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Im a neighbor. Would prefer it if Marling would stay - they've been great neighbors. I remodeled my house using lumber I carried home from there on foot.

Things I really like about this development: its heavy on residential which strengthens the residential character of this block of E. Main. The units facing E Main fits in well with the existing houses. The public walkway is great. The visual design has been VASTLY improved over what we first saw.

Remaining concerns - and this is shared by some other neighbors Ive talked to - loss of tree canopy. Because of overhead powerlines on so side of the street, we can only have full size canopy trees on the NORTH side - the Marling side. Although the 3 largest & most beautiful ash have been treated I was told by the city forestry staff that these trees still may be in danger from construction of the building and of the sidewalk. They've not yet gone out to look at the root structure - IMHO they should have done that last fall to inform both the developer and we neighbors about how much space is needed to ASSURE the health of these trees.

**IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL** that we save every possible full size canopy street tree on this block.... and on the east side in general . I cant emphasize that enough!

Because the east side has mostly power lines in front instead of underground or in the backyards - and because the city wont be planting full size trees under power lines to replace the ash - we are already facing drastically reduced canopy. So we really cant afford to lose MORE TREES for no good reason at all. That's just not acceptable.

Also, please look very very closely at lighting. The International Dark Sky Association ( a world renowned, strictly science based organization) recommends lighting have a color temperature 3000 K or under so as to not be disruptive to wildlife and to not contribute to light pollution which btw affects human endocrine systems as well as animals.

In the planning materials, I see that the developer has specified fixtures that are 4000k and up - that should be reconsidered.

I strongly believe that as the city densifies we must be more proactive about keeping Madison liveable and we should routinely insisting on things like sensible lighting and no unnecessary loss of canopy street trees. We all want denser development but what does that mean.... I think it can be done in ways that keep our city halfway pleasant and liveable. It just means making choices to support that!

Thank you