

Dear Mr. Palmer, Village Board Members, and Building Board Members,

I wanted to take an opportunity and put forth my opinion regarding the proposed development of the Reinder's property. I have attended the majority of the Ad Hoc Committee meetings. I have spoken to committee members directly, attended an open house and engaged in conversation with many Elm Grove residents.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to grow up in Elm Grove and now call it home once again. My father served the village for many years on the Planning Commission and within the fire department. I saw the importance of community involvement first hand. I have attended the meetings that have been made available to the public so that I am better informed when sharing my opinion on the project.

The Reinder's development should be looked at carefully and cautiously. This is a decision that cannot be undone. The proposed plans are essentially placing a tenth ^{fifth} of the village's population within a ~~9~~⁶ acre parcel of land. I feel that the current proposal is too dense, and too big. I only see this as a benefit for those involved financially, and not the residents of the village.

This proposed development would shake the core of downtown Elm Grove. Its scale will alter the village irreparably. For the past 15 years I had lived in Wauwatosa and repeatedly, throughout the Ad Hoc committee meetings, Wauwatosa was referred to as a beacon in which to look at as a guiding example of development within a community. I lived through the development and ultimately made the decision to move back to Elm Grove due to the development driving us out of what was once walkable community. When a citizen is no longer able to safely cross a street, my perception of the ease which one is able to maneuver is altered. This is a concern with the proposed development as is the increase in traffic, population density, and renters vs. owners ratio. These are all concerns that need to be considered.

There are other solutions available for the development of this key piece of property in the village. Please do not make the mistake of jumping at this proposal. It would be a grave mistake in my opinion.

Sincerely,

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