

June 6, 2006

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 051680 is a resolution approving the Washington Park Area Comprehensive Plan as an element of Milwaukee's Overall Comprehensive Plan, in the 4th and 15th Aldermanic Districts.

Comprehensive Plans, when approved, provide guidance for the City regarding the use and development of the area, encourage common understanding and coordination among different levels of government and private interests and will facilitate implementation of catalytic projects as well as other elements of the Plan.

The Plan's recommendations are based on citizen input, including stakeholder interviews, neighborhood workshops, focus groups, a draft review team, the city's funding partner; the guidance of neighborhood partners, as well as the efforts of city staff and a consultant team lead by Camiros. 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 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 at the June 5, 2006, City Plan Commission meeting at which time there were no public comments. At its regular meeting on June 5, 2006, the City Plan Commission recommended approval of the subject Plan.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: M. Pandazi