

June 25, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 010218

Dear Honorable Members:

The Wisconsin Center District intends to proceed with a project on the North 4<sup>th</sup> Street side of the U.S. Cellular Arena. The project entails creating of a Wisconsin Athletic "Walk of Fame" consisting of plaques depicting Wisconsin Athletics of note. The final plans show that several concrete piers are proposed to be constructed on their property and abutting the westline of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street. They further propose that an in-ground light, flush with sidewalk grade, is to be installed on each side of those piers. This, therefore, results in a light being located in the public sidewalk at each pier and in order to proceed with that installation, the Common Council's approval is required. The 12 lights appear to be uniformly located over a distance of approximately 265 feet beginning about 190 feet north of the northline of West Kilbourn Avenue. It appears that these lights are similar to those installed in the public rights-of-way, with permission, surrounding the 100 East building (Water and Wisconsin).

The plans also show six 4-foot wide, 10-foot long rectangular areas with raised curbing surrounding them for tree planters with possibly some flowers. These openings are similar to those constructed on West Wisconsin Avenue and North 6<sup>th</sup> Street around the convention center. There is some space for pedestrians between the planters and the roadway curb with the main walking path located west of the planters between them and the piers.

In 1995 as a part of the transfer agreement, when they obtained these properties from the City of Milwaukee, they requested and received permission under Common Council Resolution File Number 950096 for an existing non-conforming marquee on West Kilbourn Avenue and an existing backup driveway on West State Street to remain. It is our intent to amend that file to now also include the proposed in-ground lights and curbings.

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It does not appear that the proposed items will adversely affect the general use of the public right-of-way and we are not aware that the existing items have adversely affected general use. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which, if adopted, will include these items to be located in the right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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