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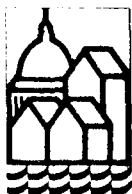
B. Graaskamp's Participation in the Convocation
Center Debate

2. Correspondence

b. Letters to Graaskamp, July - August,
1986

Office of the Common Council

City of
Madison



July 24, 1986

Dear Neighbor:

Just an update on the Convocation Center and other matters of interest to the Ninth District.

The Plan Commission referred the comfort resolution which would approve the siting of a Convocation Center on the 600 block of West Dayton (the present location of the Frances Court apartments). The Convocation Center would be ten stories high and would seat 15,000 people and would require at least three parking ramps to accommodate such a capacity of enthusiastic athletic fans. The Plan Commission needs to hear from you on August 4th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the City-County Building on whether or not you want to support this development of a Convocation Center in the Ninth District. It is important for you to be heard by the Plan Commission as well as the Common Council. The Common Council will address this issue on August 5, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the City-County Building.

The University Foundation plans to develop the land on the 600 and 700 blocks of Regent Street (the original site of the Convocation Center). The Plan Commission referred this matter on July 21st for thirty days. The proposed plan is for offices, commercial development and parking ramps to accommodate the Convocation Center. The developer for the University Foundation will revise the plan for the proposed development. If you are interested in the specific plan for this site please call my office at 266-4071 and I will send you the revised proposal when available. I will also hold a neighborhood meeting in the near future regarding this project.

Other potential development along West Washington Avenue includes the siting of an inter-City bus terminal, either on the present site of Badger Bus Depot or including the Badger Depot and the site of Rohde's Steak House. If you are interested in this development, please call my office.

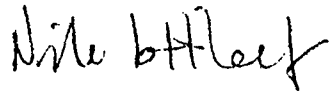
And finally, another potential development which has been getting a lot of play in the newspaper is the possibility of relocating a downtown MATC in the Klein-Dickert site on West Washington. However, no specific plans have been proposed for this site. I will keep you posted on this matter.

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Enclosed is a copy of the Lake Recreation Survey. The Madison Parks Commission, the Dane County Parks Commission and the Dane County Regional Planning Commission are currently studying the water recreation in the Yahara River chain of lakes. Since you live near Lake Wingra and Monona Bay, I thought that you might want to share your opinions with these governmental bodies regarding summer recreation on the lakes. Your opinion will better help us to serve your recreational needs.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and if you have any questions about any development or any problems within the neighborhood please feel free to call me at 266-4071 (office) or 251-7405 (home).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Gotthelf".

Ald. Nicole Gotthelf
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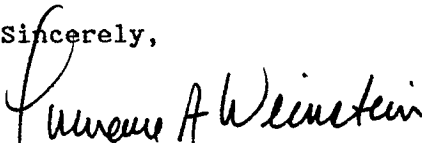
I am in receipt of your August 5 memo describing your concerns with regard to the proposed convocation center. In that letter you indicate that you believe this matter should be reviewed by the regents and the faculty senate.

As you know, funding for the proposed convocation center would be included in the UW Foundation's fund drive. However, because it is to be a University of Wisconsin-Madison facility, the proposed project will ultimately have to be brought to the Board of Regents as well as the State Building Commission for approval. In such matters, however, regent oversight is usually limited to the question of potential operating obligations that could be incurred by the university and the state as a result of such projects and the extent to which they fit in with the larger mission of the university. Thus, there will be adequate opportunity for the board (and others) to consider the merits of the proposal; Chancellor Shain plans to report to the board on these issues at a meeting early this fall. If approved by both bodies, the project will also require enumeration as a part of the University of Wisconsin System's authorized capital building program. This would occur either as a part of a state biennial budget or through separate legislation if the siting issue cannot be resolved in time to coincide with a capital budget cycle.

With regard to the involvement of the faculty senate, I would suggest that that is a matter for campus governance and should be dealt with at the campus level.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,


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cc: Each regent
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