

May 10, 2005

To the Honorable Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells Street

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 041781 being a Resolution approving the Third Ward Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan as an element of Milwaukee's Overall Comprehensive Plan, and directing City departments and agencies to work toward implementation of the Plan.

The Plan's recommendations are based on citizen input, including stakeholder interviews, neighborhood workshops, focus groups, a draft review team, and members of the Historic Third Ward Association, the city's funding partner; the guidance of neighborhood partners, as well as the efforts of city staff and a consultant team lead by American Design Inc.. Plan recommendations are structured into (1) land use policies and strategies which apply throughout the neighborhood; (2) particular strategies for districts and corridors; and (3) a series of high-profile catalytic projects where higher buildings of exemplar design could be constructed. The Plan builds on the 1999 Downtown Plan and meets the intent of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Law, Wis. Stats. §66.1001, more commonly referred to as "Smart Growth" Legislation.

A public hearing was held on May 9, 2005 to hear public comment in response to the final draft of the neighborhood plan. The principal comments are as follows:

1. A supporting statement from Alderman Robert Bauman and request for approval.
2. A supporting statement from the Chairman of Business Improvement District No. 2.

With this information, the City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting of May 9, 2005, recommended that this resolution be approved.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

Attachments: Third Ward Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan

cc: Ald. Robert Bauman
John Hyslop
Jeannie Laskowski

