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**Subject:**Re: Proposed homeless building at 7933 Tree Lane

Also, the building would be four stories high which is higher than any building in the area. It would worsen the view of the horizon in the area and set a bad precedent for future buildings.

Brian

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**Subject:** Proposed homeless building at 7933 Tree Lane

Hello,

I am writing regarding the proposed Homeless Housing building for 7933 Tree Lane discussed in this article: [http://host.madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/madison-eyes-far-west-side-for-housing-project-for-homeless/article\\_847a73b3-1a83-57ea-8d7a-cc71c94258b0.html](http://host.madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/madison-eyes-far-west-side-for-housing-project-for-homeless/article_847a73b3-1a83-57ea-8d7a-cc71c94258b0.html).

In the article, Natalie Erdman says “the site makes sense because it’s near public transportation, grocery stores and jobs”. I am wondering what she is referring to so would like to ask her if she can provide more specifics. I was unable to find an email address for Natalie but hopefully I am emailing the right people.

For public transportation, the only metro bus route that goes near there on weekdays is the 15 and it only stops once an hour except during rush hour commutes. It goes to UW, downtown, and the East side. Is that where the homeless will need to travel? If so wouldn’t it be better to have their home closer to those areas? The only bus that goes near there on weekends is the 67. Once an hour it makes a trip from the West Transfer point down Mineral Pt rd to West Town mall. Since it only goes

one direction it doesn't seem very useful to Tree Lane residents. Will the 15 and 67 be enough for the homeless at Tree Lane? It's hard to imagine.

Also, where are the jobs near here she thinks the homeless will get? Will these employers be on the 15 or 67 bus line? That seems doubtful to me.

The grocery stores nearby are Metcalfe's near West Town Mall and Copp's at Prairie Town Center on Junction road. The 15 bus goes to Copp's but again, only hourly on weekdays. The 67 bus goes to Metcalfe's but only hourly on weekends and one direction.

Without good bus options, it seems like the residents would need to walk places but this part of town is not very pedestrian friendly. There is a lot of car traffic with some of it going high speeds. For example, it's hard to safely walk to West Town mall or Metcalfe's because you have to cross Mineral Pt rd. To walk to Prairie Town Center there are sidewalks but it would be a hard walk carrying groceries or other items.

In addition, what would the kids at 7933 do for outdoor play and recreation? The only park nearby is Haen park but on nice weather weekends and weeknights, the park is normally full from kids and families who already live in the neighborhood. Also, there doesn't seem to be good options closer to their home for outdoor play. The North side of the 7933 building would be right against a drainage ditch and wooded natural area. Small kids playing there could get lost and be hard to find, and the ditch is full of mosquitoes in Summer. To the South and West of the building are strip malls and parking lots which will be busy with cars so not a safe place for kids to play. To the East of the building is a private residence, Greenbriar apts, and walking across High Point rd there is dangerous anyway.

Also, to make room for the building several trees and bushes would need to be cut down in the drainage area. This wooded area is a nice little nature area for the Oakbridge condo residents to look at and it helps reduce the sights and sounds from the Walgreens strip mall. It's good for the environment to have a natural area like this. Cutting part of it down would be bad for the environment and the Oakbridge condo residents.

Lastly, I heard the builder of this project, Heartland, was required to provide written notice to the district alder and any neighborhood or business associations 30 days in advance of the filing of their application. They stated that they had only notified Alderman Skidmore.

In summary, the Tree Lane location doesn't seem like a good place for the homeless building. Aren't there places on the near West side or downtown that would better meet their needs with more public transportation, jobs, grocery stores, play areas, and be more pedestrian friendly? I know Madison needs more affordable housing and homeless buildings, but this location doesn't seem good.

Sincerely,

Brian Shore