

From: [Adrienne Mason](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Comments for Occupy Madison, Inc at Aberg!
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> Hello, my name is Cherokee Mason(Marousek). However, I prefer Adrienne. I became interested in Occupy Madison in September when Annie at the Social Justice Center offered to place my husband, Maleyk Mason, and I on the list for the newest project at Aberg. I was hesitant at first but went through the process, moved in, and I have found that this is the best thing that has happened for me. I was given an opportunity to both have stability, gain job skills through opportunities of volunteering! With the stability that has been provided, I was able to focus on my personal goals while being a part of a community that's very supportive of each person. I remember losing my second mom to COVID-19 and COPD, this community was very supportive, aiding and assisting me through the grieving process, and this feels like one big family!

> I hope that you consider this while moving forward with our zoning! Thanks for your time and consideration in this matter!

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From: [Kristin Beebe](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support for Permanent Zoning for the Tiny House Village
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Dear Plan Commission-

I am writing to share my support for permanent zoning for the Tiny House Village on Aberg. As a Northside resident and neighbor to the Tiny House Village, I am pleased to see my neighbors housed safely and sustainably. The residents and volunteers there have worked admirably and cooperatively to make a community and we must do our part to grant them proper zoning status to achieve their goals of providing a safe and sustainable place to live and work for Madison residents, now and in the future.

The city's resources have struggled to keep up with the demand for affordable housing and too many have had to rely on a patchwork of services and temporary shelters with little assurance that they will find more sustainable living situations. As a staff member of Madison Public Library, I have encountered individuals and families that have been unsheltered and in desperate need of services. Our library regularly performs service referrals for patrons seeking shelter and I know that navigating the system is challenging at best. The tiny house model is one that has worked to house vulnerable citizens and one that manages to provide more community structure, social connections, and consistent access to services than our system of temporary shelters. We should do what we can to support their current efforts and their aspirations for expansion.

I have witnessed much support in the neighborhood for the Tiny House Village with donations, gifts of garden seeds, gifts of time and skills lent to the builds, and I am heartened that see that a sense of community is being established. To the few residents who have voiced concerns about their Tiny House neighbors bringing drugs and crime to the area, I would counter that the Village Bylaws prohibit alcohol and drugs. Additionally, the residents there have consistent access to services that many who are unhoused seek, and because of that increased stability they are less likely to commit crimes.

I hope that the Plan Commission will unanimously approve permanent zoning for the Tiny House Village as the Urban Design Commission has. We have an opportunity to offer continued stability, safety and dignity to neighbors who have worked hard to establish a community. May we be a model for others.

My Regards,

Kristin R. Beebe