

April 27, 2011

To the Honorable Members of the
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 101472 relates to the change in zoning from Detailed Planned Development (DPD) to Institutional (TL), on land located on the south side of East Newport Avenue, west of North Maryland Avenue, in the 3rd Aldermanic District.

This zoning change was requested by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and will change the zoning of the former Columbia Hospital to Institutional zoning, which is consistent with the zoning of the adjacent university campus. The former Columbia Hospital site at 2015 East Newport Avenue is currently zoned Detailed Planned Development (DPD) to allow for health care-related uses. Recently, the hospital was relocated to the Columbia St. Mary's campus on North Avenue, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) acquired the site. UWM is seeking to rezone the parcel to Institutional (TL) so that the site can be used for university-related uses.

At the present time, the university does not have any plans to make significant changes to the physical structures, nor to locate student dormitories other than a small Honors College, on the property. Development of the property over time is intended to be consistent with the guiding principles outlined in UWM's Master Plan.

On April 26, 2011, a public hearing was held and at that time nobody spoke in opposition. Since the proposed change is consistent with the Northeast Side Area Plan recommendations and the adjacent zoning on the UW-Milwaukee Kenwood campus, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on April 26, 2011 recommended approval of the subject file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Nik Kovac