

From: [rich lofgren](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Items 14 and 57
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 8:11:33 AM

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Hello

I am registering in support for Agenda Items 14 and 57.

>> I believe the development proposed would be a great addition to the neighborhood.

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>> The existing houses are blighted and in rough shape. There is no architectural reason to keep these houses. They have survived their time. The development fits with the City of Madison height and set back rules. The scale of this development won't ruin the neighborhood since there isn't a clear plan or flow in this block. The development team has done a great job trying to scale it with existing properties. Also there is that parking ramp across the street. I also believe that the City of Madison should allow the zoning change from DR-1 to DR-2. This city block shouldn't be limited to a 60 wide foot building.

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>> Reese and his brother have lived in Madison and this neighborhood all their lives. They know their neighbors and want to keep the community vibe. Their development plan would enhance, improve and beautify the neighborhood.

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>> The development project should be approved and given the green light to begin.

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From: [Joe Martino](#)
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Subject: Agenda items 14 and 57 Butler Street Proposed Development: Meeting Date 11/1/2022
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:47:35 PM

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Common Council;

Regarding the Butler street project proposed for tonight's meeting; Agenda items 14 and 57:

This project is supported by the planning commission, District 2 Alder, and all of the full-time residents and owners in the neighborhood. The neighborhood is mostly rental property and public service housing and has been for many years. There are few owners that live near the proposed project, however, those that do have been in the neighborhood for multiple decades. As an owner in the neighborhood since the late 90's I and many others have been in full support of this project multiple times when proposed previously.

The buildings in the Butler Street proposal have long past their usable life cycle and it is time to move forward. With the increasing shortage of affordable housing units downtown, these buildings are currently in need of more attention than economically feasible or realistic to remodel or save. The proposal before you tonight would provide more units than the current footprint. And there would be little to no disruption to the neighborhood as the developers literally live on the same block and are directly adjacent to the project site.

Given the current economic climate and increasing costs of construction, the time is now to approve this project.

Please support this project and provide the neighborhood with much needed redevelopment.

Regards,

Joe Martino
Property Owner
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From: [Dawn O'Kroley](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Tonight's Agenda Item 14, 117-125 N Butler Street
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 7:30:19 AM

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Please consider the precedent being set by Plan Commission discussion on the motion describing this as a risk worth taking. This is an inappropriate and unnecessary risk.

1. There was significant discussion at Plan Commission on the lack of clarity and intent of the Downtown Plan for James Madison Park. A process is recommended in the Downtown Plan as well as other plans to provide clarity and intent. Downtown Plan Recommendation 106 for James Madison Park is to consider establishing a Neighborhood Conservation District. The Historic Preservation Plan included James Madison Park in the top prioritized area identified in need of survey. The neighborhood includes places identified for their significance to Madison's first African American neighborhood. The Historic Preservation Plan was adopted in May 2020 to further the Comprehensive Plan strategy to Preserve the historic and special places that tell the story of Madison and reflect racially and ethnically diverse cultures and histories. This was the second year of the Wisconsin Historical Society's Madison Black History Walking Tour in James Madison Park.
2. The discussion on the motion referenced the block across the street including an 8-story maximum height in the Downtown Plan as reason for finding it appropriate to create this large mass by combining multiple parcels on this block with a 4-story maximum height in the Downtown Plan. Recent staff review of the 400 Block of East Washington development specifically excluded First Settlement District from considering the appropriateness of the development across the street because the properties were not considered adjacent when across the street.
3. The discussion on the motion referenced liking the owners live in the neighborhood and love the neighborhood. The neighborhood is within a 64-acre watershed that discharges storm sewer water directly into Lake Mendota through James Madison Park at the end of N. Hancock Street. Usable public greenspace in James Madison Park will be lost to create a wetland at the storm water outfall at the end of N. Hancock Street in the Parks Department Master Plan for James Madison Park. Other properties referenced in the discussion on the motion are nearly completely impervious surfaces and rely on public property to manage stormwater runoff while each property owned is required to have minimum open space and vegetation would reduce runoff and improve water quality on site before entering the storm sewer.

Please consider the full impact of this proposal.

Thank you, Dawn O'Kroley 646 E Gorham Street

From: [Colleen Thomas](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: 11/1 Common Council Meeting - Support for agenda item 14 - Rezoning at 117-125 N Butler St
Date: Monday, October 31, 2022 2:25:25 PM

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Hi,

I would like to express written support for agenda item 14 which would allow for the rezoning and development of a new apartment building at 117-125 N Butler St. The project is a good idea for multiple reasons, to name a few:

1. The houses currently there have been vacant for years and are providing no value to the neighborhood.
2. Madison is in desperate need for more housing and higher density residences is one way to achieve that.
3. The proposed building has a classic look that I believe fits the neighborhood and will not look out of place.

Thank you,
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