

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: September 8, 2014

TO: Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chair, Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee  
Supervisor Patricia Jursik, Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: Teig Whaley-Smith, Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: City Campus Community Visioning Session - Update

**REQUEST**

There is no request at this time; this report is for informational purposes only.

**BACKGROUND**

In anticipation of County staff vacating the City Campus facility, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit, through File No. 14-483, directed the County's Economic Development Division "to meet with the local community groups active in the area of City Campus, along with the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Public Schools staff to develop a plan for land use regarding City Campus and its surrounding neighborhood and shall address the possibility of demolition with cost estimates and develop recommendations consistent with future development."

Working in concert with the Avenues West Association, City of Milwaukee Planning Staff, a City Alderman, several members of the Milwaukee County Board and Quorum Architects, a neighborhood firm with experience facilitating public meetings, a Community Visioning Session was planned for July 29<sup>th</sup> in the City Campus auditorium/theater space. Over 75 people attended the session, which included building tours, an overview of the planning efforts and smaller group discussions to share ideas and brainstorm future development plans for the site.

The attached report, prepared by Quorum Architects, represents a summary of the ideas local stakeholders and neighborhood members brought to the planning process. Overall, there seemed to be support for demolishing the 9-Story structure, saving the 2-story historic storefront and theater, potentially saving the 5-story office building, and utilizing the parking lot area as functional green space for the neighborhood, which could include recreation space or community gardens.

**RECOMMENDATION**

There is no recommendation at this time; this report is for informational purposes only. Economic Development Staff requests a closed session to discuss further details of the planning process.



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Attachments (1): Report from Quorum Architects

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