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From: Judy Karofsky [mailto:jfk@chorus.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 5:44 PM
To: 'Verveer, Mike'; 'Maniaci, Bridget'; district19@cityofmadison.com
Cc: Amy Supple
Subject: ManageEdgewater Management Agreement

Hi,
I am missing tonight's meeting for personal reasons.
I just sent this message to "all alders"
I hope it helps . . .
Thanks, all!
Judy
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My Friends on the Madison Common Council,

I cannot attend tonight's meeting but I want you to know that I support the Management Agreement that has been worked out by Hammes Company, developers of the expanded and enhanced Edgewater Hotel, the City Attorney's office, and my Downtown neighbors.

We who are fortunate enough to live in the Mansion Hill Neighborhood enjoy the fourth element of than updated real estate equation: "Location, location, location, walkability." The fourth element has been cited by urban planners who note the attractiveness of downtown neighborhoods for all ages and stages of life: students, young families, active working people, empty-nesters, and seniors – all of whom add to the highly desired creativity and attractiveness of the 'hood.

Please don't become sidetracked by comments about excessive noise. New sound is not the issue. We already have a sound ordinance and ways to address violations. The Mansion Hill Neighborhood is a place of excitement and entertainment, from the Homecoming Parade to the Taste of Madison to cheering for participants in countless races. In Mansion Hill, the sounds of Madison are heightened by the phenomenon of the lake's amplifying effect. This is all part of living at the epicenter of a great city's activity.

Please accept and commend the work of those who have labored diligently to move this promising project forward.

Thanks,
Judy Karofsky
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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Hughes [<mailto:lshughes@dunlopinc.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 3:19 PM

To: allalders@cityofmadison.com; bmurphy@cityofmadison.com

Cc: Amy Supple

Subject: in support of edgewater project

Dear Alderpersons:

I am a condo owner at 531 N. Pinckney St, Unit F. We are lakeside, with 6 units in our building, just on the other side of land owned by National Guardian Life. My husband and I are very excited about the "new" Edgewater and think that the terrace is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. We plan on taking advantage of the public access and the restaurants and amenities of a first class hotel. I have spoken out in public with my support and I might add, the Edgewater has the support of the other 5 owners in our building. I feel the need to raise my voice again as I think it gets forgotten amongst the angry few against the project. I have printed out the access agreement, and while long and somewhat cumbersome, I think it is fair and I feel very comfortable about how it is proposed. The waterfront improvements and terraces will be a wonderful addition to our downtown neighborhood, and those who say it will be a nuisance have their own agenda. I hope you can see through their tangled web.

Thanks for all you do for the City of Madison.

Sincerely, Linda Hughes

From: Kim Donovan [<mailto:kimdonovan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2011 5:29 PM
To: bmurphy@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Edgewater Management Agreement

Hi Brad,

Before tomorrow's Common Council meeting, I wanted to get out an email voicing support for the Edgewater Management Agreement. As you know, I have supported this project from the beginning. As a resident of the neighborhood, I continue to be dismayed that there has been an effort to cast the entire neighborhood as opposing the project. All of the residents of our building have been supporters, as have many others in the neighborhood. But really it isn't just a neighborhood issue.

To address the Management Agreement, from what I learned at the meeting on January 5, the agreement seems fair to the point of being a better deal for the city and city residents than it does for the hotel owners. I don't think there are many developers who would agree to such financial and territorial extremes to satisfy the community.

I hope the Council sees fit to approve the agreement and this project can finally start.

Thank you for your time,
Kim

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From: Kim Donovan [<mailto:kimdonovan@gmail.com>]
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To: allalders@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Edgewater Management Agreement support

Dear Madison Alders,

I write to you as resident of the Mansion Hill neighborhood and a supporter of the Edgewater project. I attended the meeting at the Edgewater on January 5 and heard about the Management Agreement between the city and the Edgewater. It clearly favors the city as far as how city residents will benefit from the investment of the Hammes Company in the public rights-of-way and public amenities that are included in the project.

There are many people in the neighborhood as well as in the city that agree that this is a worthy project that will provide jobs immediately and in the long term. Looking at another example of TIF funding and controversy, Union Transfer condominiums' TIF was paid back in very short order and contributes an incredible amount of money to the tax rolls every year.

Please vote in favor of the Management Agreement and let the project move forward.

Thank you for your time,

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Subject: Edgewater Hotel

Date: 1/10/11 9:47:05 AM

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Hello,

My name is Christopher Culver and I reside at 411 Wisconsin Ave. Last week I attended a neighborhood meeting at the Edgewater Hotel about the management agreement between the developer and the City of Madison in regards to the plans for the terrace. I discovered the public roof access of Edgewater hotel a month after I moved into my house on Wisconsin Ave in the Summer of 1995. Since then I have used the roof top regularly (even in the winter) and have only occasionally seen others there. The plan between the city staff and the developer for public access for the terrace is a good one. After the construction of the new terrace others will be able to use the terrace to relax, attend events, eat/drink, and enjoy the tremendous views that are available. The improvement of this public space will be great for me, my neighborhood and the city as a whole and I encourage you to support it.

Sincerely,

Christopher Culver

Subject:Edgewater terrace

Date:Sat, 08 Jan 2011 17:05:17 -0700

From:sdbrown@stevebrownapts.com <sdbrown@stevebrownapts.com>

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Dear Common Council Alders and Plan Commission Members:

I am writing in support of the Edgewater terrace. Steve Brown Apartments is one of the largest property owners and taxpayers in the Mansion Hill Neighborhood, and we have supported the Edgewater redevelopment project since its inception. We have been invested in this neighborhood since 1982; our offices have been located here 25 years. We are grateful this project has been approved, and are convinced, when completed, it will provide many benefits to our City and, in particular, the residents in the Mansion Hill neighborhood, including students. We own and manage more than two dozen properties within short walking distance of the Edgewater, including one two doors away.

One special benefit of the new Edgewater hotel will be to provide a much-needed new public space on the waterfront for the enjoyment of our neighborhood. I've been hearing for years from my student residents (and their families), that it "sure would be great" to have additional public spaces in the neighborhood for congregation and socializing with friends and family, to hear music and concerts, and especially to enjoy the waterfront--not just the Memorial Union and other more campus-central locations. In downtown Madison, there are precious few waterfront venues for the public to use and enjoy, and this is a unique opportunity to approve a new one.

This is why I am so supportive of the new Edgewater terrace. It responds to a critical need for more downtown, public waterfront places, and I urge you to approve this wonderful project.

Thank you.

Steve Brown