

CAPITOL

NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.
MADISON, WISCONSIN

October 10, 2022

Urban Design Commission
City of Madison

Re: 115 W. Doty St., UDC Agenda Item #5

The project team for the 115 West Doty Street proposal met recently with the Bassett neighborhood on September 12, 2022, to present the latest iteration of the plans for the Dane County Jail consolidation and expansion.

This proposal was previously discussed with the neighborhood in the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020. From the beginning, the neighborhood has found the West Wilson Street facade of the new building to be lacking in pedestrian engagement. As noted in the October 12 Planning Division staff report, this facade consists primarily of service doors. There is little to no landscaping to enhance the street-level experience of the building along West Wilson Street.

At the September 12 presentation, the neighborhood was informed by the design team that trash and recycling pickups would block the sidewalk and extend into the street on West Wilson Street. This street has a high concentration of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic and extending those pickups into the public right-of-way, blocking the sidewalk and creating congestion in the street, is a situation that neighbors present at the meeting found to be unacceptable.

The Bassett neighborhood requests that the Urban Design Commission instruct the project team for this proposal to redesign the West Wilson Street facade in order to improve and enliven the street level experience for both pedestrians and drivers. Further, the neighborhood asks that the trash and recycling functions be redesigned to allow pickup of materials to occur on the building site, not in the public right-of-way.

Thank you for your consideration.
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