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Dear Madison Plan Commission:
(copy Alder Evers, D13)
(copy Rachel Bennett, VNA Treasurer)

The Vilas Neighborhood Association (VNA) expresses its support for the proposed demolitions of 1007 Edgewood and 2121 Jefferson (legistar #86419, 1/13/25 agenda item TBD).

VNA residents and the homeowner/applicants discussed the proposed demolitions and plans for over one hour at our 10/23/24 VNA meeting. Following extensive discussions, the VNA Council passed the following resolution:

["The VNA Council supports the Kawas family's proposed demolition of 1007 Edgewood and 2121 Jefferson in order to build a single-family home."](#)

The vote was four in favor, one opposed, and one abstain. Updates since the 10/23/24 meeting were discussed in the VNA's 12/18/24 meeting and no motion to re-open discussion or to change this position was put on the table.

Supporters noted that these properties are in poor condition, are inconsistent with the style and lot sizes of surrounding homes, and no longer retain the contributing characteristics of the Wingra Park Historic District except their age. There was also broad support for the owners to build a home for their family at this location. Noteworthy is that the strongest supporters are neighbors living in the immediate vicinity of these properties.

Concerns raised include the fact that these homes are the same age as most homes in this area, are relatively affordable compared to surrounding homes, they could be rehabilitated by an investor or other owner, possible burial sites in the area, and the specific design of the replacement structure is unknown at this time.

Thanks for your consideration,
-Doug Carlson, VNA President

FYI- Rachel Bennett, VNA Treasurer, will be available to answer Qs on 1/13 since I am out of town.