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To: ["Jan Tymorek"](#)
Subject: RE: the proposed building at picnic point
Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025 4:25:00 PM

Hello Jan –

The Joint Campus Area Committee recommended approval of this project to the UW-Madison Design Review Board (DRB) at its February 27, 2025 meeting. The UW DRB completed its final review at its April 15, 2025 meeting ([materials available here](#)). The City rezoning for the project was approved on July 1, 2025. I will pass along your email to the UW, but the project has already been approved and is set to go to bid for construction in early 2026.

- Ben

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From: Jan Tymorek <jantymorek@gmail.com>
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To whom it may concern:

I may not be able to attend tomorrow's meeting but I would like to see an exact rendering of the plan. It seems to me it has evolved, and not for the better. As someone who walks on the lakeshore path almost daily, I love to look at the wall in all seasons, times of day. The variation of what one notices is never-ending. I was assured a year ago the wall would not be impacted. Now I am hearing it will be visible from INSIDE the building, and not only that, the path will be moved, as well as the road, impacting the marsh.

This strikes me as terrible for so many reasons. First of all, a building to study nature, large and replacing a beautiful natural area - the entry to picnic point. Second, those of us who love the wall and look at it every day are NOT going to go inside the building to check it out. It is different every day because it is OUTSIDE and visible. To move the path and road, affecting the marsh is just silly - we need our wetlands! We are creating unnecessary disruption, waste and pollution by doing so. We are so lucky to have so much open land and wildlife right on campus and adjacent to a city neighborhood, why

would you disrupt that? I'm distraught thinking about the changes this building will bring.

PLEASE if you want to study nature, make the least possible impact on it! May I also suggest another site, if indeed this building is deemed necessary? Perhaps the existing parking area could be the site of the building, and the parking could be moved slightly west? Or perhaps the area by the Kaeser beach house could be developed lightly, including restoring that lovely, historic building that is just sitting there deteriorating.

I hope you'll take my ideas seriously and present them at tomorrow's meeting. I love and am grateful for the Lakeshore preserve every day and I say keep it wild.

Jan Tymorek