

From: HagenHouse
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 5:50 PM
To: Schiller, Lynn
Cc: mayor@milwaukee.gov
Subject: Downer Revitalization

Dear City Planner Commissioners,
I write as a resident at 2649 N. Hackett #3 in regard to issues before you Monday relating to the Downer Street Re-development Plan. I oppose the plan as submitted and ask further consideration be made to move forward with an appropriate revitalization plan.

I am opposed given the size and impact of the current plan. As a resident with on-street parking only, no consideration has been given to those of us in this situation by the plan or the city thus far. Permit parking must be secured to assure those of us living on the immediate block where development will occur maintain our rights as homeowners. There are 3 buildings of residents who find ourselves in this situation. I am further opposed to the current plan because it does not honor the existing architecture, beauty, and community identity.

All residents of Greater Milwaukee depend on the success of the city. The zoning change is a radical, rushed change that favors the developer over home owners. People will be more reluctant to buy homes in the city of Milwaukee if they don't feel they are protected by existing zoning laws. This effects everyone. It is true that Downer Avenue needs revitalization. I only request that it be done with respect to the zoning laws and the historic neighborhood and adjacent residential areas.

It's just sad. The parking ramp will block the lovely central view of St Mark's church, built in the early 20th century. This is from the Downer Avenue study done by the Historic Preservation Commission.

I urge you to maintain current zoning and take time to be sure this treasured neighborhood suffers no negative affects from a rushed plan that puts commerce ahead of the quality of life of those in the neighborhood....setting precedence and serving as warning to others.

Sincerely,
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