

February 13, 2008

Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee  
City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee:


Due to the recent changes in the design of the condominium tower at Webster Place and Stowell Avenue and the recent addition of the seven story hotel tower at the site of the former Chancery Restaurant, I must oppose any further actions towards the development at this time.

Stated in resolution #071365 – Resolution reconsidering Common Council File No. 070964, being a resolution permitting a minor modification to the Detailed Planned Development known as Downer Avenue Redevelopment Phase 1, on land located at 2574-2590 North Downer Avenue, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aldermanic District, the terms “minor modification” can hardly be used to describe the reworking of the planned tower. The addition of an additional seven stories to the neighborhood, adding 5 stories to the existing skyline of Downer was never mentioned in past meetings.

If you have been up Downer Avenue recently you would have seen the new parking structure and realized how it has completely changed the feel of Downer Avenue. I am concerned that any additional stories to the height of Downer Avenue buildings will create a tunnel effect; completely destroying any “quaint” feeling that are left. While I am for the redevelopment and revitalization of Downer Avenue, it appears that the neighbors are not being listened to and the processes are being pushed through. It wasn't until I received notice of the Planning Commission meeting that I had heard or seen any plans for the additional tower.

At this time I ask that the Committee hold off making any decisions until after the April Aldermanic elections. I feel that by doing so the neighborhood will have time to review the proposed changes and give vital input into the redevelopment process.

Sincerely,



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