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Subject: WUB meeting 8/28 --please refer Agenda Item #13 consultant for well 7 reconstruct until CAP has had a chance to meet

Hello officials:

I am asking you to refer Agenda Item #13—requesting approval of consultant contract for the well 7 reconstruct--until and unless we have an opportunity to reconvene the Well 7 CAP to get answers to the remaining questions about the specifics of this project in terms of how it affects the surrounding neighborhoods.

Our family resides on the Northside of Madison approximately five blocks from Well 7. Last April I became a member of the Well 7 CAP. That same month I participated in several meetings related to Well 7 issues. At the first of these meetings that I attended, on April 4th, Al Larson told us that the details of this reconstruct were a “done deal” because all issues had already been resolved by the Eastside Water group. Fortunately our alder, Satya Rhodes-Conway, was present and has assured us on several occasions that our Northside community would have multiple opportunities to provide input into this process.

I was present for a Well 7 tour on July 31st where we obtained some information about Well 7 from Al and Joe Grande. Further meetings of the Well 7 CAP were promised in order to address and resolve any remaining community questions about this project. No further follow up CAP meetings have yet been held.

I am pleased to see a memorandum(dated 8-23-12) in the file for agenda item #13 summarizing the RFP, bidding, and selection process for this proposed consultant contract, since this memo provides much more transparency than with some previous MWU contract approvals. Does it make sense that a consultant contract for planning and construction design of this project would be brought forward prior to holding the necessary CAP meetings to resolve unanswered questions? In my opinion this is putting the cart before the horse. Why can't we have the CAP meetings, define and address the remaining unanswered questions, before moving into construction design? As I have pointed out to this

WUB previously, our Northside neighborhoods were never involved in the “East Side Water Supply Project” and we have had very limited opportunities to learn and provide our input into this project.

\$429,000 is a lot of money! Is it really necessary to pay a high-priced consultant to facilitate neighborhood meetings? When did the City of Madison start believing that they should hire outside contract consultants to do work which city agency employees can do? Is this an efficient and cost-effective way to conduct the city’s business—just contract everything out? I would like to see a CAP meeting convened with relevant MWU staff where some actual give and take could occur rather than us just being told by officials about some pre-established plan.

Again, I am requesting that you refer this outside consulting contract until MWU reconvenes the Well 7 CAP to permit desirable dialogue to occur to address remaining questions and concerns about this Well 7 reconstruction project.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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