

February 16, 2012

To the Honorable Members of the
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 101184 relates to the change in zoning from Redevelopment District (RED) to a Detailed Planned Development (DPD), for a mixed-use facility and park, on lands located within Blocks 18 and 19 of the Park East Redevelopment Area, in the block bounded by North Water Street, North Broadway, East Knapp Street, and future North Market Street extended, in the 3rd Aldermanic District.

MSOE is proposing to construct a two--story combined soccer, parking (with 784 stalls), and 12,000 sq ft retail facility with a publicly accessible open space. BMO Harris Bank proposes to use their site for staging during the construction of MSOE's facility, and upon completion of that structure, the site will remain interim open space for 5-10 years. In order to accommodate this development, an amendment to the Park East Redevelopment plan and Certified Survey Map (CSM) will also occur. Removal of Block 19 and the undedicated right-of-way of Ogden Street from the plan boundary will allow for an exchange of land between the County and BMO Harris to create the development parcel for MSOE. The CSM will create the new development blocks and dedicate North Market Street.

On February 6, 2012, a public hearing was held, and at that time nobody spoke in opposition. Since the proposed zoning change is consistent with the recommendations of the Downtown Comprehensive Area Plan and is compatible with the remainder of the MSOE campus, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on February 6, 2012 recommended approval of the subject file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Nik Kovac