

From: Bob Felt <skydawg.bob@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 4:30 PM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Opening Coolidge St

Thanks. I also thought that if their concern was to move traffic off of North St, cause of say, the baseball field, a better solution would be to open the next street up, Myrtle St, so that the traffic has a straight path to the parking lot (and keep the park safe from more traffic). Thanks

On 12/27/2019 2:47 PM, Abbas, Syed wrote:

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> Syed

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> From: Bob Felt <skydawg.bob@gmail.com>

> Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 2:09 PM

> To: Abbas, Syed

> Subject: Opening Coolidge St

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> Hi - I am totally AGAINST opening Coolidge St. through to Packers. There are only a few businesses that would benefit from this alternate route (and none on Coolidge) - it would make the street much more busy and noisy and dangerous to children (given a park is on this street also) - there would be no easy left turn from Coolidge onto Packers making this outlet really only one way. I also don't believe the cost justifies the possible additional route this may offer given the small amount of traffic that may use it. In conclusion, I don't see any substantial benefits, only detrimental effects, from this plan for the neighborhood.

Thank you,
Bob Felt
> 2314 Coolidge St

From: Nathan Schulfer <nschulfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 7:42 PM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opening Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue

Dear Alderman Abbas,

Hope this finds you well and happy new year! My name is Nathan Schulfer and I live at 2613 Dahle Street. Although I hope to make the January 16 meeting, in case I cannot make it I want to briefly write about the possibility of opening Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue. I am sure this will be helpful for baseball traffic, both coming and going, and I am excited to learn more about the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan. But, I do wonder about safety issues for vehicles getting on Packers from Coolidge since, at times when traffic is busy, it is hectic there with vehicles trying to merge right (where cars coming from Coolidge would be entering) to get on Aberg Avenue. If Coolidge were opened to access Packers Avenue, then I hope the city would put in speed bumps all throughout the neighborhood to ensure everyone drives the speed limit.

Thanks for all your work.

Nathan Schulfer
nschulfer@gmail.com

From: Ali <mikulyuk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 7:29 AM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Oscar Mayer plan

Gave this only a very quick glance, but looks like a decent plan.
A short few comments:

Page 21, "public open house" section is incomplete, (To be updated placeholder).

I generally support the plan. I am glad to see the urban storm water practices, though I thought the language should be strengthened to specify a commitment and actual path forward (eg recraft "encourage", "consider" phrases on page 53).

I live on coolidge and support the opening of that street at packers; I support increasing permeability across packers to connect north and northeast sides.

Thanks sayed!

Ali

From: Zack Brewer <zendritic@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2020 5:31 PM

To: ledell.zellers@gmail.com

Cc: Jamie Hawkins; Abbas, Syed

Subject: Save Hartmeyer

Hello,

My name is Zack Brewer and I live at 2833 Dahle St. (Eken Park), not far from the former Oscar Mayer plant. I'd like to express my support for the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan *Option C*. I'm open to alternatives that preserve as much as possible of the Hartmeyer natural area, however *option C* is the only official plan I've seen proposed so far that I support. I think this is a rare opportunity to preserve valuable green space in our city. This space is valuable not only to provide rare natural experiences for nearby residents, many of them lower income, but also as precious pervious surface area to mitigate the increasing risk of flooding.

I'd also like to generally express my support for Alder Abbas' advocacy for our neighborhood with respect to issues currently facing the planning commission. I have total confidence in his representation of our community's interests and will assist him in whatever way I can.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to consider my opinion on this important matter.

Zack

From: mfuss@tds.net <mfuss@tds.net>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:04 PM

To: Abbas, Syed

Subject: Coolidge St. opening

To the district 12...Syed, I am for the opening to Packers Ave. at Coolidge St. Also should be reopened from McCormick Ave. to Aberg Ave. again by the pedestrian bridge. It should have never been closed. The people who live North of E. Johnson St. need another way to get to either Aberg or to Highway 30 necessitating re opening McCormick St. or Commercial ave. Ok thanks Mike

From: Anna Lu <annalu@uwalumni.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2020 11:40 AM

To: Abbas, Syed

Subject: Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan

Hi there,

On behalf of my parents who reside at 2249 Myrtle Street, I would like to voice their opinion on the proposal to open Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue. My parents, Luong Lu and Mai Huynh would be for the street opening. We do not have any concerns regarding vehicle traffic at this time.

Please let me know if you have any questions/

Thanks,

Anna Lu

annalu@uwalumni.com

From: Beth <sluysb@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 1:02 PM

To: Abbas, Syed

Subject: roads and the comprehensive plan

Hi Syed,

In reviewing the comprehensive plan and the strategies related to land use and transportation, Strategy 9 clearly states:

"the City should NOT pursue major road expansion projects in areas that have long been developed." Rather the recommendation is to increase the efficiency of congested roads and speaks about the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems. Not road building.

Strategy 8 states that we need to "expand and improve the city's pedestrian and bicycle networks to enable safe and convenient transportation" by filling gaps in the network. "In addition to improving transit service as a way to provide viable alternatives to driving, the City must also make improvements to pedestrian and bicycle systems. Making it not only possible to bike and walk, but preferable, especially for shorter trips, can go a long way towards creating a healthier, and more mobile community."

These are good arguments for no Coolidge extension.

Thanks for a great meeting last night.

Beth

Those who would defend the freedom of others deserve it not for themselves - Abe Lincoln

From: Mary Johnston <me.johnston@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 12:01 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; ledell.zellers@gmail.com; Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Save Hartmeyer Natural Area

Alders and City Leaders -- After attending last night's Town Hall organized by Ald. Abbas, I'm writing in support of any efforts that would save and develop the entire 30 acre wetland area west of the Oscar Mayer property. I favor adopting the City of Madison Special Area Plan Option C and all efforts to

conserve this important wetland area as well as the surrounding uplands that are key to its environmental health.

The area's boundaries include the Oscar Mayer plant, Roth St., Commercial Ave., N. Sherman Ave. and the railroad corridor, excluding existing privately owner homes and businesses. I have lived on the Northside for over 40 years but have only recently discovered this beautiful remnant of the vast wetlands that once covered much of the neighborhood.

We should cherish and preserve this entire natural area while still realizing that development of nearby business, residential and community oriented facilities are in the community's best interests. Until the property was posted with many no trespassing signs, I would frequently walk around and stand in awe of the wildlife that use the area, especially in the Spring when frogs, migrating waterfowl and resident cranes, hawk, bluebirds and other species use this unique area in the midst of an otherwise often unsightly sterile or polluted commercial environment.

There are many young people and school children in the area who don't have the opportunity to visit natural areas. There are senior citizens like myself who find driving out of the city more difficult. It would be a blessing to so many of us to be able to walk to this area, whether through one of the nature club offerings at Sherman Middle School or an individual outing. Those of us in Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area are eager to invest our volunteer time to support the development of this project.

Thank you for your consideration. Please choose to keep Madison the best environmental jewel it can be.

Mary Johnston
1708 Fremont Ave.
Madison

From: Becky Leidner <rwl1951@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: McAuliffe, Daniel <DMcAuliffe@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oscar Mayer plan

Dear Alder Abbas,
After last night's meeting, a couple of comments about the Oscar Mayer Plan. One, how can planners say with straight faces that opening Coolidge St will not create more traffic on the street? Are they idiots, or do they think the neighbors who oppose it are? Two, as I've stated before, I'm strongly in favor of preserving the entire Hartmeyer Area as a natural site, with as little exposure to humans as possible. The City's goals of increased density and economic development are laudable but in this case they are in conflict with environmental preservation and the plans need to be redrawn with the right priorities. It's not empty space; there's already a thriving neighborhood there. It is incumbent upon us to be wise, not just ambitious. Three, the drawing board apparently includes a future connection between N Sherman and Packers, which is usually mentioned rather quickly in Dan's presentations. I'd like to see more information about where and how this would run through the Sherman neighborhood. Four, I'm very much opposed to roundabouts at Packers and Aberg. They are unnecessary and confusing gimmicks where stoplights work perfectly well to control and slow traffic. I would ask anyone from Traffic Engineering or Planning to try to

cross or turn onto Aberg from Loftsgordon or Huxley at any time of day and to spend their wait time imaging how much more difficult this will be once there is non-stop traffic from the roundabouts. Especially with both Sherman and Huxley under additional pressure from the OM and BRT developments.

Thanks,

Becky

From: Anita Temple <anita.temple@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 7:17 AM

To: Abbas, Syed

Subject: Oscar Meyer Plan

Hello Syed,

Thank you for your efforts for our district! I hope you remain as our alder for many years. I attended last nights meeting at Bashford on the Oscar Meyer plan with its excellent turn out.

I am in full support for the 30 acre preservation of the natural area. I wrote to Paul suggesting we look into and add into our strategy that there is also a financial benefit. If you look at existing natural areas (Cherokee Marsh on the east side or Owen Conservation Park on the west side), that the residences that border these parks are valued much higher than others. People want to pay for and live on these borders. For instance, homes that border Owen are selling for \$600-700,000 dollars! And to live in a home that borders a natural area and has walk-able access to the future Oscar Meyer options is even more appealing.

A suggestion for the overall plan is to include a dog park area. Otherwise we will have a lot of dogs and feces in the natural area. I know from the Demetrel work that until we got a dog park, that people used the park for off leash walking and the density of feces was awful. Dog licenses provide a dedicated fund for developing these areas. The Demetrel dog park cannot handle any more dogs (it is small) as it has to close in the spring to allow the grass to grow back.

Secondly, I fully support **no** cross street developments into the Eken Park neighborhood. I totally agree they are unnecessary for these narrow streets as well as for the safety of children. It is very few blocks to get to Commercial which is built for traffic. I would like to see a light go in at North and Commercial, by the way.

Why not have access to the ball field from Aberg? If they put in round abouts, there would be easy access to this field. And a lot less cost for re-doing lanes on Packers.

Thank you again for your efforts. I will attend the January 30th meeting as I have other questions like what about parking? What is the coordination between this plan, the Public Market, and mass transit. We need to have a coordinating master plan and not these separate projects.

Anita Temple

2517 Hoard Street

From: Robert Nelson <chancebrutus793@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 12:10 AM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Coolidge st

I do not like the idea I'm opening up cooling Street to traffic to Packers.

you guys can demand curve the problem we have with the little league people speeding up and down the road.

I say it would be much more feasible if you'd open up Maher avenue to passwords that way.

And then put a stop light back on North and commercial you don't know how many close calls I've had in that intersection because idiots don't abide by the stop sign we need more please control in that area to watch shop and things like that.

Sincerely Robert Nelson

On Mon, Sep 16, 2019, 8:43 PM Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com> wrote:
Thanks Robert for your feedback. Appreciate that! I hope you will make it to the meeting.

Best,
Syed

From: Robert Nelson <chancebrutus793@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 6:30 PM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Metro

I'm 100 percent against city buying the site, anything the city buys anything it goes broke, and needs more tax payers money.

That site is best suited to bring back manufacturing jobs not fricken metro

what happened about jobs in this neighborhood in this sector this is ridiculous we don't need metro over here why can't metro have like over where they're building the new city garage there's plenty of property over there that they can build on over there is bull crap I am against metro buying or the city by and ask him by your site bring back manufacturing jobs

From: Tracy Peterson <tracyannpeterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Coolidge street Intersection???

Syed,

Thank you. I just wanted to reach out and say that I really enjoyed the meeting at Bashford last week. I'm not sure how much work went into setting that up but I appreciated having the opportunity to get informed about what's going on. Having both the perspective of city zoning and the environmental advocates I found to be very helpful. I appreciated Dan's perspective yet the overwhelming opposition to the project was apparent in that room. I wonder if we are being too hasty in refusing to hear out the city? I think that he made some good points about Packers Avenue, it is like a scar running through our neighborhood and this might be an opportunity to change the highway vibe that we have going on there. If the goal is to slow down Packers and bring a more neighborhood vibe, then I'll be more behind that goal. What I'm not interested in is making things more convenient for cars.

I found it unfortunate that we weren't able to have a healthy debate about this issue. After city zoning denied that there would be any impact at all on the neighborhood, it all went downhill and we weren't able to discuss intelligently. Of course, the neighborhood feels like the city is trying to pull one over on us when they make such outrageous statements. I wish they could just admit-

1. that there will be an impact
2. that it will still benefit us
3. that they will do their best to mitigate a negative impact

Has the idea of taking out the bridge at Aberg/Highway30 ever been addressed? If a stoplight was placed at that intersection, it could work to slow down traffic and might even resolve the problem they already have with that intersection. It would also help to change the feeling of that avenue.

Thank you for listening and for being a great alder! Please continue to keep me informed as to ways that I can be involved

Tracy

On Thu, Jan 16, 2020 at 8:11 AM Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com> wrote:
Hi Tracy,

Sorry for late reply. I stand with you and others and oppose opening Coolidge street to packers avenue.

All city meetings are important to attend but if you have to set a priority I think Plan Commission meeting will be the most important meeting to attend. Date of that meeting is TBD. I will keep you and others posted via my blog.

Thanks
Syed

From: Tracy Peterson <tracyannpeterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Coolidge street Intersection???

Syed,

Hello and happy new year neighbor! I hope you are doing well. I got the card in the mail the other day about the city considering opening Coolidge street at Packers Ave.

Wow, I couldn't even really believe it. It seems like such a bad idea to me. I would like to know your impression of how serious this is? Is this city really considering this? I'm assuming that you are against it?

It's obvious that the neighborhood was intentionally designed in a way to divert traffic and to create a neighborhood feel. Why would the city want to change that? What benefit could it possibly bring?

I don't understand this at all. I can try to be at the Bashford meeting but I also need to utilize my efforts in the most efficient way. Is this the best way in your opinion?

Thanks for your service.

Tracy Peterson
Peredesign LLC
2535 Coolidge St.
Madison, WI 53704

From: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Michael Bonebrake <mshbholdings@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Proposal to open Coolidge

Hi Michael,

Thank you for your email. I am in agreement with you that opening Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue traffic will be detrimental to the neighborhood.

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Thanks
Syed

From: Michael Bonebrake <msbholdings@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Proposal to open Coolidge

Hi Syed,

I received the notice regarding the plans to open Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue. Thanks very much for that information. I'll be out of town and unable to attend the meeting, but I'd like to express that I'm concerned about the potential negative impacts to the neighborhood of opening up that street. I own the two flat at 2249 which is at the end of Coolidge and would likely be highly impacted by this proposal. I was originally drawn to purchase and renovate that property because of the quiet, cul-de-sac feel of that corner. I'm troubled that it could quickly transform into a busy intersection better suited for a gas station or commercial endeavor. It would render my residential building obsolete and really undesirable. I'm worried too, about the impact it will have on my tenants, who also enjoy the quiet nature of the street. My guess is that others in the area are concerned about increased traffic and speeds on what is now a very residential street. Thanks again for bringing this proposal to my attention and let me know if there's anything else you'd need from me as this moves forward.

Michael

Msb Holdings
Michael Bonebrake
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www.msbholdings.com

From: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Matt Brausen <mattbrausen@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Thoughts on Opening Coolidge St

Hi Matty,

Thank you very much for sharing your feedback with me. City staff are presenting the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan Draft at the Plan Commission sometime in February. However, in January (exact date TBD) the city staff will be hosting an open house where they will share their updated design and listen to community feedback. The Plan Commission is the body which makes the final decision on the plan and then it will be referred to the Common Council for adoption. I will share your feedback, along with other constituents' comments, with the Plan Commission before the February meeting. They will be the body which will decide if Coolidge Street will be open for automotive transportation or not. It is very important for us to provide our feedback during the plan process, so the Plan Commission is aware of public input and concerns before they make important decisions.

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Thanks
Syed

Have a wonderful New Year!

From: Matt Brausen <mattbrausen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Thoughts on Opening Coolidge St

Hello Alder Abbas,

I am writing to you today because I will not be able to attend the meeting with City staff on January 16th as I will be working.

I am strongly in favor of opening Coolidge St up and connecting it to Packers Ave. Driving out of Eken Park frustratingly slow most days. I feel trapped living here some days. I feel opening up Coolidge street would help decrease congestion at the Packers/Commercial, E Wash/E Johnson, and E Wash/North intersections. None of those intersections have very efficient stop lights, so I feel it will help create safer road ways as well.

I'd also like to point out the Eken Park is a neighborhood in a City. This isn't a suburb. I feel keeping places like Eken Park secluded and undeveloped will contribute to Urban sprawl, something no one in Madison wants. I feel the members of this community who are dissenting towards the opening of Coolidge St are only thinking about how it will affect their small portion of our larger community. I don't feel their is a consideration for the city as a whole.

Finally I'd like to point out that this meeting will be happening at a time only older adults and community members with children will be able to attend. Those of us who do not work 9 to 5 jobs will not be able to attend, which will skew your data and information. I feel other members of the community around my age and economic status would be much more in favor of opening the street and more fully connecting our neighborhood to the City of Madison. I also feel that we as a whole feel unheard in these sorts of matters, so I also assume I'll be one of very few people like me to reach out.

I would love to elaborate on more of these points if you'd like more clarification of my view points. I think Madison is making great strides in becoming a "real City." I would hate to see it ruined by short sightedness and an inability to change from some of the members of our community.

Sincerely,

Matty Brausen
2626 Myrtle St

From: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Julie Baker <jabmsn62@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Coolidge Street

Hi Julie,

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Thanks
Syed

Wish you a very happy new year!

From: Julie Baker <jabmsn62@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 7:38 PM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Coolidge Street

Absolutely NO!

What purpose? To connect, oh really. So another traffic controlled intersection, so traffic will now go by Eken Park, a four way stop on North Street? Wow, more softball traffic to be dealing with. No, no, no and no. What goes on at the old Oscar Mayer site can stay at the Oscar Mayer site. We kinda like being a desolate neighborhood without easy access from Packers Avenue. You might think about doing a traffic study on the exit ramp from Packers Avenue going onto Aberg Avenue, that sir is a real shit show during pm rush hour, not a joy either with people zooming towards Packers Avenue from the Shopko Drive direction in the morning with sun glaring at you. So I suggest that you tell the city "NO".

Sincerely,
Julie Baker
2529 Myrtle Street
Madison, WI

From: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 2:44 PM
To: kimberly meyer <kdmeyer32@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Oscar Mayer area plan

Hi Kim,

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Thanks
Syed

Wish you a very happy new year!

From: kimberly meyer <kdmeyer32@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 5:55 PM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Oscar Mayer area plan

Mr. Abbas,
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Thank you for your service,
Kim Meyer

From: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 2:47 PM
To: kylestoffel@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Coolidge Street Opening

Hi Kyle,

Thank you for your email. You can find special area plan related information at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/oscar-mayer/2614/>.

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Syed

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From: kylestoffel@gmail.com <kylestoffel@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 4:31 PM

To: Abbas, Syed

Subject: Coolidge Street Opening

General Information

Name: Kyle Stoffel

Address: 2422 Coolidge St

City: Madison

State: WI

ZIP: 53704

Phone:

Work Phone:

Email: kylestoffel@gmail.com

Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

Hello!

Thank you for the note about the opening of Coolidge Street to Packers Ave. Is there a place that I could go to read about any specifics of the plan? I haven't seen anything about it in any of the planning articles I've read. As is, I don't have enough information to know how I feel about it either way.

Thanks for your time!

Kyle

Recipient:

Syed Abbas

From: kimberly meyer <kdmeyer32@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
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Subject: Thoughts on Opening Coolidge St

Hello Alder Abbas,

I am writing to you today because I will not be able to attend the meeting with City staff on January 16th as I will be working.

I am strongly in favor of opening Coolidge St up and connecting it to Packers Ave. Driving out of Eken Park frustratingly slow most days. I feel trapped living here some days. I feel opening up Coolidge street would help decrease congestion at the Packers/Commercial, E Wash/E Johnson, and E Wash/North intersections. None of those intersections have very efficient stop lights, so I feel it will help create safer road ways as well.

I'd also like to point out the Eken Park is a neighborhood in a City. This isn't a suburb. I feel keeping places like Eken Park secluded and undeveloped will contribute to Urban sprawl, something no one in Madison wants. I feel the members of this community who are dissenting towards the opening of Coolidge St are only thinking about how it will affect their small portion of our larger community. I don't feel their is a consideration for the city as a whole.

Finally I'd like to point out that this meeting will be happening at a time only older adults and community members with children will be able to attend. Those of us who do not work 9 to 5 jobs will not be able to attend, which will skew your data and information. I feel other members of the community around my age and economic status would be much more in favor of opening the street and more fully connecting our neighborhood to the City of Madison. I also feel that we as a whole feel unheard in these sorts of matters, so I also assume I'll be one of very few people like me to reach out.

I would love to elaborate on more of these points if you'd like more clarification of my view points. I think Madison is making great strides in becoming a "real City." I would hate to see it ruined by short sightedness and an inability to change from some of the members of our community.

Sincerely,

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From: Anita Temple <anita.temple@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 7:18 AM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oscar Meyer Plan

Hello Syed,

Thank you for your efforts for our district! I hope you remain as our alder for many years. I attended last nights meeting at Bashford on the Oscar Meyer plan with its excellent turn out.

I am in full support for the 30 acre preservation of the natural area. I wrote to Paul suggesting we look into and add into our strategy that there is also a financial benefit. If you look at existing natural areas (Cherokee Marsh on the east side or Owen Conservation Park on the west side), that the residences that border these parks are valued much higher than others. People want to pay for and live on these borders. For instance, homes that border Owen are selling for \$600-700,000 dollars! And to live in a

home that borders a natural area and has walk-able access to the future Oscar Meyer options is even more appealing.

A suggestion for the overall plan is to include a dog park area. Otherwise we will have a lot of dogs and feces in the natural area. I know from the Demetrel work that until we got a dog park, that people used the park for off leash walking and the density of feces was awful. Dog licenses provide a dedicated fund for developing these areas. The Demetrel dog park cannot handle any more dogs (it is small) as it has to close in the spring to allow the grass to grow back.

Secondly, I fully support **no** cross street developments into the Eken Park neighborhood. I totally agree they are unnecessary for these narrow streets as well as for the safety of children. It is very few blocks to get to Commercial which is built for traffic. I would like to see a light go in at North and Commercial, by the way.

Why not have access to the ball field from Aberg? If they put in roundabouts, there would be easy access to this field. And a lot less cost for re-doing lanes on Packers.

Thank you again for your efforts. I will attend the January 30th meeting as I have other questions like what about parking? What is the coordination between this plan, the Public Market, and mass transit. We need to have a coordinating master plan and not these separate projects.

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From: Caleb Pourchot <calebpourchot@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Oscar Mayer Site Plan

Hi Syed,

I was at the Oscar Mayer meeting last night and I wanted to thank you for hosting it. It was (understandably) hijacked by the Coolidge St. issue, but I wanted to register my support for the plan in general.

I am thankful we live in a community where things like transit-oriented development, dense infill, storm water management, etc. are natural parts of the city planning process. I commend city staff for that.

I also wanted to mention that although I personally believe Coolidge should be opened up, that there doesn't seem to be a compelling public good that comes from it that outweighs the concerns of the folks that live right there and would be most affected by it. I hope a rigid adherence to neighborhood planning theory doesn't win out over the wishes of the neighborhood.

Thanks again and keep up the good work.

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From: Beth <sluysb@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: roads and the comprehensive plan

Hi Syed,

In reviewing the comprehensive plan and the strategies related to land use and transportation, Strategy 9 clearly states:

"the City should NOT pursue major road expansion projects in areas that have long been developed." Rather the recommendation is to increase the efficiency of congested roads and speaks about the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems. Not road building.

Strategy 8 states that we need to "expand and improve the city's pedestrian and bicycle networks to enable safe and convenient transportation" by filling gaps in the network. "In addition to improving transit service as a way to provide viable alternatives to driving, the City must also make improvements to pedestrian and bicycle systems. Making it not only possible to bike and walk, but preferable, especially for shorter trips, can go a long way towards creating a healthier, and more mobile community."

These are good arguments for no Coolidge extension.

Thanks for a great meeting last night.

Beth

Those who would defend the freedom of others deserve it not for themselves - Abe Lincoln

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I, Pam Moe support the City of Madison Oscar Meyer Special Plan Option C Conservation and other opportunities to purchase and save all 30 acres of the Hartmeyer property historic wetlands and surrounding uplands ecosystems

Recipient:

All Alders

From: Ali <mikulyuk@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 7:30 AM

To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Oscar Mayer plan

Gave this only a very quick glance, but looks like a decent plan.

A short few comments:

Page 21, "public open house" section is incomplete, (To be updated placeholder).

I generally support the plan. I am glad to see the urban storm water practices, though I thought the language should be strengthened to specify a commitment and actual path forward (eg recraft "encourage", "consider" phrases on page 53).

I live on Coolidge and support the opening of that street at Packers; I support increasing permeability across Packers to connect north and northeast sides.

Thanks sayed!

Ali

From: Bernice Armould <barmould@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2020 4:34 PM

To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Opening Coolidge to Packers

Hello Syed,

I regret I will be unable to attend the community meeting on January 16 regarding the important matter under consideration by the City of Madison to open Coolidge to Packers.

I have very strong opposition to this proposal. Firstly, Coolidge is a very narrow street, and with parking on both sides, cannot accommodate two way traffic. Also, there is no benefit to our neighborhood in adding this as an outlet onto Packers. Conversely, allowing an inlet for more traffic into our neighborhood would certainly be of no benefit. THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO! There is no outlet for the additional traffic than the streets already utilized by Eken Park residents.

Perhaps the most important consideration against this idea is that Coolidge run immediately adjacent to Eken Park, a small, singular place where young children, and their families congregate and play. Any added traffic would surely increase the safety risks to our neighborhood children.

Finally, Packers is a major traffic corridor in this area of town, and speed with which it is traversed is not at all in keeping with the far slower speeds conducive to a strictly residential area, which is exactly what lies beyond this 'intersection' idea. There is no commerce, or public operations adjacent to the 'intersection', only private homes.

Please forward, or otherwise relay my concerns in lieu of attendance.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,
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From: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Nathan Schulfer <nschulfer@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Opening Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue

Hi Nathan,

Thank you very much for sharing your feedback with me. City staff are presenting the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan Draft at the Plan Commission sometime in February. However, on January 30th the city staff will be hosting an open house where they will share their updated design and listen to community feedback. The Plan Commission is the body which makes the final decision on the plan and then it will be referred to the Common Council for adoption. I will share your feedback, along with other constituents' comments, with the Plan Commission before the February meeting. They will be the body which will decide if Coolidge Street will be open for automotive transportation or not. It is very important for us to provide our feedback during the plan process, so the Plan Commission is aware of public input and concerns before they make important decisions.

I will update the Plan Commission meeting dates and times on my blog once they have been finalized. Please stay tuned and feel free to [Signup](#) for my blog to receive the latest information if you are not already subscribed.

Thanks
Syed

From: Nathan Schulfer <nschulfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Abbas, Syed
Subject: Opening Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue

Dear Alderman Abbas,

Hope this finds you well and happy new year! My name is Nathan Schulfer and I live at 2613 Dahle Street. Although I hope to make the January 16 meeting, in case I cannot make it I want to briefly write about the possibility of opening Coolidge Street to Packers Avenue. I am sure this will be helpful for baseball traffic, both coming and going, and I am excited to learn more about the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan. But, I do wonder about safety issues for vehicles getting on Packers from Coolidge since, at times when traffic is busy, it is hectic there with vehicles trying to merge right (where cars coming from Coolidge would be entering) to get on Aberg Avenue. If Coolidge were opened to access Packers Avenue, then I hope the city would put in speed bumps all throughout the neighborhood to ensure everyone drives the speed limit.

Thanks for all your work.

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From: Tao, Yang
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:53 PM
To: Abbas, Syed
Cc: Smith, Brian; Malloy, Sean; Lynch, Thomas
Subject: Meeting

Good evening Alder Abbas,

It was nice seeing you this morning and thank you for the heads-up on the questions! Sorry that I was in a hurry heading to the Mayor's Office for a meeting, so I didn't have a chance to confirm with you on one question that I had. I assume that you were referring to the Plan Commission meeting? I'm making arrangements for staff to attend.

We also met with our Planning Division colleagues on the proposed intersection at Packers-Coolidge, and requested that the intersection not be automatically signalized (signalize when it meet the national warrants) and that we consider an intersection design that can support the development and through pedestrian/bike traffic but not through automobile traffic on Coolidge to reduce cut-through traffic in the neighborhood.

Thanks!

Yang

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