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Transmitting To: City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission
Attention: Tim Askin, Senior Planner
Transmitting Via: email Tim.Askin@Milwaukee.gov
RE: Project Name: Wgema Campus: Tthigwe Landscape
Quorum Architect's Project Number: 15014-02

Tim,

The planting plan surrounding the Gymnasium building (Tthigwe) builds upon the native plantings completed since 2015, including the native prairie and Council Ring, and the areas surrounding Wgechda, Wgemas, and the parking garage.

The campus plantings utilize native species combined with urban tolerant cultivars to create a sustainable and resilient environment. The native prairie and some perennials found in the shrub borders speak to the ecological history of the site. The shrub borders that surround the buildings are a mix of native and cultivated species to bridge between the ecological and architectural history of the site.

Shrub borders are thoughtful in their placement to respect and highlight, not compete with, the historic architecture.

Newly planted trees are native or regionally-appropriate urban tolerant cultivars which provide shade and year-round habitat for native fauna and pollinators.

We will attempt to maintain the large Linden tree (*Tilia* sp.) on the west side of the building during construction. More native Lindens (*Tilia*) will be added to the planting plan based on resident comments at the Plan Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

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