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Subject: FW: Dover Grade School proposal - TeachTown

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To: Ald.@gmail.com James Bohl; Chair; Ald.@gmail.com Jose Perez; Vice Chair; Ald. Willie Wade; Ald.

Robert Bauman; Ald. Nil Kovac; Staff assistant: Subject: Dover Grade School proposal - TeachTown

Dear Alders,

I am in support of the TeachTown proposal as it was presented to the Bay View neighborhood Tuesday evening. It combines a sensitivity to the surroundings, sufficient parking (more than the one per unit standard), and provides St. Lucas with parking and playground - perhaps in perpetuity. TeachTown will bring to our community 90 residents. If the planned marketing works, these residents will be substantially new teachers. Many teachers work at a wage level that is much too low for the value they contribute to the community, and this gives the fresh teacher a financial leg up, as well as a social circle of like-minded colleagues.

New teachers from any school (public, private) will be marketed to live there. This will be a market-based enterprise with a management company that promises to stay with the property and to make it suitably functional as a living space for teachers. A rep was present to talk about their management strategy. The property will be restored to the city's tax base with the bonus of a younger market that I am told would likely be eager to find a home in Bay View.

In time I hope these tenants will choose to purchase a home nearby, well, anywhere in the City. But getting this project launched will be a huge help to young teachers, and hopefully success will stimulate more strategic development such as this effort.

The developers have compromised significantly from their original plan and the leadership at St. Lucas expressed their hope that the plan will go forward. Without having to purchase the land, St. Lucas will have playground and parking spaces.

I was present at the TeachTown neighborhood meeting on last week Tuesday. I find that the neighbors were evenly divided on the proposal, with the loudest applause coming in favor of parking, apparently not opposed to development as such. I appreciate that concern, but parking cannot be the rudder by which we govern our city; in fact there is a growing need to loosen the minimal parking requirements as we move forward. The houses near Dover Grade School have alley and garage access along Dover and Potter.

There will more

99 parking slots on the new development; but only 90 units, most of which are fairly small for dual occupancy, two car families.

Bay View may be a bit too expensive (renting or owning) for a new teacher.

This proposal will allow teachers to live in a part of the city that many of them might find desirable. Attached is an account from a Bay View High School teacher, Jay Bullock, who is well known for his many years of teaching and his monthly column in the Bay View Compass.

There is a strong likelihood that this complex will attract folks who do not feel a need to own a car but would more likely be saving.

Three bus lines service KK and Howell Avenues, a short walk from Dover.

Homeowner for 17 years, I have lived near Potter and Dover just north of Bay View High School. Before that, I lived near the seminary for

13 years. The neighborhood has great potential but it will benefit from even more diversity; and the influx of the young is a sure bet for positive, collaborative neighborhood. I hope you will support this proposal.

Sincerely, Bill Sell 2827 S. Lenox St. 52307 414-744-3970

I am attaching here a Facebook essay from a neighbor who teaches at Bay View High School. The discussion among neighbors is vibrant, but this writer reports on his family's hope to live near his work, and his wife's transportation to UWM: Jay explains the need for a TeachTown, based on his own teaching and house-hunting experience.

So would you like to know who in this conversation does not live in 53207? Me. Why? Because Dover/Teachtown did not exist when I moved to Milwaukee. At every point in our history choosing a place to live in Milwaukee, my wife and I have been priced out of Bay View.

When we moved here, she and I--a grad student and a first-year teacher--could afford one car, so I drove to my teaching job and she walked to UWM from our east side apartment. When we moved out of the east side (which has nothing on Bay View!), we wanted to move to the 53207 but could get an equivalent apartment in Riverwest for ~\$300 month cheaper than Bay View.

And when we bought our house, we bought Bay View-adjacent (we are represented by Jason Haas, Meagan Holman, and Tony Zielinski!) but not Bay View proper because we couldn't afford it, even with a WHEDA loan. That's right, we were so poor we qualified for a low-income housing assist; it's nice to know how people like me and my wife are seen by some in Bay View.

So now I write my columns for the Bay View Compass while drinking my Rishi Tea at Anodyne Coffee after I finish grading a stack of papers my students at Bay View High School wrote, wishing I lived walking distance to those places rather than a short drive.

But if we could have lived in a two-bedroom place like Dover/Teachtown, where she caught the 15 up to UWM and I walked over to Bay View High School? That would have been a dream.

I am the kind of person you're keeping out of your neighborhood by opposing this project. by Jay Bullock

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"Let us put our minds together, and see what life we will make for our children." ---Tatanka-Iyotanka (Sitting Bull) --- Hunkpapa Lakota chief