

Remarks by Alder Anita Weier to Madison Plan Commission about proposed UW Credit Union on Northport Drive:

Good evening. I am the alder for the 18th District of the Common Council, which includes this site.

This is a relatively poor district, with substantial low-income housing, and we have great need for a responsible business such as the UW Credit Union (as opposed to payday loan offices).

The credit union has worked with the community, participating in two public meetings and changing plans to meet neighbors' concerns.

The credit union plans to make use of art symbolic of the Northside as part of its branch. Their proposed layout is similar to neighboring businesses and a church, and fits in with the state highway in front of it, which does not lend itself to pedestrian traffic.

I have heard from several of the 2,000 people on the Northside who are members of the UW Credit Union and would find it quite convenient to have a nearby branch.

In short, my community wants and needs this business. Please help us improve the Northside.