

Bellevue Barber Shop
Corner of Downer and Bellevue
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Mayor Thomas Barrett
City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mayor Barrett,

The Bellevue Barber Shop has been a fixture on Downer Avenue for many decades.

I am concerned that the proposed plan unit development for Downer will eliminate the open surface level parking lot that is directly across the street from my business. That lot is important to my customers and the customers of the other street level merchants.

Replacement spaces in the basement or on the upper levels of an enclosed structure are not an adequate alternative to the current lot. The current lot provides open, visible, safe, and easily accessible parking at a reasonable price. If customers do not see available parking as they are driving by on Downer, they are likely to just keep driving and go to other business districts such as Oakland Avenue in Shorewood where there is abundant parking available in surface level lots in the middle of the business district.

The construction of a three story structure with additional parking on the roof on the site of the current lot will change the character of Downer Avenue. It will not be good for the street level retail merchants.

I am opposed to any changes in the current parking lot on Downer and Bellevue.

Sincerely,



John Szatkowski