

## AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** November 22, 2017

TITLE: 3330 Atwood Avenue – Expansion of  
“Olbrich Botanical Gardens.” 6<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist.  
(49473)

**REFERRED:**

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**REPORTED BACK:**

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Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair\*; Amanda Hall, Cliff Goodhart\*, Lois Braun-Oddo, Rafeeq Asad and Michael Rosenblum.

\*Wagner recused himself on this item. Goodhart acted as Chair.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of November 22, 2017, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** on the expansion of “Olbrich Botanical Gardens” located at 3330 Atwood Avenue. Appearing on behalf of the project were Stephen Bellairs, representing MSR Design; Randy Wiesner, representing the City of Madison; and Bill White, representing Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Bellairs presented the design of a learning center and new greenhouse for Olbrich Botanical Gardens. He reviewed the submission information, including site location, orientation, and building layouts – existing and proposed, with the existing being a good example of prairie style building. The design team was commissioned to look at future expansions of site, and shared photos of the existing building and reviewed use and condition of each. The team shared a site plan with proposed buildings highlighted and discussed building access, including main entry and travel to new spaces. They reviewed amenities in the new facility, classrooms, and restrooms. The proposed greenhouse will have a 39” high knee-wall with a glass/metal structure above. They reviewed space details and orientation to the garden. Building fire access will be from the backside; they are coordinating with Fire Department staff. They reviewed the proposed learning center elevations and building materials to include light colored limestone, dark metal, and wood beams in high quality materials. The upper level projecting roof reflects prairie style architecture and acts as sun shading. The proposed stone elements align with/match existing building stone elements. Glass will be used at the classroom and office spaces. Some site garden changes are proposed near the learning center.

Hall congratulated the team on working within an existing dynamic site, noting that they accomplished that goal. Goodhart seconded that notion.

### **ACTION:**

Since this was an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** no formal action was taken by the Commission.