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Subject: Re: 5 Concerned Residents regarding the Dover Street School Site

Thanks. Will ensure this is added to the record. jb

On Apr 14, 2014, at 4:34 PM, "rekhapatel@northwesternmutual.com"

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This message is being sent on behalf of the following Bay View Residents:

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Good afternoon,

As five concerned residents in the heart of Bay View and directly across from the main entrance of the former Dover Street School, we wanted to reach out to all of you regarding our strong concerns with the proposed development of the site of the former Dover Street School in Bay View and the significant negative impact that this development would have on our immediate neighborhood both in terms of safety (parking & traffic) as well negatively impacting the quiet neighborhood that we enjoy.

Our concerns around the development are outlined below:

Child/Student Safety

Currently, during key pick-up and drop off times for St. Lucas students, it is treacherous, at best, when only one car can pass down the street given the cars parked for drop off and pick up. It is hard to imagine how much worse the addition of a 90 unit residential building will impact the safety of our streets and the children. Currently, the times that people in the neighborhood leave for work coincide with drop off for St. Lucas and this may further add to the traffic with many new residents in the immediate area.

Traffic

Please also consider that on Potter street, the street narrows to one E-W lane by the school. This is one lane in both directions, not one lane per direction.

Turning onto Dover from Howell heading North on Howell: This may be one of the scariest intersections in the greater Milwaukee area. It is almost a blind turn onto Dover from Howell if you are heading north on Howell. Again, the additional traffic would create further safety issues for both drivers as well as pedestrians.

Traffic Study: Last week it appeared that there was a traffic study being conducted. We were glad to see that this was the case, until we realized that it appeared that the study seemed to be conducted not consistent with high

traffic times for the specific street. It is our hope that we may have just missed it, but admittedly we are skeptical.

Parking:

Parking is already a significant challenge in the area and the addition of 90 additional units will further exasperate an already difficult situation. The developers are proposing a number of parking spots as part of the development and are suggesting that the vast majority of the tenants will rely solely on public transportation. The developers have gone as far as to suggest that the development of a 90 unit residential unit will be parking neutral to the neighborhood. We find this to be disingenuous at best especially given that it doesn't take into account the fact that there would be multiple tenants in a unit not to mention visitors to the 90 units that will also put an additional burden on already rare street parking.

We want to be very clear that we fully support development in the greater Bay View area and understand that part of that needs to include additional housing. It is our hope that our representatives will move forward in a way that protects public safety and finds viable alternatives to developments such as these in the area that are consistent with the look and feel of Bay View in terms of structures and development while keeping a keen eye on protecting what makes Bay View the great place that it is.

We are very excited to see the overall development in the business district of Bay View along KK. The renaissance of this area and the buzz about Bay View throughout Southeastern Wisconsin is simply amazing and something that all of you should be very proud of. As residents of Bay View, we certainly are! This has been done in a very well thought out manner and one which has been achieved while still maintaining the public safety and the integrity of neighborhoods that we live in.

Respectfully yours,

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