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Subject: on last nights meeting

I did make it to the meeting at the Senior center. Thanks for hosting and it was a good turnout. I like that the Vpress is providing on-line surveys and I encourage you to do more of that to get feedback. This link is helpful as well. Casey was also very responsive when I requested an email subscriber link on the city web page so we could be notified of upcoming meetings and important announcements. It looks like there are some glitches, but it will be a useful tool to keep in communication in this time of so much change for Verona.

I filled out the survey, stuck on the green dots and learned a lot.

Additional feedback:

I am really thinking about the "white elephant" comment. Prior to the meeting I was under the impression that we had accepted limited big box and that it was already decided that it would go out by TWALL by Westridge and would be a pedestrian/bike friendly design that doesn't require endless rows of asphalt parking for vehicles... But last night showed me that maybe big box could go on all THREE spots!! Eeek! I hope not! That shocked me! If that was the only thing I learned, then it was worth attending. As it was I learned more than that!

I completely oppose big box on PB/M, and am also opposed to commercial, retail, restaurants, on that intersection. I DO think that a MATC campus or other educational campus could be a good fit in PB/M's technology park. It would be wonderful to draw some professionals, non-traditional students and teachers to our community. They would be the kind with the income and interest to shop a little, eat at the restaurants, buy a condo, rent, etc and generally add to our culture.

I'm surprised that after PB/M was identified for technology that it was re-zoned for small amount of commercial/retail... I hope that you are able to convince developers to look elsewhere for that kind of opportunity. The population out here in the town area is not big enough to support retail and it would just draw more cars from New Glarus, Mt. Horeb, Oregon, Belleville, etc. I don't think it is Verona's job to provide shopping out here for those folks. If they want to shop, they should go all the way into our downtown and see what we REALLY have to offer in the heart of our city.

I'd like to add that just because PB/M is the industrial/technology park, doesn't mean that it cannot be beautiful and avoid all the asphalt. We miss those thousand oaks already! Invisible parking should be part of any good design. I'd also like to ask if we have ordinances in place that require developers to present plans that embrace energy efficiency, a preference for sustainable heating and cooling systems like the geothermal, etc, and if the council is requiring LEED standards or green building in all new construction?? Beyond expecting beautiful facades on these projects we should be requiring beautiful green designs that no one actually sees. Now is an ideal time to require energy efficiency requirements as part of project designs so that we can take control of the developers and take advantage of the growth and promote earth friendly practices at the same time. ☺

Thanks again for the hard work that everyone is doing on this and for accepting resident opinion. It is a huge opportunity and I'm sure you all want to get it right.

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