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Mr.Turtenwald:

I am writing as follow up to the meeting we have had in the past with regard to the possibility of the University seeking vacation and/or abandonment of some City streets in the vicinity of Campus.

I met with Assistant Chief Snyder to review our plans for the area and the Fire Departments proposed plans for Goosetown Park. We have a mutual understanding of both each organization's potential plans for the area, and we agreed that the best direction for right now would be to focus on 14th Street North, and that discussion on Farwell Street should wait until the other development plans are finalized.

Please let this letter serve as our official request to begin proceedings to close and vacate 14th Street North from Badger Street to Farwell Street. This street is represented with purple dashed line on the map included. We do realize that there may be City owned underground utilities in this location, which would require ongoing utility easements. We do not plan to build structures over the street, but we would like to remove the old driveways, install new curb and gutter and repave the street. This would give us a few, but much needed permitted parking spaces, and would allow for future development of the area if we were to develop the block to the west.

Let me know what next steps I would need to take to move this process ahead. I would be happy to meet with you or any other City staff as needed. You can reach me by phone at 608-785-8916 or by email at sschumacher@uwlax.edu. We would like to move ahead with these proceedings as soon as possible. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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Cc: Vice Chancellor of Administration & Finance

Attachment

