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MARINERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
PRINCIPLES and ACTIONS
CONCERNING UW-MILWAUKEE'S NORTHWEST QUADRANT
[FORMER SITE OF COLUMBIA HOSPITAL]

Mariners Neighborhood Association represents homeowners near the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin's newly acquired Northwest Quadrant. With the assumption of ownership of this Quadrant by UWM, the Association desires satisfactory long-term assurances that UWM will work with the Association to help preserve the stable, residential character of the Neighborhood near the Quadrant campus. The Association also requests that UWM take near term action on certain items affecting the quality of life and residential character of the Neighborhood.

Guiding Principles

*That UWM forego any future attempt to expand horizontally into the residential portion of the Mariners Neighborhood. That is, the present boundaries of the Quadrant are its ultimate boundaries.

*That no existing structure will be expanded vertically.

*That, with the exception noted below, UWM forego any use of present and/or future structures on the Quadrant as dormitory or other living space. However, the Neighborhood recognizes and supports the potential use of the former Columbia Nursing School building as a dormitory for not more than approximately ninety students of the UWM Honors College.

*That any new exterior building plans for the Quadrant satisfy Neighborhood concerns regarding the appropriateness of buildings and their use as they might affect the Neighborhood. Such considerations to include but not be limited to: Architectural consistency with Quadrant campus, setback and height of buildings, landscaping, access, noise, emissions, traffic impact, and sustainability.

*That UWM restrict any retail activities in Quadrant buildings to those operated exclusively for the convenience of students, faculty, staff and guests, and that such facilities are accessible only from the interior of the building in which they are located.

***Neighborhood Involvement in Planning:** Representatives of UWM and of the Association shall meet at least once every six months to discuss future redevelopment and expansion projects on the Northwest Quadrant of UWM, related Neighborhood concerns, cooperative efforts to improve the Neighborhood and deal effectively with any Neighborhood problems, and any other matters of mutual interest and concern.

Near Term Actions:

***That UWM, in cooperation with the Neighborhood and the City of Milwaukee, assess the volume usage of the parking structure and its impact on the Neighborhood. Concerns include: traffic flow, number of cars, safety, speed of traffic, noise, and impact on surrounding streets including Maryland, Newport and Hartford Avenues. Should parking structure use become inconsistent with the residential character of the neighborhood, that UWM will work with the Neighborhood and the City of Milwaukee to establish new traffic patterns, change garage access, and/or alter usage of the structure and site to mitigate the problems.**

***That UWM, as soon as practical, close permanently the surface parking entrance and exit on Newport Street. That the driveway on Newport be removed and appropriate landscaping be continued along Newport as far East as the nurses' dorm in order to serve as a buffer between the Northwest Quadrant and the neighborhood. [The existing entrance on Maryland Avenue between the nurses' dorm and the energy building can be improved to adequately serve surface parking and building access. This action, by eliminating a double driveway, median strip, and a sidewalk will open a significant area of the NW Quadrant for other use.]**

***That UWM, over a reasonable time, substantially reduce or eliminate surface parking on the Quadrant in favor of green space and/or structures appropriate to the site and the needs of UWM.**

***That UWM support the Neighborhood in working with the City of Milwaukee to help stop Eastbound vehicles on Newport from turning onto Frederick Avenue, and to eliminate parking on Newport Avenue between Maryland and the parking structure entrance, thus enhancing traffic flow and neighborhood aesthetics.**

***Mariners Neighborhood Association welcomes and appreciates UWM's suggestion of possible Neighborhood access to the parking structure. Uses might include access during snow emergencies, general parking and during street sweeping operations.**