

June 8, 2014

Timothy Parks Madison Planning Commission

Dear Mr. Parks,

Thank you for sending the materials on the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit at 221 S Midvale Blvd. As per your request, I disseminated this proposal throughout Sunset Village: I forwarded it to our neighborhood list server and moderated a discussion at our last meeting.

The residents of Sunset Village have raised serious concerns about the scale of this proposed structure. At our neighborhood meeting, everyone who spoke opposed this proposal. I have also received several phone calls by neighbors who would be immediately impacted, and they likewise oppose it. The main concerns arise from the sheer mass of this proposal. Specifically, it would greatly infringe on the solace of immediate neighbors, sets a bad precedent that could undermine the neighborhood's vision that was solidified after much hard work in our just-approved neighborhood plan, and would aggravate storm-water runoff problems through the added impermeable surface.

I feel these neighbors raise legitimate points. From my perspective as neighborhood president, these types of questions come down to two things, one democratic and the other a version of the Golden Rule: a) What is the consensus among our neighbors? b) Would I want this next to me? Based on both, I do not support this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Kenneth Raffa President, Sunset Village Community Association

cc: Chris Schmidt, Alder