







# ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER COMMUNITY LEADERS FORUM OCTOBER 12, 2023









# Alliant Energy Center Redevelopment Committee

#### **Committee Members**

- Sup. Chuck Erickson, Chair
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- Sup. Jeff Glazer
- Sup. Dave Ripp
- Adam Heffron, Exec. Dir.
- Ruben Anthony
- Ellie Westman Chin
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- Rob Crain
- Tom DeChant
- Heather Stouder
- Brewer Stouffer
- Zach Zwiefel

## **Purpose**

Provide guidance on financing and governing issues associated with the campus redevelopment as well as review of public and private investment in the Alliant Energy Center.



PURPOSE OF TODAY'S FORUM

 How to enhance connections and relationships between South Park Street investments and future investments in the Alliant Center

 How the Alliant Center can better serve the needs of South Side residents and underrepresented communities

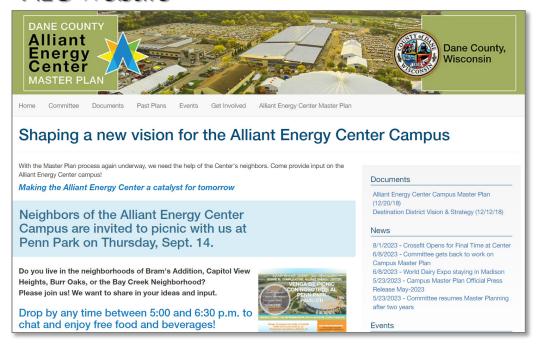
 This is the beginning of ongoing discussions as part of the redevelopment planning and implementation process





## Communications

#### **AEC** Website



AEC Master Plan Website: https://aecstudy.countyofdane.com/

AEC Email Address: <a href="mailto:aecvision@countyofdane.com">aecvision@countyofdane.com</a>

#### **AEC Newsletter**



The Alliant Energy Center is a vital community asset serving the needs of Dane County residents and visitors from far and wide. It's a powerful economic engine drawing more than 750,000 attendees annually with events like the World Dairy Expo and CrossFit generating economic impacts of more the \$31.8 million and \$8.6 million, respectively, with even the more regionally oriented events like the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show generating impacts of more than \$1.5 million. However, equally important are the numerous consumer shows, sports, festivals, and entertainment events enjoyed by Dane County and other nearby residents. It's truly a community gathering space that serves a multitude of needs for the benefit of all our residents.

- 505 subscribers
- Audiences Subscribed
  - Decision Makers (Mayor, City Council, Committees)
  - Municipalities elected officials
  - Direct Stakeholders (CVB, Hoteliers, City Parks, Event Organizers)
  - Neighbors
  - o Other Influencers (Press, DMI, Chambers, UW Madison)
  - o State



September 14<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Meeting

 Most important role of the Alliant Center is supporting a high quality of life through a variety of entertainment and informational offerings

 Events that draw most people are arts, entertainment, and concert events

 Suggested Campus changes include reducing noise and improvement/replacement of the Coliseum for more concerts

 To be a better neighbor, improve traffic flow/accessibility/transit options and expand events for families and people of color



# AEC Planning Process Overview

AEC Strategic Design Study Committee

Formed in 2014

AEC Comprehensive Master Plan Oversight Committee

**Formed 2016** 

AEC Redevelopment Committee

Formed in 2019

#### Feasibility Study

- Conducted SWOT analysis
- Examined financial and governance models
- Analyzed capital needs
- 3 scenarios

# Market, Financial, Facility & Impact Analysis

- Trends & Market Analysis
- Improvement Costs & Benefits
- Facility
   Recommendati
   ons
- Economic Impact Analysis

# Vision & Implementation Framework

- Core Function & Uses
- Vision & Planning Objectives
- Public Engagement
- Implementation Strategy

#### Campus Master Plan

- Physical planning
- Improvements and Cost Estimates
- Types and Locations of Additional Commercial Uses
- Phasing Plans

Destination
District Vision &
Strategy

# Long-Term Implementation

- Funding
- Design
- Construction
- Private
   Development

2014 - 2015

2016 - 2017

2017

2018

2019-Now



# MARKET STUDY UPDATE STATUS

- What has changed in a post-pandemic convening marketplace?
- What markets can we be most competitive in?
- What facility improvements are needed?
- What is the order of priority for improvements and general magnitude of cost?



Alliant Energy Center Market, Financial, Facility, and Impact

Submitted to:

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March 29, 2017



## MARKET STUDY UPDATE - Schedule





# IMPLEMENTATION: 2024 AND BEYOND

- Continue to address deferred maintenance
- Create and implement a strategy to ensure long-term financial viability
- Create and implement a funding strategy for major capital improvements
- Explore opportunities to add private development
- Improve integration with surroundings and South Madison to the benefit of all







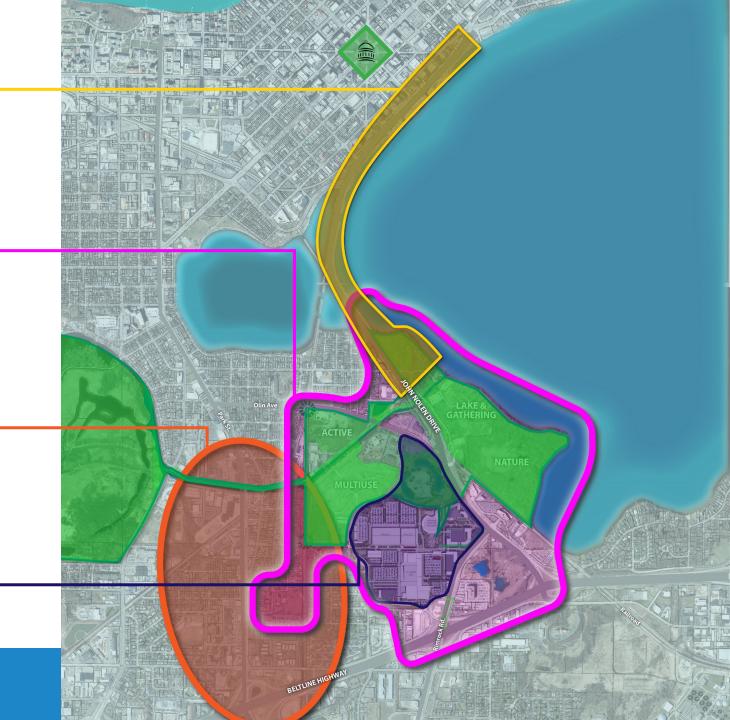


Lake Monona Waterfront

Destination District

South Park Street Corridor-

Alliant Energy Center-



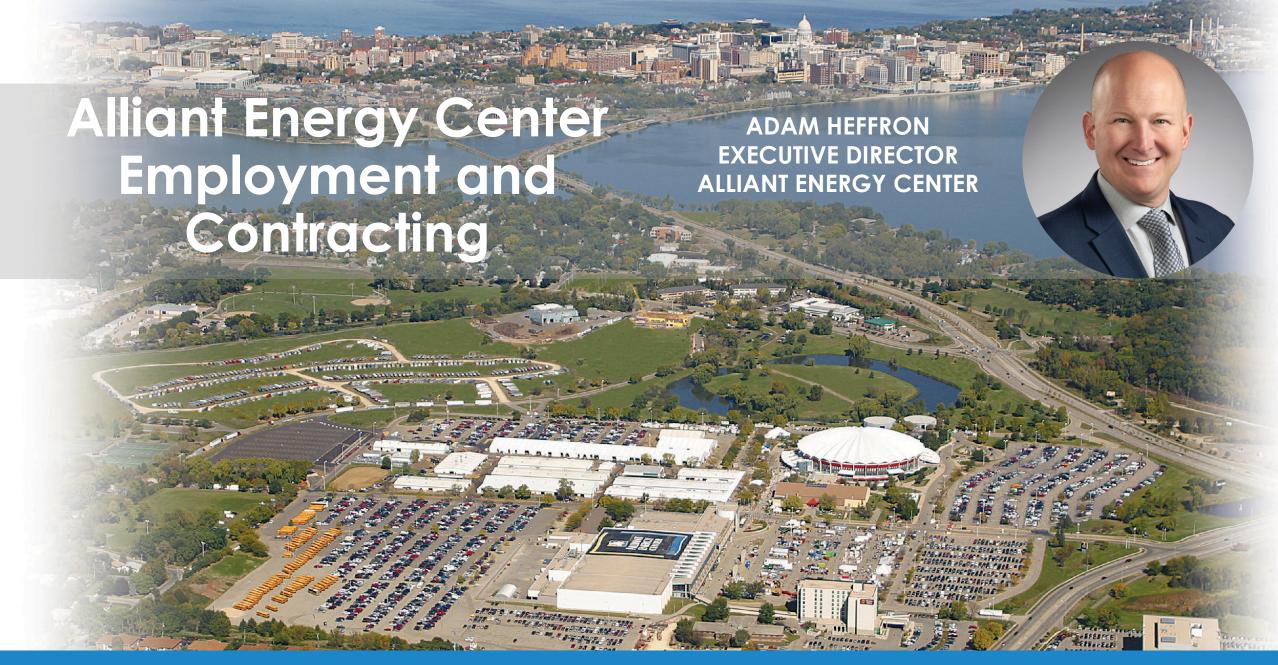


#### 2025-27 2027-32 LAKESIDE ST Goodman Park Ice Rink Olin Park 2027 Goodman Park **Turville Point Conservation Park TBD** University of Wisconsin - Madison **Quann Park** 2029 2026 2024 **Bowman Park** 2029 2025-26 **Alliant Energy Center** 2025-30 2025 **TBD** Penn Park **Black Business Hub** 2024 Cypress Spray Park **The Center for Black Excellence** and Culture Centro Hispano 2023 Southside Elementary School Madison College Goodman South Campus

# MAJOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



Source: TID 51 Project Plan and various project sources





## HUMBLE BEGINNING

• Fairgrounds in 1896 – now a multi-purpose event center today

 Super Cool Coliseum 1967 – Memories – Badger Hockey, Shrine Circus, World Dairy Expo, Midwest Horse Fair, and Elvis Presley, but venues like Kohl Center and Fiserv Form outshine

 Largest Exhibit Hall in State opened 1995 – now about 3rd largest (Baird Center 3 x's and State Fair Park Expo 2x's more)

• In 2014, 9 barns came down and two pavilions totaling 290,000 sq. ft. of highly usable space for livestock and equestrian shows has made it a leader in the agricultural show industry – still not large enough for World Dairy Expo

• Time to look towards the next 125<sup>+</sup> years



## ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Public Assembly Facility we don't produce events – we host
- Attracting events back post-COVID 150 events, 750,000 attendees
  - Trade, convention, conferences, meetings, banquets, festivals, concerts, livestock
- \$80M economic impact





LABOR INTENSIVE BUSINESS

42 FTE's with good pay and benefits

 Many LTE's – CW's, guest services, electricians, gate attendants

All walks of life – hire within as much as possible

 Follow County's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion plan as well as Center's

- The venue is open to all public
- Offer DEI event discount for venue use
- County gives preference to local vendors for purchasing





## COMMERCE

Promoters

 Contractors – Sodexo Live, Uphoff, security, parking, construction

• \$13.5M in projects in 2 yrs.

Commercial exhibitors – worldwide commerce

 Attendees – room nights, restaurants, gas stations, attractions

 Cattle & Equestrian – results of their awards: breeding and animal sale





OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE, RENEW, AND REBUILD THE CENTER FOR THE FUTURE

#### How?

• Update, improve and expand buildings & grounds

#### What?

- Exhibition, meeting, and banquet space
- Entertainment & assembly venues
- Better traffic flow, pedestrian access in and around grounds
- Amenities, services, and accommodations that are required in today's consumer market
- Aesthetics: architecture, landscaping, and entrances



# OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE, RENEW, AND REBUILD THE CENTER FOR THE FUTURE

### Why?

- Increase economic impact, commerce, and jobs
- Extend use keep clients coming back
- Welcome new event opportunities
- Create memories and positive experiences for attendees from around world

It's our responsibility as stakeholders to look towards the next 125 years by reimagining, renewing, and rebuilding the Alliant Energy Center









## **BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS**

### Two topics:

- 1. How to enhance synergies between these investments and future investments in the Alliant Energy Center
- 2. How the Alliant Energy Center can better serve the needs of South Side residents and underrepresented communities

### **Discussion materials on the table**:

- Choose a facilitator
- Choose a recorder (notepad provided)
- Choose a reporter

#### 50 minutes to discuss

#### Report out at the end



# TOPIC DISCUSSIONS REPORT OUT



# **NEXT STEPS**

 End of year – Market Analysis and Master Plan Update completed

 Early 2024 – Public meeting to share results

• 2024 – Future events with all of you to pursue ideas raised tonight







# Thank you for coming!



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