

January 8, 2007

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 060969 relates to the change in zoning from Local Business (LB2) to General Planned Development (GPD) known as United House, on land located on the North Side of West Center Street and West of North 25th Street, in the 7th Aldermanic District.

This zoning change would allow for the construction of a 3-story building including community space and two handicapped accessible apartments on the first floor and 22 apartments on the second and third floors, for a total of 24 loft-style apartments to serve the needs of the chronic mentally ill. Currently the site is vacant.

More specifically, the first floor will host office space for case workers, an exam room, and other space to serve the tenants. A significant portion of the first floor will be dedicated to community space for the neighborhood, including a library and computer lab, multi-purpose room, warming kitchen and multi-denominational chapel/seminar room that will seat about 70 people. The second and third floors will each include 12 one-bedroom loft-style units

The tenants would be referred from the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services. All units will have some form of rent and income restriction. An underground parking structure will accommodate 17 parking spaces, and will be accessible from the alley.

On January 8, 2007, a public hearing was held and at that time several people were in support of the file. Since the proposed change complies with the recommendations of the Fond du Lac and North Comprehensive Area Plan, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on January 8, 2007 recommended approval of the subject file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Willie Wade