



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council & Milton Plan Commission
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
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Subject: Discussion and Possible Action regarding the transfer of land located at 120 Parkview Drive to the School District of Milton.

Summary

The Milton School District is proposing a redevelopment of the public parking and public access to Milton East Elementary School. For some time, traffic in and around Milton East Elementary has been problematic for the School, parents, and surrounding businesses during school drop-off and pick-up times.

To help mitigate this problem, the School District has developed a plan that will add additional parking near Milton East Elementary, and reconfigure the drop-off and pick-up zones. Attached is the proposed Site Plan that shows the proposed layout for new public parking and new public access points to the School.

As part of this plan, the City would need to partner with the School District to transfer the City owned land from the former Police Department Building to the School District.

Background

The City of Milton has prepared two recent planning documents regarding the redevelopment of the Goodrich Square Park area. One plan showed the Police Department land being “redeveloped” with mixed use buildings, and the other showed the Police Department land being used as an extension of the public parking along Parkview Drive. The School Districts subject proposal mirrors the later of the two plans: extending public parking.

Analysis

This proposed redevelopment of the public parking and access points to Milton East Elementary is designed to mitigate a long standing traffic and safety problem in this area. However, it does limit the ability to potentially redevelop the former police department land as described in an earlier version of the Goodrich Square Plan.

Pros:

1. Mitigates long standing traffic issues
2. Increases public parking in the area



3. Increases safety for students in and around Milton East Elementary
4. Implements a large portions of the public improvements reflected in the Goodrich Square Plan

Cons:

1. Potentially redevelop the former police department land as described in an earlier version of the Goodrich Square Plan.
2. Requires the vacation of a portion of Greenman Street from N. Janesville Street to Parkview Drive.

Plan Commission:

The Plan Commissions authority for this project rests with the evaluation of the proposed land transfer in regards to its consistency with established City Plans. This transfer of land is consistent with the Goodrich Square Plan.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends the Plan Commission find this transfer of land consistent with established City plans