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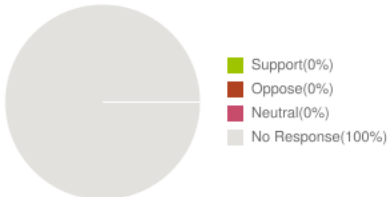
eComments Report

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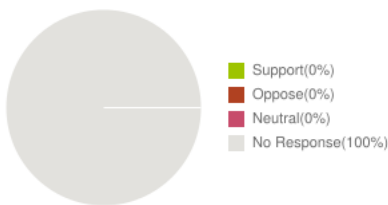
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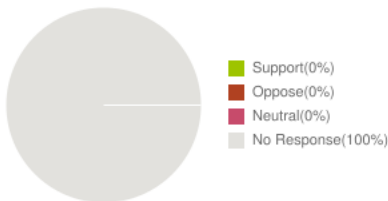
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Agenda Item: eComments for 4 20-234 An Action Report Requesting Approval of a New Amended and Restated Development Agreement for UWM Innovation Campus Related to Purchase and Proposed Development of Land by Irgens

Overall Sentiment



Dave Carter

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06am 09-14-20

SUPPORT of proposed changes to the development agreement at the UWM Innovation Campus. As CFO of LandWorks, Inc., our company does significant business in Milwaukee County. The tax and and related property taxes are a high priority for them. In the trying times, it is necessary for our community to promote additional tax bas and high quality job creation. We ask the committee to support this project to continue growth in the county. David J Carter, CFO LandWorks, Inc.

Michael Neilson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38am 09-14-20

We are concerned Milwaukee residents. We object to the sale of 25 acres on Innovation Campus as proposed by Irgens Development for an "expansive office park".

We recommend a comprehensive development plan that addresses the following concerns:

- 1 - Monarch Butterfly habitat and storm water basin must be included in a Conservation Easement.
- 2 - Expert environmental scientists should be part of the development planning to ensure environmental protection.
- 3 - Cap on the total development amount to prevent overdevelopment of this natural Monarch Butterfly migratory corridor.

We recommend continuation of the 2009 Land Sale Agreement between Milwaukee County and UWM Real Estate Foundation and most importantly, that a Conservation Easement be included to protect this precious natural habitat.

Kathleen J. Redmond and Michael Neilson

Patty Mand

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40pm 09-13-20

opposed

A conservation easement must be put in place for the Monarch Habitat & stormwater basins before this proceeds.

Jonathan Piel

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02pm 09-13-20

I've heard the Supervisors have been receiving endorsement letters on this topic for weeks, and opposition letters are considered "late to the party". There were DOZENS of objection letters to the county supervisors in early April which predate the recent endorsement letters. If you weren't in elected position then, it may be even more relevant that you review the comments being resubmitted now.

Per the April Journal Article, "Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, committee chair, delayed that review because she didn't believe the virtual meeting format — a response to the coronavirus pandemic — allowed for enough public participation. "What has changed?!? Have any of the questions/concerns from April been addressed, or is this the same proposal slid in again 5 months later again with ineffective time for more/same public comment? This is maddening that for-profit businesses seem to be able to set the agenda, know in advance to secure lobbying correspondence, and aren't held accountable to the original questions.

At the time of the sale of this public land to the UWM REF these deed restrictions were negotiated and put in the deed in order to protect the integrity of the environmental sensitive ecosystems that exist on the site which includes the nationally recognized Monarch Trail. The original sale agreement had a balance of both private and public (School of Engineering) - and was based on science.

Now that we are a decade into this sale, there is a new group of County Supervisors and County Executive who may be unfamiliar with the original negotiations for the protections put in place for this property. Is this loss of tribal knowledge being leveraged by developers?

The proposal submitted to the Milwaukee County Economic and Community Development Committee asks to change development would now allow for an increase in square footage and allow for any private development. Additionally, real estate developer Irgens, is attempting to "renegotiate" the terms of the use of this land in order to build more higher density office space. All this is while there is still over 50,000 square feet of office space available at the Milwaukee County Research Park.

Please hold fast to and honor the existing land use and building restrictions. At the very least, before approving any changes, please require the following actions:

- There must be a Conservation Easement on the Monarch Habitat Zone and stormwater basins (maintain

protection).

- Board Members of the Friends of the Monarch Trail should be part of the development planning to ensure that proper environmental strategies are utilized
- There should be a cap on the amount of development/square footage as this is a natural migratory corridor

Please put this vote off until after the coronavirus pandemic no longer precludes public hearings. Insist that there is adequate notice and opportunity for in-person public input to uphold transparency.

Devon Benske

Location:

Submitted At: 7:55pm 09-13-20

Devon Benske

762 N 116th St.

Wauwatosa, WI 53226

I strongly oppose this amendment to the original agreement regarding the UWM Innovation Campus. The proposed development would encroach on a multitude of fragile ecosystems that are on the land. There is also 50,000 square feet of available office space in the Milwaukee County Research Park that is currently unused. The development and change to the original agreement would be overkill and completely unnecessary except for allowing the corporations such as Irgens to continue to destroy valuable wildlife areas in Wauwatosa. We have a responsibility to protect what green space remains undeveloped in order to preserve this beautiful area for future generations. It would be in the best interest of the community to choose people over profits and vote against this change.