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TO: Urban Design Commission
FROM: Janine Glaeser, UDC Secretary
DATE: February 7, 2018
SUBJECT: ID 49473 (UDC) – 3330 Atwood Avenue – Expansion of "Olbrich Botanical Gardens."
6th Ald. Dist.

The applicants, Eric Knepp from the Madison Parks Division and Stephan Bellairs from the MSR design team, are before the Urban Design Commission requesting Initial/Final Approval of the proposed alteration to an existing development.

Schedule:

UDC received an informational presentation on Nov. 22, 2017 (*report attached.*)

Approval Standards

The Urban Design Commission is an approving body on this request. The site qualifies as a Public Project which requires that the Urban Design Commission review the proposed project using the Public Project design standards and guidelines under section 33.24(4)(d).

Project Description

The Madison Parks Division is seeking approval for two additions to the existing Olbrich Botanical Gardens building. The scope includes a proposed 7,000 s.f. learning center and 11,000 s.f. green house to replace the existing greenhouse. The new learning center will house classrooms, restrooms, offices, and storage. The new greenhouse will replace the existing greenhouse in the same location.

Note that sheet L003 illustrates the proposed site-paving plan and indicates where new planting beds will be. Refer to attached letters from the applicant describing the plan for seasonal plantings to be coordinated by Olbrich staff and volunteers.

Recommendations

Zoning staff has reviewed and confirmed that site and building articulation requirements have been met. Commissioners may also refer to the Nov. 22nd staff report for additional information.