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MILWAUKEE
AT HOME IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS

May 19, 2008

Ronald D. Leonhardt
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Since at least 2004, NIDC has been offering the housing rehabilitation and rental rehab programs in the neighborhood bounded by Vliet to McKinley, 36th to 40th, through the Harley-Davidson Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN). In addition to the TIN, NIDC built three new homes and remodeled 1 additional home.

In 2006, NIDC was awarded a grant from the Harley-Davidson Foundation to supplement government funded loans for housing rehabilitation projects for owner occupied properties. The Foundation money broadened the pool of loan applicants, allowing families who did not qualify for federally funded loans because of being over income guidelines. The Harley-Davidson Foundation grant of \$160,000 supported 16 owner occupied properties with \$10,000 five year forgivable loans for exterior rehabilitation projects.

In 2006 and 2007 NIDC received grants from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) to do small block improvement projects within TINs. Harley-Davidson TIN residents facilitated two projects utilizing a share of the GMF grants, which aside from making physical improvements to the neighborhoods increased resident communication and collaboration. A portion of the GMF grants also provided components for the December 2007 School Supply give away facilitated by NIDC.

In 2008 NIDC received a \$10,000 grant from GMF to transplant trees from an abandoned nursery in German Town, WI. Approximately 20 trees will be planted in the playground located at 3700 W. McKinley in May of 2008.

To recognize the commitment of these two foundations to the Harley-Davidson TIN, and to promote the significance of urban green space as an important neighborhood asset, NIDC is proposing naming the playground at 3700 W. McKinley "Foundation Park". A neighborhood meeting was held on May 6, 2008 to discuss the name with residents, and a petition was submitted to Common Council President Hines by residents of the neighborhood. Representatives from the Harley-Davidson Foundation and Greater Milwaukee Foundation were consulted, and support the name.

"Foundation Park" will ensure the generosity of the Foundations is appreciated by residents for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Weber", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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PETITION TO NAME PLAYGROUND PARK AT CORNER OF 37TH & MCKINLEY
FOUNDATION PARK

As neighborhood residents, we support and encourage that the name FOUNDATION PARK be adopted by the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
P.O. Misty Torres	2333 N. 49 th St	05-06-08
David Frick	1332 N. 39	5-6-08
Brandi Sedey	1324-26 N 39 th St	5-6-08
Jeff Simascki	1328 N. 38 th / 1328 N 39 th	5-6-08
Zanetta Young	1341 N 40 th	5-6-08
Austin Simascki	1328 N 38 / 1328 N 39	5-6-08
Okyelis Reiter	1325-27 N. 39 th	5-6-08
Gloriane Williams	1332 N. 39 th St.	5-6-08
ANNE JACOBSON & RICHARD	1324 N. 40 th	5-6-08
Martina Stevens	1312 N. 40 th	5-6-08
Mildred Williams	1307 N. 40 th St.	5-6-08
Mark Taylor	1307 N. 40 th St.	5-6-08