

July 13, 2009

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 090214 relates to the First Amendment to a Detailed Planned Development (DPD) to be known as Villard Square, for a library and 47 unit housing development, on lands located South of West Villard Avenue and East of North 35th Street, in the 1st Aldermanic District.

This amendment will allow for a four-story structure with 12,000 square feet of space for the relocation of the nearby Villard Avenue Library on the first floor, and 47 residential units on the upper floors. The independent living apartments will be designed for and marketed to older area residents who are primary or secondary caregivers for younger members of their families. The residential component will be funded through WHEDA's low income tax credit program and will serve residents of low and moderate incomes.

On July 13, 2009, a public hearing was held and at that time several people were in support of the proposal, including Alderman Hamilton, the Northwest Side Community Development Corporation, a business owner along West Villard Avenue, and Paula Kiley, the director of the Milwaukee Public Library. Since the proposed change is generally consistent with the previously approved DPD and plans for the site, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on July 13, 2009 recommended approval of the subject file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Ashanti Hamilton