

From: Kim Bean
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Parks, Timothy
Cc: dp@movin-out
Subject: Support for Movin Out Housing and Neighborhood Center proposal

Dear My Parks,

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow regarding the proposed housing project by Movin Out and the community center within that project. I am one of many people who will not be signing the petition objecting to the project and in fact I endorse the projects' approval by the City of Madison. Unfortunately those supporting the project may not have been as organized and hence likely have no such petition of our own, but that does not mean there are just as many or more of us.

I have seen the petition and am concerned that it largely reflects fear of low income housing projects. While I understand some of that concern, I know that Movin Out has a history of managing their housing properties well and are driven by a deep commitment to providing safe, affordable and quality housing for people with disabilities. I believe more projects such as these are needed in our community and I would be pleased if my beloved neighborhood would be open and welcoming to people in need of safe, affordable, and well managed housing for those with disabilities as well as other's in our community.

Our neighborhood has a great need and desire for a new Community Center for many years now. This project is the first time I am aware that the city is making money available to bring this dream to fruition. I would prefer a larger center, one with a gymnasium, and one that is independent of a housing project. My concern however is that if we don't act upon the limited time financing opportunity for the proposed Community Center, that the city and those calling for a re-evaluation and re-siting of a new community center may not have the will, ability and/or necessary commitment to guarantee an alternative project. I absolutely would support an alternative Community Center project if the City of Madison were to make a binding commitment to an alternative Community Center project in our neighborhood before shuttering the current proposed plan. Absent of such a commitment, I fear another decade of a woefully inadequate neighborhood Community Center in its' current location.

For the reasons given above, I am supporting the approval of the Movin Out housing project and the currently planned Community Center.

Sincerely,

Kim Bean