

August 7, 2007

Members of the Madison Common Council:

RE: Rezoning of Property at Intersection of Burningwood Way and Comanche Way

The homeowners signed below own property immediately adjacent to or across the street from the parcel that is being proposed to have its zoning changed from Agricultural to PUD for the purpose of building multifamily units. All homeowners within the 200 foot required notice zone are opposed to this change and urge you to vote "NO" this evening.

1. When the special area plan for the north side was adopted, this 3-acre parcel should never have been included in or treated as part of the so-called "Fifth Addition" to Cherokee Park. It consists of 3 single family lots that were always intended to be the completion of Burningwood Way and built as single family residences;
2. There are already 800 condominiums at the opposite end of Comanche Way and there is no need to insert six into the middle of a single family neighborhood when the developer also intends to build several hundred more along the continuation of North Sherman Avenue;
3. The first actual notice of the proposed zoning change by any home owner within the 200' zone was received one week prior to the Planning Commission meeting at which it was taken up;
4. To our knowledge, no map and plan has been developed and put in print under which the development is *entirely outside of the 75 foot wetlands buffer zone*.
5. The entire *process* of changing this parcel from agricultural to multi-family zoning has been one of failed communication with those home-owners most directly impacted. Not one of us received a letter or phone call from the City or the developer prior to 3 weeks ago.
6. *After contacting several foundations and groups of interest, we believe there would be good prospects for the purchase of this property as natural wetlands buffer and we request time to fully investigate those possibilities.*

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5629 Comanche Way

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1501 Burning Wood Way

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