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To: Martin, Al

Cc: Stouder, Heather

Subject: 610 John Nolen Drive

To Members of the Urban Design Commission,

I think that the Urban Design commission is so concerned with the exterior colors of the proposed hotel at 610 John Nolen Drive and how much of it should be cheaply covered with EIFS that it fails to see the bigger picture of the need for a visioning process to create a unified master plan for the entire lower portion of John Nolen Drive including the AEC complex and all the adjoining properties. There should be a moratorium on improvements to any of these properties including 610 John Nolen Drive until a visioning process is completed.

I have attached to this email a document that lays out a proposal for a collaboration of entities to create a unified master plan for this gateway entrance to the City of Madison and the heart of Dane County.

Please read it with an open mind before you make any decisions on the proposed hotel at 610 John Nolen Drive. This is a key property in any master plan for this area because it is the best location for grade separated ped/bike access across John Nolen Drive and key to the creation of a higher capacity and more enjoyable ped/bike path through the area that is more on the line of what John Nolen envisioned back in 1910 than what we now have today.

While some of you may think that this entire area along the southern portion of John Nolen drive is filled swampland barely suitable for a four story hotel, sandstone bedrock exists less than 50 feet below the ground surface over a large portion of this area. An identical situation exists along much of the Madison isthmus along East Washington Avenue where 10 and 12 story buildings are now being constructed and others like them planned for the future. The following link provides more information about the geology of this area.

<https://sites.google.com/site/friendsofolinturvilleparks/geologic-history-of-olin-turville-park-area>

Sincerely,

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