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To: public comment
Subject: [External] Fwd: Tonight's Common Council Meeting

Please include this email in tonight's packet for the Common Council Meeting.

Please also note that many neighbors did not have the email address to send comments for this meeting; they are not on the agenda for tonight.

I just received the address from Alderman Makhoul after reaching out to him this afternoon. Thank you.

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From: **Darnelle Kaishian** <darnellemkaishian@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 5, 2023 at 2:49 PM
Subject: RE: Tonight's Common Council Meeting
To: Joseph Makhoul II <jmakhoul@wauwatosa.net>, Dennis McBride <dmcbride@wauwatosa.net>

Good afternoon Alderman Makhoul,

I wanted to get in touch with you about the public hearing this evening regarding zoning amendments. I hope there will be another opportunity for the public to speak. Several concerns have come up.

Several of my neighbors are not able to attend as they are out of town with an extended holiday, many neighbors did not know about this meeting at all because they weren't located within the area of notification to have heard about it with the mailing and even if they had, the notice is so vague that no bells actually ring.

Additionally today several neighbors shared there is no email listed to send in responses about our feelings and concerns with the 2 story minimums being done as an overlay on Hwy 100. We have many.

I checked as well and there is nothing listed. I had planned on sending my thoughts in because I am not able to attend the meeting tonight due to a family medical issue.

This is such a frustrating situation. I am continuing to speak with State agencies as I have for the last 3 years. All zoning is supposed to be consistent with the comp plan. How is this consistent? Why is Wauwatosa not following the law?

We are in the midst of the comprehensive planning process, yet putting this overlay through is not being done in a thoughtful way including resident input and involvement as is mandated by the Smart Growth Law. We are also not up to date according to the DOA. Why isn't this being tabled and done along with the height limits as was advised by Tom Stacey several years ago at an initial meeting for the tower?

We currently have 12 plans in place. No one can keep up with this. It's ridiculous.

According to all the comments from the City online, residents are to be included in the comprehensive planning process. We are rushing to put through this 2-story minimum but again ignoring the maximum that we are concerned about. Why is this?

This really makes the whole comp plan process a joke. I spoke with folks at the State level again today and most municipalities that are making changes to the corridor commercial traditional districts have a complete plan that takes

into consideration a lot of input and a variety of opportunities for growth. I've taken a look at the ones that were sent to me. They also have minimum and maximum heights in place. Residents are listened to and protected. That is not the case here.

We already have 2 of the busiest intersections in the State in Wauwatosa and our current plans are very concerning because of more traffic that will be generated.

We need to find better ways to manage our budget than just raising the tax levy with net new construction every year. I got some great suggestions from several financial experts about this as well. We, as residents, aren't seeing the benefits from all of this net new construction. We shouldn't just be relying on being able to raise the tax levy every year.

I am looking forward to a neighborhood meeting with you, Alderman Makhoul, because a lot of folks, not just from my neighborhood want to share their feelings about all of this.

Thank you for taking my concerns seriously and always acting quickly. I know many people will not make the 3 PM deadline today as there is no address posted on the agenda! Is this a problem with open meetings? Last time around the emails weren't received either. This is a terrible way to work with residents. It's stated on the video from the last meeting. How many times is this going to continue to happen?

I'm not a conspiracy theorist but this pattern sure has me and many others asking a lot of questions about being stifled!

I hope the City will be having another opportunity for people to discuss this matter and won't interpret resident absence or non-comment tonight as a lack of interest or a thumb's up because we definitely take issue to this push. We weren't involved in the discussion. We know Hwy 100 is valuable property but we also want a thoughtful process and discussion prior to this decision being put through.

Thank you Alderman Makhoul. We all appreciate your dedication and service. Darnelle & Paul Kaishian & SAS/UNU and Neighbors

P.S. I hope this can be added to the file for tonight's meeting. I will also let people know to write to the common council as well; although the 3+ year effort we've made since Mayor McBride suggested we build relationships with the Common Council has gotten us 0 responses except from you, and from our former Alderwoman.