

# Saint Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church

## **Remarks by David E. Fons, Jr., president, St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Congregation**

City of Milwaukee

Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee

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St. Lucas has been privileged and honored to serve the wonderful Bay View community for the past 141 years. As you may be aware, we had hoped to buy the vacant Dover Street School property. We submitted two proposals to Milwaukee Public Schools, but our proposals were not accepted.

After MPS selected the proposal from Maures Development, we've tried to work out a compromise that would protect the children of our neighborhood, our students and the elderly members of our congregation. Our new goal was to preserve as much of the existing play space as possible, along with parking for the church and school. After reviewing the most recent site plan and Maures' letter of intent, we are satisfied with what is being proposed related to the land set aside for St. Lucas.

We're thankful to MPS for instructing the developer to meet the play space and parking needs of our church and school in their Request for Proposals. We greatly appreciate Maures Development's willingness to listen and work with us.

We're also truly grateful to Alderman Zielinski and Mayor Barrett for their willingness to protect play space and parking for St. Lucas.