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SUBJECT: VILLAGER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Recap – Community Meeting, June 4

The community meeting to discuss the Villager Atrium renovation and site development occurred on the evening of June 4th at the “Studio Space” at the Villager. *(The Studio Space is located in the space next to Sports Town. This space is open to the public and will display design drawings and progress information that will be updated on a monthly basis).*

Ald. Tim Bruer began the meeting by summarizing the progress of the Villager redevelopment to this point and emphasized the importance of continued community participation during the planning and design process. He then introduced the Atrium design team from Strang, the Chair of the Madison Urban League and members of the CDA development team. Discussion was then turned over to the Strang design team.

Strang gave an overview of the master planning that has been completed and then presented the project timeline for the next phase of work. Phase One of this project entails the remodeling of the Atrium portion of the existing building, site improvements in front of the Atrium and development of a new three-story building. Strang also presented a schematic drawing of the Atrium addition and described various proposed site amenities.

The major purpose of this meeting was to get public comments and suggestions for the development and design. More than 20 community members participated in the discussion about the uniqueness of the community, the Villager “experience” and desired design attributes.

Annette Miller, the Chair of the Urban League of Greater Madison, then spoke about the Urban League’s intention to move its office to the Villager site. It will be located on the second floor of a new three-story building that will house the South Madison Branch of the Madison Public Library, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and the Urban League office. This building will be part of the Phase One site development and will be located south of the Buick Street site entrance.

The next community meeting will be held at the Studio Space on July 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The public and tenants are invited and encouraged to visit the Studio Space at any time (doors will be open during typical business hours) to view progress and put notes in the suggestion box. The community is also encouraged to visit the City of Madison website for up to date information.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/villager/>

Mark Your Calendars – June Meetings

CDA Meeting:

Thursday, June 12, 4:30 PM, refer to the website below for location information

Tenant Meeting:

Wednesday, June 18, 11:30 AM at the Villager Project Studio

Mark Your Calendars – July Meetings (Scheduled So Far)

Community Meeting:

Wednesday, July 2, 6:30 PM at the Villager Project Studio

CDA Meeting:

Thursday, July 10, 4:30 PM, Note Special Location: East Madison Community Center, 8 Straubel Court

In General:

For an up-to-date schedule of weekly meetings “noticed” by the City, including the CDA, please go to the following sites – the first one provides a list of meetings, while the second one provides agendas and minutes of prior meetings:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/cityHall/weeklySchedule/>

<http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/calendar/#current>

Villager Website

For more updates about The Villager, be sure to bookmark The Villager website for easy reference:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/villager/>

Villager Newsletter

We are in the process of designing an on-line Villager newsletter for distribution to tenants, neighborhood residents and interested community stakeholders. We hope to have it up and running within the next week or two. Going hand-in-hand with this newsletter is the development of a more active and comprehensive listserv. If you are interested in receiving electronic updates – like the Villager newsletter – please send your contact information to villagermall@cityofmadison.com so that we can include you on our expanded distribution list. Included in the email should be the following information:

- Your name
- Organization which you represent
- Your connection to the Villager (i.e. Villager tenant, neighborhood resident or interested community stakeholder)
- Email address

PS If you have an idea for a clever name for this newsletter, we would love to hear from you! Email your ideas to villagermall@cityofmadison.com.

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That's it for now. Have a good week!