

Koster, Vanessa

From: Ann Baer [artbaer@tds.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 21, 2007 10:24 PM
To: planadmin
Subject: Downer Avenue #070034

To Whom It May Concern:

I object to the sale of property for use as a parking area on Downer Ave. I cannot understand how the city can be so hell bent to ruin this lovely, charming, historic neighborhood. This city needs every scenic area it can hold on to. These are the neighborhoods that attract residents, tourists, and shoppers. Building another ugly parking garage is no solution to anything. If the charm is gone so are the people and then it's too late. If it was up to the money makers we would have cement everywhere and no beauty and charm. These capitalists would live somewhere pretty and the rest of us would live in places without a soul. Please stop this degradation of my city.

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Creativity requires the courage to let go of certainties. Unknown

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From: Joelle Worm [thegirlworm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2007 10:12 AM
To: planadmin; Thea Kovac; Delia Kovac
Subject: file #070034

Dear City Planning Commission,

I am writing to strongly object the Detailed Plan Development zoning change and 5-story parking structure with retail space proposed by New Land Enterprises for the city land at 2574 N. Downer Avenue (file #070034). I grew up in the neighborhood and have seen images of the proposed change that shocked and appalled me. The small greenspace afforded by the city lot and pleasure and history of the popcorn wagon corner is immeasurable.

Economically, I don't understand the feasibility of this project. Downer Avenue has always only been able to sustain so much business (as demonstrated by the current several empty storefronts and the rotation of businesses that I have witnessed over the past 20 years) and even with the proposed parking plan, I do not think that the proposal will cause the revitalization claimed.

Aesthetically, the plan is atrocious. It doesn't fit into the historic look of the nearby housing or much of the existing retail spaces. I think you would be doing a disservice to the community surrounding Downer Avenue by allowing this structure to be built. It will detract from the beauty and charm of the neighborhood and likely have a negative impact on the value of the area.

Sincerely,
Joelle Worm
Milwaukee native