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Message:

I just wanted to reach out and say thank you. I watched the Plan Commission meeting on Monday via YouTube Live. This was the first meeting of this sort I've ever watched or participated in, and I learned a lot. I was there mostly to hear the discussions about the proposed development on Sheboygan Ave; I live across the street in the Park Tower Apartments. I care very deeply about making choices today that strive for sustainability and for healthy, connected, bikeable and walkable communities. I appreciate the City Staff and the Commissioners' hard work and careful consideration of the proposed development. When a Commissioner said "This is a good development, it will pass eventually, but it can do better," I felt very grateful. I appreciate knowing that with your oversight, future Madisonians may not need to worry as much about air pollution, or rising flood waters, or extreme heat days because of the way you're pushing towards more thoughtful development now. I hope we continue to stand behind these values. I agree with the Commissioners' voiced thoughts that the developers could craft a stronger traffic management plan, that they could reconsider solar and other renewables, and that they could put more effort into green infrastructure. I know you all must carefully consider every agenda item that comes your way and that the level of care you put into this item is no different, but it made me feel respected and looked out for, and I wanted to thank you for that. I left the meeting shortly after that agenda item, some 2+ hours in, and I know you had many more things to talk about that night. Thank you for putting in the long hours and hard work to create a more sustainable, healthy, and equitable Madison. I'm not sure if you hear it often, but it is appreciated.