

May 23, 2006

To: Members;
Milwaukee Common Council Committee
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee

From: Lorraine Jacobs 
Note Taker for Riverwest Neighborhood Association
Board Member

Re: Mis-information regarding the Riverwest Neighborhood Association
representation

A letter from Rocky Marcoux, Executive Secretary, City Plan Commission of Milwaukee, dated April 25, 2006, contained an error in regard to representation of the Riverwest Neighborhood Association.

The letter states:

"Those who spoke in favor of the proposal (reference to the April 24, 2006 public hearing regarding multi-phased student and market rate housing and commercial development at North Ave.) included the developer, Alderman D'Amato, the neighborhood association and other local residents".

The Riverwest Neighborhood Association has not formally taken a position in regard to this proposed development. The Board has maintained a commitment to information gathering and distribution, as well as providing a venue for the neighbors to present their questions, views and opinions. Our meetings have included representatives from UW-Milwaukee, the developer, Alderman D'Amato and neighbors.

The Riverwest Neighborhood Association has taken a firm position on the issue of extension of existing roads. The following position was approved by the neighbors at the April 2006 RNA meeting.

"The Riverwest Neighborhood Association is opposed to the extension of any road from the adjacent established neighborhood into and through the proposed development to the South and East of the areas along North Ave and the Milwaukee River."

We were informed by Alderman D'Amato that this position has been acknowledged by the City Plan Commission and that it has been agreed that no existing road will be extended into this proposed development plan.

Thank you,

April 25, 2006

To the Honorable Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 051671 is a substitute ordinance relating to the change in zoning from Industrial Mixed (IM), Two-Family Residential (RT4) and Parks (PK) to a General Planned Development (GPD), on land located on the North Side of East North Avenue and East of North Humboldt Avenue, in the 3rd Aldermanic District.

This substitute ordinance allows for a mixed-use development including a student housing building, residential condominiums and retail. The proposed General Planned Development establishes a master plan for a multi-phased student and market rate housing and commercial development. The approximately seven acre brownfield site is adjacent to the upper Milwaukee River environmental corridor and has significant topographical changes.

On April 24, 2006, a public hearing was held and at that time several neighbors spoke in opposition to the proposal. Concerns were raised over the safety of the neighborhood, parking availability and the use of the land. Those who spoke in favor of the proposal included the developer, Alderman D'Amato, the neighborhood association and other local residents. Since the proposed change complies with the Zoning Code and City plans for the area, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on April 24, 2006, recommended approval of the subject ordinance conditioned on 1. Department of Public Works comments, 2. Working with staff on final design of street extension, 3. Revising the owner's written narrative to include design standards relating to location of pedestrian main entrances facing street frontages and building design.

Sincerely,



Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. D'Amato

April Meeting

April 12, 2006

Riverwest Neighborhood Association
720 E. Meinecke St.
Milwaukee, Wis. 53212

Dear Alderman D'Amato,

Members and the Board of Directors of the Riverwest Neighborhood Association, at the April 11, 2006 monthly meeting, voted to approve the following motion in regard to the proposed UWM Dorm Development at North Ave. and the Milwaukee River.

"The Riverwest Neighborhood Association is opposed to the extension of any road from the adjacent established neighborhood into and through the proposed development to the South and East of the area, along North Ave. and the Milwaukee River."

The Board of Directors of the Riverwest Neighborhood Association urge Alderman D'Amato to support this position of the neighbors. The issues considered included anticipated increased traffic and impacted parking situation within the established neighborhood streets. It was felt that the current residents were there because they enjoy the sense of community within their neighborhood and want to continue living with the peaceful, safe atmosphere they currently experience.

Sincerely,



Representative
Board of Directors
Riverwest Neighborhood Association



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Cc; Department of City Development
Mayor Tom Barrett
Eppstein Uhen Architects