

Jackie Michaels

From: Vidaver, Regina <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:28 PM
To: 'Mike Starr'
Cc: Cedric D Hodo; Jackie Michaels; Paul Raisleger
Subject: RE: MMSD West HS: Existing Retaining Wall

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Hello Mike,

The solution you propose, namely the pre-manufactured, limestone-like wall, appears to meet the needs of ensuring a strong foundation wall, as well as maintain a reasonable level of aesthetics to the area. I am in full support of this approach.

You are correct that different city committees have different charges, and it is when these different committees have conflicting priorities we run into situations such as these. I am certain the committees, and the staff serving them, will understand the challenges you face with this project.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

Best wishes,
Regina Vidaver
District 5 Alder
City of Madison, Wisconsin

From: Mike Starr <mmstarr@madison.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:15 PM
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Dear Regina Vidaver, District 5 Alder Person,

Jackie Michaels from the architecture firm we are working with (EUA) has reached out to you requesting a waiver for the latest coordination with the City of Madison regarding the existing retaining wall. Thank you for your flexibility and willingness to collaborate with us on this issue.

We want to share a little more background with you on what is involved. **See reference document:** [Link to PDF Mark-Up](#)

Our initial design planned to remove the existing limestone wall on Van Hise Ave and large stones on the corner of Van Hise and Highland Avenues to accommodate a new turf field and the athletic addition. However, the UDC feels the existing limestone wall, along Highland Ave, should be preserved and kept as much as possible in-tacked. Many weeks later, we received information from City Engineering that the existing limestone wall is in poor condition (should be re-built) and there is concern on its impacts to City infrastructure long term. So you can see we are getting conflicting information from the City within different departments: UDC = preserve, City Eng = replace.

We have looked at many options with our design and construction team. We are scheduled to participate in the UDC meeting on Oct 27th and Plan Commission on Nov 8th. Of course, we hope to have a solution that works best for the project budget while being sensitive to the City's concerns. We are proposing a pre-manufactured limestone-like wall; see imagery and product data at the PDF link above. We are asking for your support in our approach.

Would you be willing to prepare an email showing support for the pre-manufactured limestone-like approach?
This would be needed for the Oct 27th meeting and we would submit your note to the City.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for much for your review,

Mike Starr

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