October 19, 2009

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 090701 permits a minor modification to a Detailed Planned Development (DPD) known as Latitude, on land located West of North Farwell Avenue and South of East Kenilworth Place, in the 3rd Aldermanic District.

This file will allow for a change in brick size, modification to the storefront at the utility vault entrance, removal of the trellis at the bike path elevation and replacement with extensions of decorative metal at the railings, and a change in glass color from tinted to clear.

Specifically, the previously approved tinted gray glass will be changed to clear Low-E glass at the storefront and window units. The modular brick will be replaced with utility-size brick throughout the building. The color and manufacturer will remain the same. In lieu of the wood trellis at the south elevation, which could pose as a safety/climbing hazard, decorative metal posts will be added. Finally, a display box and modified entrance will be added in lieu of the display window at the northwest corner of the building. WE Energies requires a transformer to provide electricity to the building in an interior room. The room must be accessed from the exterior and needs to be protected with a 3 hour enclosure, which limits the glass allowed. All other aspects of the previously approved plans will remain the same

Since the proposed change is consistent with the previously approved DPD, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on October 19, 2009 recommended approval of the subject file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Nik Kovac