

September 11, 2007

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 070496 relates to the change in zoning from Multi-Family Residential (RM4) to Detailed Planned Development (DPD) on lands located on the North Side of West Vine Street and East of North 6th Street, in the 6th Aldermanic District.

This file will allow for the renovation of the existing Jackson Center into a commercial hotel with 70 rooms. The existing building, formerly known as the Jackson Center Nursing Home, has been vacant since 2002. The first floor will consist of 18 rooms, a front lobby and breakfast area, as well as offices, a vending area and utility room. The second and third floors will each consist of 21 guest rooms, a vending area, and guest laundry. The fourth floor will hold 10 guest rooms, 2 conference rooms, a restaurant, as well as a rooftop garden.

On September 10, 2007, a public hearing was held and at that time the neighborhood association expressed its support for the proposed hotel, citing a need for this use in the immediate area. Since the proposed change complies with the Zoning Code and City plans for the area, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on September 10, 2007 recommended approval of the subject file conditioned on the elimination of the proposed 3 foot – 8 inch by 10 foot LED off-premise sign.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Michael McGee