

October 3, 2012

To the Honorable Members of the
Community and Economic Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

On September 10, 2012, the City Plan Commission held a public hearing regarding a petition to the City of Milwaukee to create the Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Number 3 (Washington Park), and approve its First Year Operating Plan. The district would generally be bounded by Meinecke to the North, Vliet to the South, a former railroad corridor to the East, and Washington Park to the West, in the 15th Aldermanic District.

Section 66.1110 of the State statutes allows owners of real property, at least some of which is used for residential purposes, within the districts to develop, manage and promote the district, and to establish an assessment method to fund these activities.

NID No. 3 would be used to provide assistance to homeowners, create jobs in the area, fund community projects, and create and implement a sustainable communities plan.

At the September 10, 2012 public hearing, several people spoke both in support and in opposition to the proposed NID. Those in support stated that this NID would give neighborhood residents an opportunity to improve their neighborhood and quality of life, and bring jobs to the area. Those opposed stated that this would create a financial hardship for them, as they were on a fixed income.

The City Plan Commission recommended approval of the establishment of NID No. 3, and its first year operating plan.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Hines
R. Manuel
Teig Whaley-Smith