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July 23, 2007

Via Hand Delivery

City of Madison
Plan Commission
City County Building
210 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Room 201
Madison, WI 53703

RE: Fischer Project 100 Block North Butler Street

Dear Plan Commission Members:

I will be out of town for tonight's Plan Commission Meeting, and I have entrusted this letter to my neighbor, Gene Devitt, with instructions that he deliver it to you.

I have gone over the plans for the proposed building, and while I have supported Cliff on his other projects, I believe this one needs more work and attention. In short, I am concerned about the height and set backs of the proposed building. Frankly, a new building on this site should enhance rather than detract from other buildings on the block. The porch should be at the same level as other porches, and the property should maintain the current rear yard, inside yard setback requirements. Neighbors on either side should not have to have their properties attractiveness diminished.

More importantly, I am concerned about setting a new style or standard for infill projects both east and west of the square. The City experimented with zero lot line buildings in the '70s with disastrous effects that still haunt us today. If a new design format for infill buildings is to be created, a great deal more thought about what our central city will look like if the current plan is replicated time after time as was the case with zero lot line.

I have authorized my secretary, Erin Lynch, to sign this for me.

Sincerely,

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July 11, 2007

City of Madison
210 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Room 403
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I was one of three on the Steering Committee for this project, and this is a position statement regarding the proposed development of Cliff Fischer's property located on the 100 Block of South Butler Street.

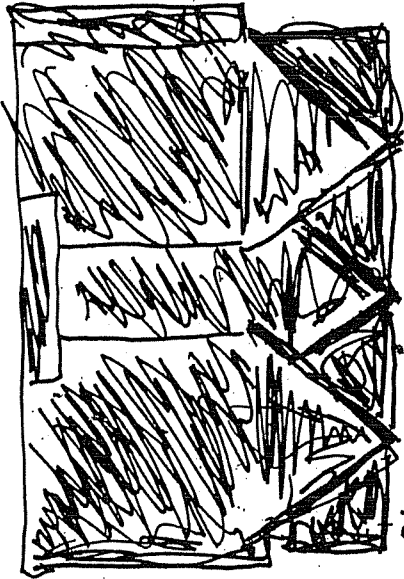
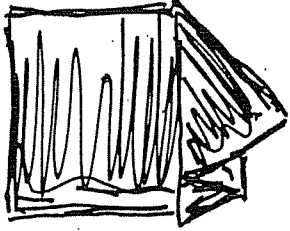
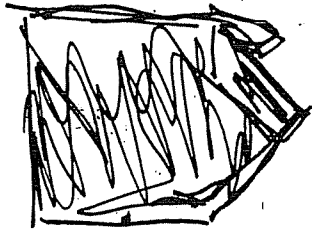
I, Eugene S. Devitt, do not support the current proposal of development for the following reasons:

- The proposed mass of the buildings over the three lots is not keeping with the character of the neighborhood.
- The block is still intact historically, except for the City parking lot.
- The height and mass of the roof does not fit with the rest of the neighborhood.
- The basement partially out of ground used as housing, does not fit with other homes in the area.
- The overall mass of the buildings is not in keeping with the current original homes in the neighborhood.
- The porch elevation on proposed building is too high it does not match the surrounding buildings.

Cliff Fischer is a fellow neighbor and friend. I have supported two phases of his development of Metropolitan Place in the past. As a friend it is difficult for me not to support his efforts, however, in this case, I believe the current proposal is not in the best interest of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Eugene Devitt



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