



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

This Vision Document for Allied sets forth some goals that will guide future staff and Council decisions regarding City activities in a City neighborhood. As such it does not approve additional levels of City financial resources; any additional levels would require specific Council review and approval.

Title

AMENDED - Accepting the Vision Document for the Allied Community as presented by the Mayor.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is committed to improving the quality of life in each of its neighborhoods, and recognizes that some areas of the city face certain challenges of higher mobility, lower income, higher proportions of people with some special needs, troubled housing stock, and other public improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, previous Mayors and Councils have sponsored several neighborhood improvement efforts focused on 'challenged neighborhoods' and have successfully worked with residents, businesses, neighborhood and community-based groups to improve public safety, housing, health and human services, and access to resources in areas such as Williamson Street, Atwood, Bridge-Lakepoint, Darbo-Worthington, and Vera Court; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the District Alder have held several meetings with neighborhood residents, stakeholders and other people interested in the well being of Allied; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has discussed issues facing the Allied-Bel-Mar area with the Madison Metropolitan School District, the City of Fitchburg, and Dane County, and they have agreed to take certain coordinated actions to address those issues; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has worked with City staff to review neighborhood conditions and trends, and directed the formation of several City staff teams to develop and implement coordinated improvement activities as those activities are approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's efforts were built upon research and study efforts initiated in previous administrations that produced a study of the Madison Plaza (Supersaver) area, and a study of the housing market in the census tract; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the District Alder sponsored a Physical Development Study and Plan for the area to help identify and prepare the City for changes to Verona Road proposed by the State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, these two studies and the Physical Development Plan have served as a basis for some of the subsequent discussions among City officials, staff, residents, and potential developers in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Council approved a request for proposals regarding the 10% Tax Incremental Funds set-aside for affordable housing and a Request for Qualifications process to encourage a formal solicitation of developer proposals for the area; and

WHEREAS, the City would be well-served by accepting an overall vision document that would help frame City goals and strategies for City activities in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council accept the Vision for the Allied Community as presented by the Mayor and the report of the Community Services Commission as a statement of goals, along with a status report, to help guide City staff and policy bodies as they plan and implement neighborhood improvement activities the Allied area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the we request a report to the Common Council from the Allied Drive Task Force on additional recommendations and priorities for the Allied Drive area on or before February 1, 2006.