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September 19, 2016

City of Madison Landmarks Commission
Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Madison WI 53701-2985

Re: proposal for division of Elks Club parcel with house

Landmarks Commissioners,

The Board of the Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) voted on September 15th to support the division of the property at 719 Jenifer St. on which sits a historic building. The board takes no position as to whether the resulting parcel and house should have lakefrontage, but felt strongly that the parcel should be divided in such a way as to maximize the likelihood of renovation and occupancy of the historic building without excessive modification or expansion.

The board has no desire that there be created a parcel that is so expensive that a small residence is not viable on the property. Nor does the board want to see the creation of a parcel that is undesirably small, causing the property to languish. The board asks the Landmarks Commission to balance these two issues so that the neighborhood can be enhanced by the retention and occupancy of this historic building.

Thank you for considering the views of the Marquette Neighborhood Association in your deliberations.

Thank you,

Lynn Lee, President
Marquette Neighborhood Association

cc: Marsha Rummel, District 6 Alder
MNA Board