

January 19, 2015



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Catholic Campus Ministry at UW-Madison

To: Chair and Members of the City of Madison Plan Commission:

Pursuant to Section 28.098 (5) (g), Madison General Ordinances, St. Paul University of Wisconsin Catholic Foundation, Inc., commonly known as St. Paul's University Catholic Center, requests a two year extension (until February 27, 2017) for the issuance of a building permit for the demolition of the existing church/student center complex and the construction of the new church/student center complex pursuant to the approved PUD-GDP-SIP.

Since the approval of the PUD-GDP-SIP, St. Paul's has been working with staff and the UDC on the final plan detail per the requirements of the approved PUD-GDP-SIP, which should be recorded on or before February 27, 2017. Equally as important, St. Paul's has been working on the fundraising necessary for the new church and student center.

Section 28.098 (5) (g), Madison General Ordinances, permits the Plan Commission to give a twenty-four (24) month extension for the issuance of a building permit under the PUD requirements if, after a public hearing, the Plan Commission "determines that there [are] no changes in the surrounding area or neighborhood since approval of the general development plan which would render the project incompatible with current conditions."

In the city block which includes St. Paul's, there has been one major addition (the addition to the Chazen Museum of Art) and one major planned addition (University School of Music Recital Hall). Both of those projects were part of the University of Wisconsin master plan at the time of the approval process for St. Paul's and the design and site lay-out of St. Paul's were formulated to dovetail with those projects, as well as the eventual new University School of Music academic building.

The only other major development in the immediate area is the 500 block of State Street, the site of a new major multi-family housing complex with ground floor retail, a large portion of which will be student housing. The services provided by St. Paul's will assist in meeting the spiritual and student needs of those residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Eric H. Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Eric H. Nielsen  
Director, St. Paul University Catholic Center