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Dear Ms. Zeinert,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed apartment development project in the City of Whitewater. As the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, I am pleased to see new developments that contribute to the growth and vibrancy of our community.

The proposed site for this development is adjacent to Walton East Gate Park, an existing park property that already serves the recreational needs of the residents in the area. Given this proximity, the Parks Department suggests waiving the dedication of additional land for park use. Instead, we recommend that the developer follow the provisions of city code 18.04.030(a)(2), which allows for moneys in lieu of land dedication.

According to this code, the required amount per residential unit in 2002 was \$218. Adjusted for inflation using the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator, this amount equates to \$386.73 per residential unit in 2024. For the proposed development of 128 units, this totals \$49,501.44.

Additionally, city code 18.04.030(a)(3) requires a Park Improvement Fee. In 2002, this fee was \$514 per residential unit. Adjusted for inflation, the current fee is \$913.61 per residential unit, amounting to \$116,942.08 for the entire development.

These fees will support the continued enhancement and maintenance of our parks and recreational facilities, ensuring that all residents, new and existing, have access to high-quality outdoor spaces.

I am confident that this new apartment development will be a positive addition to our community, providing much-needed housing and contributing to the overall growth and vibrancy of the City of Whitewater. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

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