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From: Susan and Alan Sweet [the2sweets@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 3:43 PM
To: Noel, Laura; Stoiber, Jennifer
Subject: Fw: proposed purchase/renovation of Theresa Terrace duplex

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From: Sharon Whitney <sharonbwhitney@sbcglobal.net>
To: the2sweets@att.net
Sent: Wed, January 23, 2013 1:08:29 PM
Subject: proposed purchase/renovation of Theresa Terrace duplex

Chairman Allen Sweet,

As a resident of the Prairie Hills neighborhood I favor the purchase of the duplex on Theresa Terrace for renovation for future use as a neighborhood center. Many of the residents living in the Theresa Terrace area are lower income and in need of many services. Services could be provided at the community center eliminating transportation problems. Residents of the area have made sincere efforts to improve conditions there. I encourage the CDC to study this issue and support the purchase/renovation of the duplex.

Sharon Whitney
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Southwest Madison Community Organizers

C/o Meadowood Community Center

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Madison, WI 53711

Our Mission

Empowering people by organizing and supporting actions that sustain equitable, peaceful, and welcoming neighborhoods.

January 22, 2013

To Whom it May Concern,

Southwest Madison Community Organizers is an organization that exists to empower residents in Southwest Madison to make it equitable, peaceful and welcoming. We see the development of a neighborhood center in the Hammersley/Theresa neighborhood as a big step in that direction. For that reason, we offer our whole-hearted support for the purchase of the property.

The Hammersley-Theresa neighborhood has come together to make significant changes in their community. They began with traffic issues, which resulted in speed bumps, recognition of speeding on Hammersley Road and a promise to improve the entrance to Falk School.

The residents then began to address more concerns related to the children in the neighborhood, starting a summer activity program last year. Now, they are progressing to the development of a neighborhood center that would serve as a meeting place, a location for provision of services and youth center, focusing on learning and enrichment.

We see this center as a way to further bring residents together, to empower them to deal with the challenges their neighborhood faces. We have supported their activities thus far, but now it is up to the City of Madison to join with all of us working on the Southwest side to help the residents of the area improve their lives and the life of their community.

Please vote approval of the request for the purchase of the property on Theresa Terrace to become a neighborhood center.

Sincerely,

Rev. Winton Boyd
Member, Southwest Madison Community Organizers
Sr. Pastor, Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ

Noel, Laura

From: Susan and Alan Sweet [the2sweets@att.net]
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Sent: Tue, January 22, 2013 10:07:03 AM
Subject: NRT Letter of Support for Theresa Terrace Neighborhood House

Dear Members of the Community Service Committee,

Please find attached a letter of support related to the January 23rd agenda item 28837 (option to purchase property on Theresa Terrace for potential use as a community center) from the SW-N Neighborhood Resource Team, the NRT serving the Hammersley-area.

We strongly support the proposal and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Neuschel

Co-Lead SW-N NRT

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January 22, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing on behalf of the Southwest-North Neighborhood Resource Team (SWN-NRT) (serving the Hammersley-area) in support of the proposed legislation to purchase and renovate a duplex on Theresa Terrace to be used as a community center. The NRT completed a list of budget recommendations per the Mayor's request in May of 2012. The need to develop a community center that serves this area was our primary recommendation.

In the SWN-NRT assessment of the Hammersley-area there were a number of issues noted. Some of the issues noted were the high density of youth with not enough opportunities for programming/positive engagement, high levels of poverty with little access to job training/educational opportunities, and no walkable gathering spaces that serve the entire community where positive pro social activities can occur in the neighborhood. A community center space in the heart of the neighborhood, although small, would begin to address these three key issues. Additionally, through a public health organizing process residents on Theresa Terrace identified their ideal vision for the Hammersley-area. Their vision recognized the need for a community center space that is governed by the local residents as the first and most important step in creating a healthier neighborhood. The SWN-NRT recognizes that it is this resident voice/vision and empowerment that are critical to stabilizing and building a strong neighborhood, as well as making this community center a success.

The SWN-NRT strongly supports the proposed neighborhood house and applauds the leaders in the Hammersley-area who have helped form and mold this vision.

Sincerely,

Annie Weatherby-Flowers
Co-Leader SW-N NRT

Kim Neuschel
Co-Leader SW-N NRT

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From: Susan and Alan Sweet [the2sweets@att.net]
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To: Noel, Laura; Stoiber, Jennifer
Subject: Fw: please support Theresa/Hammersley Neighborhood House

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Sent: Tue, January 22, 2013 9:44:56 AM
Subject: please support Theresa/Hammersley Neighborhood House

Members of the Community Services Commission:

I am a resident of the Prairie Hills Neighborhood in southwest Madison, and I am writing to support the purchase of a duplex to be used as a neighborhood center for the Theresa/Hammersley neighborhood. I became acquainted with several residents of this area last summer when I helped with their Kids Activity Days. I was impressed at the initiative and resourcefulness of the residents, and with their determination to improve life for children in their neighborhood. The City of Madison has a wonderful opportunity to partner with this neighborhood in a way that will be embraced by the people who live there, because they took the lead in initiating this project. It's hard to imagine another way the city could realize such big improvements for such little money in capital spending. Please support the purchase of property for a Theresa/Hammersley Neighborhood House.

Sherri Swartz
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The Boys & Girls Club of Dane County supports the City of Madison's purchase of the property on Theresa Terrace for the purpose of creating a neighborhood center. We urge the Community Services Committee to endorse this acquisition.

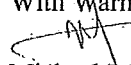
The Theresa Terrace neighborhood is an isolated pocket of poverty in our city. While the neighborhood first was brought into the larger city consciousness by a tragic teen homicide several years ago, those working at the neighborhood level have known for years that this is a challenged community that have difficulty accessing resources. Indeed, most people drive by on Hammersley Road and pass Theresa Terrace without realizing the extreme challenges that are just a few blocks away. Any examination of data ranging from police statistics to poverty indicators to academic achievement will show the vulnerability of this area. The population also tends to be young (38% of residents are 17 or younger vs. the city average of 23%), of color (43% vs. the city average of 24%) and with lower property values (\$185,000 vs. \$241,000).

In spite of these significant statistics, one of the real strengths of the neighborhood is its people. This is a neighborhood that has a core group of residents that want to be successful individually and want their neighborhood to thrive. It is the residents that are reaching out to partners and the city to redefine the future of their neighborhood.

The neighborhood contacted the Boys & Girls Club about six months ago to see if we could be of assistance. Since that initial meeting, we have assisted Theresa Terrace in the following ways: a community dinner at Falk School, they have participated in our Thanksgiving Dinner; a holiday shopping event at West Town (with generous donations from Payless Shoes and JC Penney), a holiday dinner and finally some strategic planning on the future of the neighborhood. This has been a wonderful partnership and we have made sure that we take cues from the residents and attempt to serve their needs.

It is clear to us that a neighborhood center can act as a community focal point for the residents as they continue to define their future. How the Boys & Girls Club will be involved with Theresa Terrace in the future has not yet been established - but rest assured that we support the courageous efforts of these residents. The City of Madison can show their support by purchasing this property for Theresa Terrace's neighborhood center.

With Warmest Regards,


Michael Johnson, MBA
CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County



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Subject: Fw: Item 1 of 01/23/2013 Agenda - Purchase of Theresa Terrace Property for a Community Center

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Sent: Mon, January 21, 2013 8:04:26 PM
Subject: Re: Item 1 of 01/23/2013 Agenda - Purchase of Theresa Terrace Property for a Community Center

Dear Members of the City of Madison Community Services Committee:

For your information, below is a resolution passed in November 2012 by the Board of the Greentree Neighborhood Association in support of the purchase and renovation of the property at 1409-1411 Theresa Terrace as a neighborhood center.

Sincerely,

Chuck Kime
Vice-President
Greentree Neighborhood Association

Resolution in support of a neighborhood center in the Theresa Terrace/Hammersley Road area

At its November 5, 2012 meeting, the Greentree Neighborhood Association Board approved a resolution supporting a neighborhood center on Theresa Terrace near Hammersley Road. The Board is please that such a center remains a priority in the city budget, finances permitting.

The Greentree Neighborhood Association supports these efforts to provide needed resources to the neighborhood, preserve property values and bolster local quality of life.

The Board notes that the area of Theresa Terrace and Hammersley Road adjoining the Greentree neighborhood at its southern border has undergone significant changes in the last decade with higher percentages of minority renters, higher percents of low-income people and larger numbers of children than in surrounding portions of the neighborhood. Nearby Falk Elementary School enrollment figures show that of 346 children in school during the 2011-12 academic year, some 43 percent are African American students, 16 percent Hispanic students and 8 percent Asian students.

Since February 2011 neighbors have worked together, facilitated by the Southwest Madison Community Organizers, to take steps to improve safety, traffic conditions and quality of life in the area. The proposed city budget amendment would renovate a duplex on Theresa Terrace as a neighborhood center provide a location to organize recreational activities for children, and provide tutoring to bolster student academic achievement. Adults might use resources at such a center to help find employment training, computer classes, GED classes and job referrals. Training for parenting skills and a food pantry have also been discussed.

The Greentree Neighborhood Association Board believes such a center has the potential to support educational programs, provide safe recreational space and promote family life that is safer, more peaceful and more welcoming in the area.

Sincerely,

Larry Sperling

President

Greentree Neighborhood Association

From: [Charnitz, Mary](#)
To: [Stonestreet, Peggy](#)
Subject: FW: Testimony in Support of Neighborhood House on Theresa Terrace
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 1:56:48 PM

For the 2/7 packet

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 3:19 PM
To: Charnitz, Mary
Subject: FW: Testimony in Support of Neighborhood House on Theresa Terrace

From: Ali Brooks [mailto:alisonannbrooks@gmail.com]
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Subject: Testimony in Support of Neighborhood House on Theresa Terrace

Dear CDBG committee members,

My name is Ali Brooks and I am a Youth Organizer with the Southwest Madison Community Organizers. I am writing to strongly urge you to support the development of a neighborhood center on Theresa Terrace.

I have spent time with youth in this area over the past year and a half and have been appalled by the lack of opportunities young people in the area have access to. There is a huge unmet need in this area for youth to be involved in developmental and educational programming. During the warmer months, you can see dozens of kids playing in the street trying to pass the time. During the winter months the kids are bored inside their houses. I'm very concerned that without alternatives, the young people in this area are much more likely to involve themselves in risky and problematic activities including drugs, alcohol and gangs.

Because this area has a high concentration of Section 8 rental units with three or more bedrooms, there is an unusually high number of youth living in poverty. I believe having a neighborhood house directly on this block would go much further towards serving those in our community who most need these opportunities than trying to get these youth to attend a community center a mile away.

Supporting this neighborhood house would be an efficient use of the city's resources. By building a neighborhood house that is guaranteed to be highly used (due to its location and because the neighborhood residents are invested in creating it) the city would be making sure its money is going towards serving those with the highest need and creating a community center that is highly used.

I strongly believe that if we don't ensure that the youth in this area have opportunities for positive engagement we are creating a problem that affects us all. This neighborhood could continue to become a hotbed of issues like addiction, teen pregnancy, violence, and gangs. These issues end up affecting everyone when you consider the amount of resources going toward policing illegal activity in this area, school resources going towards serving these youth who have higher mental health and behavioral needs, and the collateral effects of more jobless, uneducated members of our community.

If we invest in these youth by developing a vibrant neighborhood house that offers year-round developmental programming, we are creating the possibility that these youth could succeed in school, stay out of trouble, and become contributing members of our community.

I have had countless conversations with youth of all ages in this area that are excited about being involved in this neighborhood house. Due to its location and the fact that the residents are galvanized and invested in its success, I think funding this neighborhood house would be a very beneficial and responsible use of city resources.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and thank you so much for your consideration.

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Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association
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Member
Community Development Block Grant Commission
City of Madison
Madison, WI

January 29, 2013

Dear Commission Member:

The Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association strongly supports the creation of a center in the Hammersley/Theresa neighborhood. This area has undergone significant change in the past five-ten years. Currently, the area has a high percentage of people of color, a high rate of unemployment and a high number of children. The neighborhood also lacks services that can help the residents improve their lives and the lives of their children.

We are asking the city to fund the purchase and renovation of a duplex on Theresa Terrace. The residents have already demonstrated their commitment to their community. Last spring, the group turned to the problem of a lack of summer activities for their children. They created, funded and staffed a Kids' Activity Day every Monday afternoon for 11 weeks. From 30 to 62 children between the ages of 3 and 17 attended and an average of 18 adults and teens helped either with activities or food. Residents funded this program by holding car washes and a rummage sale.

Currently the neighborhood group, with help from the Southwest Madison Community Organizers organization, is running a small tutoring program at Falk Elementary School. It has also received a grant for enrichment activities at Falk, including trips to the Overture Center and the Children's Museum.

Community programs often fail because of the lack of neighborhood support. The Theresa/Hammersley neighbors have, on their own, produced significant accomplishments in the past year. Their vision now is for a center that can provide services and a meeting place right in their neighborhood. They want to improve their community and believe this is one very important step toward making this area safe, peaceful and welcoming.

We need to help them by purchasing a house that can be not only a place for neighborhood services and activities but a link to city and county services already available to help them. As the Prairie Hills Board of Directors, we urge your approval of this proposal.

Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors

October 31, 2012

To Whom It May Concern -

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located on Madison's southwest side, is pleased to write this letter of intent. We look forward to partnering with the newly forming Theresa Terrace/Hammersley Neighborhood Center as it strives to create and operate a Food Pantry in our neighborhood. Our congregation pledges its partnership in training and mentoring leaders and volunteers who will serve in this pantry.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sheryl Erickson
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January 22, 2013

Justin Markofski, Chair, Community Services Division Committee
Alan Sweet, Chair, Community Development Office Committee
Mayor Paul Soglin, Chair, Board of Estimates

Dear Committee Chairs,

We send this letter to you in support of funding the Theresa Terrace Neighborhood House. Please consider this letter of support as you begin your discussions about this proposal.

Over the past few years, residents of the Theresa Terrace Neighborhood and other neighborhoods in southwest Madison, have consistently witnessed the troubles associated with unsupervised youth. Police officers, along with many other public servants, have been challenged with how to best engage these same youth in an ongoing effort to prevent them from becoming involved in activities that can get them into trouble and can also disrupt the quality of life in our neighborhoods. We believe that the addition of the Theresa Terrace Neighborhood House will bring positive change and will be a strong source for this prevention, similar to what we've experienced in the Meadowood Neighborhood with the Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

The proposed location of the neighborhood house, in the center of the Theresa Terrace neighborhood, will prove to be very valuable. The Meadowood Neighborhood Center, similarly centered in the neighborhood it primarily serves, has been attributed by our officers for a notable decrease in juvenile related disturbances. The Theresa Terrace Neighborhood House would provide the needed structure and organization in a community that desires a partnership like the one we enjoy with the Meadowood Neighborhood Center. The addition of the Theresa Terrace Neighborhood House will help ensure the continued improvement of safety and overall quality of life in Madison.

Please consider funding the Theresa Terrace Neighborhood Center.

Thank you,

Victor Wahl, Captain of Police
Madison Police – West Police District

John Patterson, Lieutenant of Police
Madison Police – West Police District

Jane Stoklasa, Lieutenant of Police
Madison Police – West Police District

Caleb Johnson, Neighborhood Police Officer
Theresa Terrace/Bettys Lane/Hammersley Road Neighborhood

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