



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 501 E. Badger Road

Application Type: Public Building, Additions and Renovations to Southside Elementary School (currently Badger Rock Middle School) – Initial/Final Approval is Requested

Legistar File ID # [66692](#)

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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Kirk Lewis, Epstein Uhen Architects | Brandon Halverson, Madison Metropolitan School District

Project Description: The applicant is seeking Initial/Final approval for additions and renovations to Southside Elementary School (currently Badger Rock Middle School). The scope of work before the Commission includes a three-story elementary school addition with new classrooms, a library, offices, a new gymnasium, and parking lot and site improvements.

Project Schedule:

- The Plan Commission is scheduled to review the related aspects of this proposal on September 20, 2021.

Approval Standards:

The UDC is an **approving body** for Public Buildings. Per MGO Section 33.24(4)(d), the Urban Design Commission shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City. Please note, while the UDC may provide advisory recommendations related to site and landscape considerations, this section of code only provides the UDC approving authority on the buildings themselves.

Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

The UDC is an approving body on this request. Staff recommends that the Urban Design Commission review the proposed building additions and renovations as required by City Ordinance.

The proposed addition is summarized in the applicant's materials. Generally, the three story addition is proposed along the building's northern and western facades, creating new classrooms, a library, offices, and a gymnasium. The scope of changes also include modifications to the parking lot and site. The building additions will be primarily clad in red and almond-colored brick, with grey brick and metal accents proposed. The proposed brick size is not noted on the elevation drawings.

The Planning Division does not have specific concerns related to this request, but requests that the UDC's review includes the relationship between the proposed and existing building design.