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Subject: FW: 3414 Monroe St. -- Trees as visual separation...
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Dear Amy --

In response to the conclusion in the Oct. 6th and Oct. 15th staff report for 3414 Monroe St. that "...The three story proposed development is visually separated from the adjacent landmark site by a buffer of trees and other landscaping elements on the landmark property..." -- please note the following:

Attached are photos that show the close proximity of the property line to a 30" hickory, 24" red pine and 6"+cedar trees located on the landmark property. The photos show that the trees are located between 6" and 18" from the property line. Given the proposed 40' building will be set back only 6 feet and given minimum site clearances for OSHA and related requirements, it seems highly unlikely that these mature trees will survive excavation for foundation walls within just a few feet of their trunks.

Please note for the Commissioners that any mature trees along the property line may be severely damaged and need to be removed because of the close proximity of construction activity for the building as currently proposed. We recommend establishing a wider set back area for the building and taking extraordinary measures to preserve the trees and protect any buffering or visual screening effect they might provide.

As you know, the City of Madison has a reputation as a leader in community forestry and has made a strong commitment to its urban forest. The city received a 25-year Tree City USA award on May 1, 2014 as well as a "Sterling Community" designation by the Arbor Day Foundation.

We look forward to further discussions and recommendations on ways to preserve existing mature trees to insure any proposed redevelopment is visually separated from the adjacent landmark site.

Sincerely,

John Imes







