to get that care?

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School only takes up a part time in a child's life so how do you intend to keep them safe. Safety is a huge issue at the site you have chosen. Parents will want the kids out of their way so send them out to play. Play in the dumpsters? hitch a ride on the semi's that bring supplies to the commercial businesses? because the playground for the kids will be the alley/street. If not the alley then busy street or then the drainage ditch.. A fine and intriguing place for children and children have been known to drown in small amounts of water. Did you ever tell a child not to go someplace and that is the first place they go?

I agree with your thought to provide a place for the homeless and there must be a suitable place in Madison that is safer then this site.

And of course, have you asked these people if they would actually want to leave their "established environment" for a Westside location that has so many drawbacks?

Sincerely,

Patricia Konrad