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Good Evening, Commissioners:

RE: Item #12 Odana Area Plan

I ask that you incorporate some additional revisions regarding parks and open space into the Odana Area Plan that is being presented tonight.

1. One of the proposed locations for park/open space is shown to the west of Gammon Road. While there will be a future need for these areas, this use is not compatible with the proposed street network which runs through the space or the urban canyons of 8- to 12-story buildings which would be adjacent to the site.
2. Yes, trees are an important feature of the Madison landscape. All of Madison loves trees. But, let's not overdo it. The recommendations to "*...fill in existing street tree gaps...*" and "*...maximize the planting of street trees in new terraces...*" is too prescriptive. Let's have some visual interest, creativity and variety along our streets. Every street and park does not need to look identical. They need their own neighborhood identity. Open spaces can provide some variety and counteract the confined feeling that is often the result of increased building density. Let's allow to walkers in the neighborhoods to feel the sun on their faces and see the stars at night.
3. It is important to incorporate dog parks. The dog parks at Segoe on the east and Walnut Grove to the north are fast becoming overpopulated.
4. I'm very disappointed that the unique view of the City from the hilltop near Genomic Drive will be obscured by taller buildings. That should remain a park or public open space.

Thank you for supporting our parks and open spaces.

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