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Dear Residents Who Attended the Royster-Clark Meeting:

Thank you for attending the first of many meetings about the future of the Royster-Clark property. Your continued participation is vital if we are to frame this development in a way that benefits us all.

Many issues were brought up at the meeting, the main concerns being:

1. Timeline

At this point, the Royster-Clark property is not currently listed for sale. Agrium is doing “due diligence” in preparing it for sale. I expect that we won’t begin to see different offers for this property until 2007. However, during this time it is important that our neighborhoods and city come together to discuss your concerns and hopes for this property.

2. Environmental Issues

Many people asked questions about the environmental issues associated with this property. Currently Agrium is conducting a Phase 1 environmental study that will lay the groundwork for any potential additional phases. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for ensuring that minimum environmental standards are met before the property can be developed.

3. Neighborhood Input

Because this project involves multiple neighborhood associations, City agencies, potential developers and an owner based in Canada, it is important to develop a way to communicate information and channel this information in a clear and articulate manner. Many neighborhoods have used a “steering committee” model that involves representatives from the different groups. At the meeting, about a dozen attendees volunteered to participate in this process. **Their first meeting will be Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive.** The meeting will be held downstairs, in the Adult Learning Room. Parking is available in back of the church. You are invited to attend and offer your input into the process. Remember, these are individuals who represent you.

Our road may be short or it may be long. This is a large, complex project that will sometimes strain the resources of our community, but it is my desire to get the best outcome for residents, our community and our city. Throughout the process, I will ask for your input and I hope that you will be able to share it with the honesty and candor I heard at our first meeting.

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If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 608.261.8416 or lpalm@cityofmadison.com. As it becomes available, additional information may also be found online at www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15.

Sincerely,

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