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City of Madison Planning Committee
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

September 1, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association is excited at the prospect of having our own UW Credit Union branch on the north side. Although we were saddened when Brennans chose not to repair their damaged building, we can certainly understand their business decision and look forward to working with UWCU as they become integrated into our neighborhood.

The site selected is a very special one, not just for its beauty but also for some of its challenges, butting up to a greenway, close to a nature conservancy, and at the bottom of a very steep hill. Water run-off is an issue here and we hope that the UWCU can explore the use of porous concrete and landscaping features to keep impervious surfaces to a minimum. Also, the greenway buffer could offer an opportunity for public access from the Drewry Lane/Esch addition parcel, providing the immediate neighborhoods easy, walkable access to the branch. Down the road, a walkway would also provide a safe way to have children reach the controlled intersection on Northport to get to the proposed Warner Park pool.

But, first things first. An empty building, especially one that is in disrepair, is an attractive nuisance at best and a dangerous hazard at worst. Fencing, locks, and bolts have been installed and we appreciate the concern for safety, but it would be best to get the building taken down as soon as possible. We are hoping that a demolition permit can be secured quickly so work can begin.

The Lake View Hill Neighborhood Association would like to welcome the UW Credit Union to the best neighborhood in Madison and we look forward to working with Alderman Schumacher to help make this the best decision you ever made!

Sincerely,



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President, LVHNA