

April 4, 2012

Mayor Paul Soglin and the Common Council 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703

The Regent Neighborhood Association Board would like to express its strong support for the use of an additional \$85,000 in impact fees to fund the reconstruction of Olive Jones Park this summer. The project will provide retaining walls, asphalt and fences for Olive Jones Park - Randall School playground, making the playground safe and solid for the long term.

This is the third year of a 3-year project. Private fundraising from school parents, neighbors and local business supporters has already contributed over \$130,000 toward reconstruction of the park. The Friends of Olive Jones, a parent-neighborhood group, is working to raise \$50,000 more for this summer. Because of the extensive nature of the reconstruction, a substantial contribution of city funding is vital to completion of the project. The Regent Neighborhood Association Board supports strongly the efforts of Alder Bidar-Sielaff to get the park completed.

Sincerely,

John Schlaefer, President

Regent Neighborhood Association