

From: Hayley Tymeson <hdtymeson@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:01 PM

To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Madison Yards Project Issues

Hi there,

I am reaching out to express my opposition to the Madison Yards redevelopment project as it currently stands. Before I go further, I would like to say that I appreciate many parts of the plan. I think the added density is great for Madison from an urban planning and an environmental perspective, and I appreciate how difficult it must have been to get that past the neighbors.

But I stand with the 350Madison Community Climate Solutions Team in believing the Madison Yards project can and should be far more environmentally resilient in the long term.

- The Madison Yards redevelopment seems car-centered. While the 21-acre area itself is very walkable, reaching Madison Yards appears difficult. Neighbors have noted that traffic is already congested in the area, and the Madison Yards project plans to add thousands of parking spaces and attract traffic. The plan should follow a Transportation Demand Management plan to 1) set goals on minimizing vehicle use to reach the Madison Yards development, 2) measure whether or not those goals are being met, and 3) intervene if the goals are not met. There should be more integration with surrounding bike paths and public transportation systems.
- Madison Yards should ensure there are electric vehicle charging stations, to reduce impediments to going electric and acknowledge that the future of personal cars is headed in that direction anyway.
- Buildings should incorporate high-quality, high-efficiency heating, gas, and electric technology.
- The Madison Yards plan shows multiple large rooftops, but makes no mention of solar panel use. Why not put solar panels on unused commercial rooftops, and/or green spaces/community gardens on top of residential buildings?

Further, the Madison Yards project plans to add 400 housing units but makes *no mention whatsoever* of affordable housing. Are there any affordable housing units stipulated within the plan area? If not, are the developers at least paying into a fund to develop affordable housing elsewhere in the neighborhood...? Rent in Madison is rising, and affordable housing should be a high priority from a climate justice standpoint. If there is no affordable housing near job centers, low-income residents will often have no choice but to move farther away. This contributes to sprawl, which can have immense costs on the environment due to increased car use, larger loss of habitats, and more (and more expensive) public infrastructure. Further, the costs to low-income workers' health and happiness is just dehumanizing. Low-income workers should not be forced into long and costly commutes because we refuse to make space for them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Best,
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From: Diana Rodum <dianarodum@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:00 PM

To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Madison Yards development

I strongly oppose the proposed Madison Yards development (Legistar #60242 and #60243). This project will set back, rather than promote, our community's efforts to achieve resilience in the face of a changing climate. It does not align with Madison's 2018 Comprehensive Plan, or Dane County's 2020 Climate Action Plan. I am a supporter of 350 Madison's [Community Climate Solutions Team](#).

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From: Nancy Vedder-Shults <nancyv-s@tds.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>
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Dear Plan Commission members,

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Sincerely,
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From: Ann Smiley <salutsmiley@gmail.com>
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- Ann Smiley
