

To the Alliant Energy Center Master Planning Oversight Committee on behalf of the Capitol View Neighborhood Association

We understand that many of the items listed below may not represent the type of input you are currently soliciting, however we feel that it is necessary to make our concerns known at this point so they may be taken into account during your master planning process. We are requesting that the solutions we have listed be implemented to address on-going problems related to the operation of the AEC that neighborhood residents have been experiencing for years. We fear that any expansion of the AEC has the potential to increase both the frequency and magnitude of those problems. While we all want the AEC to be successful, we do not want that success to come at the expense of the quality of life or property values in our fragile neighborhood. We hope you will accept these recommendations in the spirit in which they are intended.

To promote and maintain the high quality of life in the neighborhoods adjacent to the Alliant Energy Center campus (a Dane County owned and operated facility) the Capitol View Neighborhood Association respectfully requests that the following conditions be incorporated as foundation elements into both the AEC's master planning process and it's current and future day to day operations:

1) A pledge to not disrupt the peace and quiet of the adjoining residential neighborhoods -

a) No noise shall be allowed to escape into the adjacent neighborhoods from events, the set-up and tear-down required by events, or other operations (including contracted refuse/waste collection and hauling) during the hours of 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

b) No prolonged unreasonable noise greater than permitted by a PA1 park sound amplification permit, as defined by the city of Madison, shall be allowed to escape into the adjacent neighborhoods from events, the set-up and tear-down required by events, or other operations during the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

c) Alternatives will be considered to replace back-up alarm beepers on all vehicles operating outdoors on the AEC campus. If a suitable alternative(s) is found, the county agrees to make a good faith effort, including the provision of funding, to retrofit all such vehicles with those alternative devices. Priority shall be given to installing such alternative warning devices on all vehicles used to move arena dirt and livestock partitions to and from the locations in which they are stored and the New Holland pavilions.

d) Fireworks shall be limited to 2 or 3 events per year with advance notice to adjacent neighborhoods and shall be concluded by 10:00 PM.

2) No light pollution shall be allowed to escape into the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

3) No vehicular traffic to or from the AEC campus shall be routed directly onto, or through, streets within the Capitol View neighborhood.

4) No existing green space shall be paved or otherwise converted to an impervious area for use as vehicle parking. If additional parking space is required by the AEC, a multi-level parking structure shall be constructed within the existing paved parking areas on the AEC campus.

5) Events hosted at the AEC which also use the nearby parks or neighborhood streets must obtain the proper city of Madison permits and must conform to all of the conditions contained in those permits. The AEC's event staff shall familiarize themselves with the various applicable city of Madison permits, make the event promoters aware of which permits are required, assist the event promoters in obtaining the required permits, and monitor the events to ensure compliance with those permits.

6) All storm water run-off from the AEC campus shall be retained on the AEC campus and will not be directed into the already over burdened city of Madison storm sewer system or Wingra Creek. Any improvements to the city's storm sewer system required by the AEC's expansion shall be entirely funded by Dane County and/or the AEC. The AEC and Dane County shall take all steps necessary to ensure that no storm water run-off from the AEC campus encroaches into the adjacent neighborhoods.

7) During the AEC's master planning process, we request that alternative locations be identified for storage of both the arena dirt and the metal partitions used for livestock events in the pavilions. Both of these items are currently stored in close proximity to neighborhood residences and the process of moving those items into and out of the pavilions produces an unreasonable amount of noise particularly when done outside of ordinary work hours.

8) Madison's Quann Park dog park is a scarce and valuable resource for Madison residents well beyond the surrounding neighborhoods and contains the only handicapped accessible dog park in the county. The AEC will pledge to respect the shared space with Quann dog park users and minimize the closure dates and damage as much as possible and will expedite the repair of any damage done to the park.

9) The pedestrian/bicycle path through Quann Park and the pedestrian bridge over Wingra Creek are important parts of the transportation network used by neighborhood residents and bike commuters, and are a valuable part of the Madison metropolitan area's off-street bicycle network. They provide neighborhood access to Quann Park and are the neighborhood's only pedestrian and bicycle connection to areas north of the neighborhood. Events hosted by the AEC will not block, or otherwise restrict, public access to either the path or bridge.

10) The area of the AEC campus commonly known as Lyckberg Park provides a valuable green space and buffer between the Capitol View neighborhood and the rest of the AEC campus. It also contains a city of Madison storm water detention pond for storm water run-off from a portion of the AEC's southwest parking area. We request that this area remain in its current state subject to the following exception. We request that the AEC work with the city of Madison Parks Division and the Capitol View neighborhood to develop a neighborhood park on the southern portion of Lyckberg Park along Koster Steet. We feel that such a park would be a valuable asset for both the neighborhood as well as for guests at AEC hosted events and it would provide a currently non-existent gathering space for the neighborhood. No artificial lighting visible outside of the park or public address system shall be installed or used in Lyckberg Park.

Additionally:

The neighborhood understands that some of the events currently hosted at the AEC are local in origin and/or provide a tangible benefit to people living in the greater Madison area. In recognition of that, we would be willing to make an exception for, and accept reasonable levels of noise from, the following limited list of events: **a)** Midwest Horse Fair; **b)** Brat Fest; **c)** Dane County Fair; **d)** World Dairy Expo. All other events must abide by either the conditions specified above or conform to all applicable city of Madison noise ordinances, whichever results in the least amount of noise pollution in the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Respectfully submitted by the Capitol View Neighborhood Association.