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Subject: Land south of Bayview dog park

Good afternoon Tony!

My husband and I are unable to attend the 'town hall' meeting this evening at Bayview High School but I wanted to send an email (as you requested in your letter). We currently live on Woodward (in a rental of a lower duplex) about a block west of the dog park. We are very close to that open field. We love that open space and field and would HATE to see it turned into additional housing.

I'm going to list my personal reasons (big and small reasons) why I do NOT want to see that become additional housing:

1. Aside from various parks (South Shore and Humboldt), that land is some of the only open space that I can think of in Bayview that people regularly utilize for fun and safe activities.
2. There is limited parking in this area already. I don't want to think about what it would be like if more housing was built. I know developers can also build parking structures or underground spaces but tenants can opt out of this to avoid a monthly cost. Therefore the parking situation would increase and I don't see how this area could feasibly handle more parked cars.
3. My husband and his friends regularly use that space for various calisthenics exercises, playing football, etc. I also do yoga in this space occasionally. I also see this space being used by parents and their children playing catch. People also play with their dogs in this area- the dog park across the street may not be large enough for the long throws. All owners and dogs in the open field are respectful and polite with well behaved animals.
4. There are plenty of new developments in various parts of Bayview already. I don't believe all of these spaces have been rented or purchased yet- why build more when there is already current housing options available?

5. Bayview has definitely become a 'hip' place to live within the last 10 years. I've been in Bayview for 3 years and my husband for closer to 6 years now. We both have full time jobs (he works in IT and I work as an MPS Speech Language Pathologist) and as such are contributing tax payers to Milwaukee County. Despite our professional jobs, we lack the necessary income to purchase a home in Bayview OR to even move to another rental. The prices for rent in Bayview are ridiculous already. Building more housing options drives the rent up for everyone else and therefore many people are NOT able to live in these areas. With that being said, we're slowly being priced OUT of Bayview. Our rent is currently at an affordable amount because we have awesome landlords but if their costs increase, so would ours. Milwaukee already has limited areas for affordable rentals and therefore we would likely move out of Milwaukee (possibly Milwaukee county) in order to have affordable living options and more space.

6. For the most part, this area is relatively safe. When additional housing is built, that means there are more people in the area, more foot traffic, more visitors, and usually more crime happens. I don't want to feel unsafe in my own neighborhood.

7. I believe there was recently a large food truck event in that area. Many people also went to this space to view the solar eclipse because (again) this is one of the only open spaces that don't have trees or buildings occluding the view. These things would not be able to happen if this land is developed on.

Those are my main reasons why I do NOT want to see any housing built in this area. I think more park space would be great!! Leaving it as is would also be great! Perhaps part of it could be a community garden?!

All residents of the area should be allowed to use this public space.

Thank you so much for working hard to keep this area free from additional developments! Please let me know if there is anything I can do as a Bayview resident to help keep this from happening :)

-Savannah Bodjanac