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To the Honorable Mayor Dickert and Distinguished City Council Members,  
c/o Racine DPW  
Attn. Public Works and Services Committee

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside Center for Community Partnerships coordinated a service-learning project involving the Racine County Workforce Development Center (RCWD), Gateway Technical College, Racine Unified School District, and UW-Parkside Arts Department. This capstone project, made possible through a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board, is being run through RCWD's Welding Boot Camp. It introduced k-12 students and adult community members, acquiring welding certificates for manufacturing applications, to the creative applications of their newly learned skills. This service-learning opportunity will result in a stainless and Core-ten steel sculpture for final donation to the City of Racine. Preliminary utility surveys (digger's hotline) were done at the proposed site to ensure the cement base and footings will not interfere with underground utilities.

Pending final design approval, the proposal was accepted by the Public Works and Services Committee for the final display site on West 6th Street (south of Rotary Overlook). The design has been finalized and is ready to be presented to the Committee for final approval.

We would like to request that this final design approval be added as an agenda item for the next Public Works and Services Committee meeting (January 26, 2010), and are prepared to field any resulting questions, concerns or other inquiries.

Sincerely,

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