

District 15 Alder Report, early November 2007

Alder Larry Palm

This is a semi-regular communication to District 15 residents from your Alder. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please let me know at lpalm@cityofmadison.com or 692.8416.

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Calendar

- **Royster-Clark Public Meeting**, Monday, November 5 at 6pm at Whitehorse Middle School, 218 Schenk Street
- **2008 City Budget Common Council Public Speaking Meeting**, Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30pm
- **Stoughton Road Revitalization Plan Open Houses**, Thursday November 15 at 6pm or Monday November 19 at 6pm (see www.stoughtonroad.com for more information about the plan and the meeting)

Royster-Clark Planning Process Listening Session

- 6:00-6:30 pm Open House
- 6:30-8:30 Presentation and Planning Activities

This is the first public meeting of the Royster-Clark Neighborhood Planning Team (RC-NPT) a group of neighborhood representatives who are working with city staff to create a city-sponsored planning process in anticipation of the a developer's plan.

You are invited to attend this first meeting to share your thoughts and concerns, meet the Planning Team and the people who have an offer on the property as well as find out more about the entire process.

Stoughton Road Revitalization Project

At the Mayor's Neighborhood Round table the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project was awarded First Place (Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships) by Madison Neighborhoods, Inc. in the 2007 Best Neighborhood Program Award Composition. My hats off to the many neighborhood and elected leaders who have been a part of the project for the past few years.

The SRRP plan is almost ready to begin a public review process and will be available shortly at www.stoughtonroad.com. In addition to the Plan being on line, you are invited to two "Open House" Meetings where members of the SRRP will be on hand to show you different aspects

of the plan and hear your concerns, comments or questions.

These open houses will be at the Pinney Branch Library, Cottage Grove Road, on Thursday November 15 at 6pm or Monday November 19 at 6pm.

East Washington Avenue McDonald's Redesign

The operators of the McDonald's on East Washington Avenue (by Darbo Drive) are interested in completely replacing the restaurant with a new building. The Worthington Park Neighborhood Association has been working to make sure the new building is an asset to the neighborhood and compliments the reconstruction of East Washington Avenue and the new pedestrian bridge that will land directly at the site.

The plans and related information is available on line at:
<http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/detailreport/?key=8880>

Please share any concerns or questions you have, especially any concerns about safety as the neighborhood has been very aware of pedestrian safety issues at the street and in the parking lot.

2008 City Budget (from the October email)

I've chatted up the 2008 City Budget in my various newsletter articles, so I'll keep it short here. Basically, this is the most important action the Common Council does all year. It is the funding for all the activities and actions that the City does throughout the next year.

I encourage you to look through the city budget and tell me anything you'd like about the budget. It is available on line at:<http://www.cityofmadison.com/comp/budgetindex.htm>

Also, you can come and speak to the Council on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30pm. You can share the Channel 12 limelight for up-to three minutes. If you'd rather, you can email all alders at: allalders@cityofmadison.com and we'll get the message.

This is one case where sharing is good!

I will be sending a Special City Budget email after the Alder's Budget Amendments have been made.

End Notes

As always, I invite you to share your comments, questions or concerns. I'm available at 692.8416 or lpalm@cityofmadison.com. Also, I continue to post items to the District 15 website at: www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15 Enjoy the leaves dropping!