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**Sent:** Sunday, April 22, 2007 3:46 PM  
**To:** planadmin  
**Subject:** File #070034

**Importance:** High

I am writing to express my enormous disappointment in the city of Milwaukee urban planners, who are proposing a development on the Downer Historic District, that will change the character of the place for the worst.

Being a resident of the area, I **strongly oppose** this development plan as both proposed structures will in one grand sweep destroy the human dimension of the existing buildings and its aesthetics, as well as it will totally subvert the historic status of this wonderful part of Milwaukee. I am not even mentioning the increase in traffic and pollution.

The supposed commercial benefits ascribed to the development will destroy the character and quality of life of the neighborhood. There are many ways to revitalize the area through creating venues of attracting strong and solid anchor businesses to the district, without destroying it.

Neighbors of Downer should be heard!

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**From:** John Worm [worm.john@gmail.com]  
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Dear Commission Members:

I have been a resident of the Downer neighborhood since 1977. We have enjoyed the Downer shopping area, until Mr. Katz, and now Mr. Gohkman, bought commercial property on the Avenue, increased the rents, and drove out tenants. Since then, a cloud has hung over the Downer shopping area.

The new development proposed by Mr. Gohkman does not necessarily revitalize the Downer shopping area. I think the hotel and condominium development must demonstrate economic viability before other structures are built or remodeled. Consequently, I think that the development of ancillary structures, one of which is the parking structure on the SE corner of Belleview and Downer is premature.

In addition, I concur with the analysis of the National Trust for Historic Preservation staff that this structure fits poorly into our neighborhood. I would never use this parking structure because of the potential for crime in it. In addition, it is too big and will use cheap building materials.

My wife and I strongly oppose the plan development zoning change and the five story parking/retail