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**From:** Will Hardt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:35 PM  
**To:** PLLCApplications  
**Subject:** Support for project at 826 Willy Street

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Dear Landmarks Commission members,

I am a resident of the Willy Street neighborhood (I can see the co op out my window as I write this) and I am writing to tell you that I firmly support the proposed project at 826 Williamson Street.

I do not understand the idea that it might be "too large." We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood that is both vibrant and welcoming, and we should continue to welcome new neighbors who will further enrich the place.

Alder Brian Benford and the Marquette Neighborhood Association have both expressed their support for the project. It is in the clear interest of both the current and future residents of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Will Hardt

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**From:** Lindsey Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2022 6:57 PM  
**To:** PLLCApplications  
**Cc:** Lindsey Lee  
**Subject:** Please support the project at the old Struck & Irwin property site

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Dear members of the Landmarks Commission,

The Marquette Neighborhood Association strongly supports the Warren proposal to build one project on the abandoned fence company site. The alder for the neighborhood, Brian Benford, supports the project as well.

*It will be a HUGE "Man Bites Dog" story if the Landmarks Commission shoots down this project. My neighbors are not being NIMBYs here. Instead, we recognize the imperative that we do our share in creating more housing in Madison. We also recognize that the Struck & Irwin site is a perfect location for a higher density project. It will be a very bad look for the Landmarks Commission if it takes a very myopic and bureaucratic view of the ordinance and kills this project. It would also be a logically wrong application of the ordinance.*

Commissioners! *the north side of Williamson Street in the Third Lake District is not the Bungalow District!* In fact, if you ask anyone who knows and loves Willy Street they will almost always use the word "eclectic" when describing the street. That means not the same. That means not neat conformity. This is the reality of these blocks of Willy Street. Even the City of Madison Preservation Planner acknowledges in their report that "the north side of Williamson Street features an irregular lot size pattern, with several large parcels."

Clearly, the proposal to combine the lots would not "adversely impact the historic character" of the district. In fact, whether the lots have two separate projects or are combined for just one, *they will visually look the same from Williamson Street.*

If the Landmarks Commission decides that it must kill this project I would hope that it would also send the message to the Common Council that the ordinance (in at least this case) has a big flaw that is leading to a perverse outcome and that the ordinance should be corrected. That would be the intellectually honest thing to do because in every other way you would be killing a great project for no substantive gain.

I encourage you to approve this proposal and allow Willy Street to be improved and become the home to even more people who want to live in our great neighborhood with the additional bonus that there will be no negative effects on our historic district.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Lee  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mary Pustejovsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2022 7:57 PM  
**To:** PLLCApplications  
**Subject:** support for Agenda item 5, October 10

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Hello

I am writing in support of the proposed project discussed in item 5. The MNA supports this, the Alder supports it, and it is in keeping with the eclectic neighborhood commercial district. I urge you to support this, which would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood.

Thank you

Mary Pustejovsky