2015 RES-316 SUPPORTING NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT IN DAY RESOURCE CENTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Resolution 248 authorizes purchase of 1326 E. Washington Ave. ("Messner site") for use as a potential Comprehensive Day Resource Center. The use of the Messner site for a Comprehensive Day Resource Center requires a conditional use permit (CUP) by the City of Madison.

The neighborhood desires more transparency and stakeholder participation in the day resource center planning and development process. On October 27, 2015, the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) voted to oppose the County purchase of the Messner building because it did not have enough information to evaluate the proposed day resource center project. On October 29, 2015, the TLNA day resource center project steering committee convened for the first time. City and County staff and elected officials attended this meeting.

In order to obtain the required CUP, the City Plan Commission will need to determine that the project satisfies certain conditions, including that neighboring uses are not substantially impaired. The Tenney Nursery Parent Center neighbors the Messner building and has identified concerns with its future operations and maintaining enrollment levels necessary to sustain its business.

Frequent communications with the neighborhood, responding to neighborhood concerns, and a collaborative approach to the day resource center development plans and future operations are integral to a successful CUP application and ongoing operations of a day resource center.

 NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Executive shall identify and convene a staff work team no later than November 26, 2015, to assist City Alders, County Supervisors, and County Contractors in meaningful engagement of the neighborhood, Tenney Nursery Parent Center, and other stakeholders in the planning and development process. The staff work team shall identify a point person to field questions and concerns before their first meeting adjourns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, the County shall include at least one representative from the TLNA steering committee on each request for proposals (RFP) evaluation team for the operations of the day resource center.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County shall work to come to an agreement with the Tenney Nursery Parent Center to address their business concerns related to the day resource center and will work to prevent and remediate any problems that arise after the day resource center opens.