



**Department of City Development**

Housing Authority  
Redevelopment Authority  
City Plan Commission  
Historic Preservation Commission

March 9, 2004

To the Honorable Common Council  
Public Improvements Committee  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

This is written in connection with Resolution File No. 031530 being a resolution approving the final design for Pier Wisconsin Improvement. The Department of City Development has reviewed the preliminary plans for Pier Wisconsin. It is a very exciting project and we intend to work closely with Pier Wisconsin to ensure that all criteria in the lease are met. We are committed to making sure the proposed design, when finished, will be worthy of being on the lakefront.

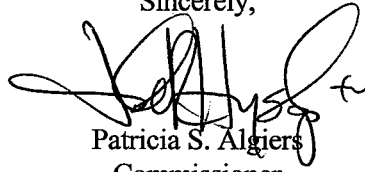
These design plans are consistent with both the design criteria included in the "Lease for the Pier Wisconsin project" as well as the intent of the city's Plan for Milwaukee's Lakefront.

The design criteria are as follows: the proposed structure meets the size and height requirements, the proposed building is built on land with some elements extending over and into the water as provided by the criteria and a single-level parking garage will be constructed within the range permitted below and above existing grade.

The appropriate lakefront plan recommendations include: the project enhances accessibility to the lakefront, it preserves and enhances view corridors, it minimizes the adverse impacts of auto parking, it is to be located near existing structures, parking and roads – in fact it replaces the vacant, former Harbor Commission office building, extends an existing road and walkways from the Art Museum and replaces currently paved surfaces with grass and trees. It also provides a lake walk with locations for fishing and is designed to the highest aesthetic and environmental standards.

Based on these findings we recommend the approval of Resolution File No. 031530. We also wish to assure the committee that as final construction plans are submitted to our Development Center for building permits, the department will do its best to insure that the construction drawings are consistent with the final design as approved by this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Patricia S. Algiers  
Commissioner

Department of City Development

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