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Subject: RE: Presentation for Planning Commission 5.18

May 18, 2020

Good Afternoon Madame Chair
– PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Re:
File # 59635

Creating Section 28.022 – 00429 of the Madison General Ordinances to amend a Planned Development District at properties located at 8110-8134 Mid Town Road and 1833-1859 Waldorf Blvd., 1st Aldermanic District, to approve an Amended General Developed Plan and creating Section 28.022-00430 to amend a Planned Development Plan Development to a approve a Specific Implementation Plan.

I am following up on the email sent by planning staff encouraging representative(s) from UrbanWorks Architecture LLC register to speak or at least be available to answer questions about the resubmittal design to the Planning Commission. I encourage your presence at today's Planning Commission meeting. As the presentation to the Planning Commission on April 13, 2021 did not receive a favorable recommendation from the Commissioners and as the Alder of District 1, I was not in support. Subsequently, in the follow-up meeting with planning staff and the Alder on Thursday, May 14, 2020 the presentation by the developer representatives indicated that the "the concerns and input from the neighbors, staff recommendations and the Planning Commissioners" had been heard resulting in the design changes to be considered at the Planning Commission meeting tonight.

These design changes included the following:

1. More attractive street frontage retail space added (4,000 square feet).
2. A bike Café/Bike Room – accessible to foot traffic while maintaining resident privacy.
3. Convenience store, coffee shop, sandwich shop as possibilities for the commercial spacing.
4. Added glass windows vs walls, landscaping to the Waldorf side of the building, enhancing visibility of the frontage of the building.

The proposed plan and program changes as outlined in the Planning Commission Resubmittal – Design Changes indicate the Developers efforts to we heard the neighbors and therefore had include design recommendations by the Planning Commission as elements that were included in the November 2019 Neighborhood meeting was eliminated. Such removal of commercial space and representatives from the Urban team registers to speak at the Plan Commission meeting tonight. We had a very productive meeting.

I am in support of the staff recommendation for approval of the amendment to the Midtown Center General Development Plan (GDP) and approves a Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) to construct a mixed-use development with 4,000 square feet of commercial space, 271 apartments in three (3) buildings.

Alder Barbara Harrington-McKinney