

January 8, 2002

To the Honorable Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods and
Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 011159, being a substitute ordinance approving the rezoning from Local Business (L/D/60) and Multi-Family Residence (R/C/60) to Detailed Planned Development (DPD) known as Milwaukee Women's Pre-Release Facility located on the south side of West Keefe Avenue and west of North 6th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District.

This zoning change will allow for the construction of a 28,600 gross square foot building for a 100-bed facility for women transitioning from prison to the community. The building program includes sleeping, program/dining/visiting, staff and support (i.e. kitchen, laundry and storage) areas. Two surface parking areas are proposed with a total of 30 parking stalls for staff and visitors. The parking and open space areas will be screened with a combination of a decorative fence and landscape buffer. The developer scheduled five neighborhood meetings between June 29, 2000 and September 12, 2001 to inform the neighborhood residents and associations about the program and building.

On January 7, 2002, a public hearing was held and at that time several people attended in support of the project. Since the proposed zoning change meets the intent of the City plans for the area, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on January 7, 2002 recommended approval of the attached ordinance conditioned on working out details of the landscape and site plan with staff.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Johnson-Odom