## **URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING REPORT**

October 18, 2023



Agenda Item #: 4

Project Title: 307 E Wilson Street - Facade Alterations for Summit Credit Union in UMX

Zoning. (District 4)

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Members Present: Cliff Goodhart, Chair; Jessica Klehr, Shane Bernau, Christian Harper, Wendy Von Below, Marsha

Rummel, and Rafeeq Asad

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## **Summary**

At its meeting of October 18, 2023, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** with conditions of façade alterations located at 307 E Wilson Street. Registered and speaking in support were Alec Hembree, and Austen Conrad.

In address of the Commission's previous comments, they have moved the bike rack to the west side of the plan, taking plantings and relocating them to create a more comprehensive landscape in that area. Revisions to the Wilson Street façade include adjustments to the proportions, expanded use of the orange metal panel, which improves the overall visual and pedestrian experience while in keeping with the proportions of the building and the John Nolen Drive side of the building. The number of gray colors on the backside of the building has been reduced, and they have eliminated part of the orange band.

The Commission had the following questions for staff and the development team:

This is so much better, great, you've taken all of our comments, it's so much better than last time we saw this, great job.

A motion was made by Bernau, seconded by Asad, for Final Approval with conditions.

## Discussion on the motion:

- This final version looks better all around, on both sides. Both sides have reason to be happy with this outcome.
- On the planting design, the bed to the left, the three evergreens in the back are specked on the plant schedule in a way that that particular plant (a yew), make sure it's an upright variety. That same genus and species comes in a low-grow, make sure it's an upright version. Other than that, thumbs-up all around.
- I can't wait to see this building, thank you. I second all the hoorays.
- There is a question in the staff memo about lighting, the bollards.
- (Secretary) Lighting on the rooftop is at five footcandles using bollards, which is the typical use for this type of light fixture. The question for the Commission is would a different fixture be more appropriate and provide a more appropriate light level for that type of use?
  - In some of our previous submittals we had a building section all the way to the lake. We have been very strategic about the use of bollards, they only cast light down and are not visible from John Nolen Drive.
    Both from a lighting level perspective, and what type of lighting we're using, the bollards are a good option.
- Maybe I can add, as a condition, even on grade the bollards can be too tall. If it could be 36" bollards or less.

- (Secretary) My concern wasn't the visibility of the fixture necessarily, but the light levels.
- I'm personally okay with the bollard style.
- As long as it doesn't have any impact on the urban environment and is not spilling light outside of the property.

## Action

On a motion by Bernau, seconded by Asad, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** with the following conditions:

- The three evergreens on the right side of the parking areas shall be an upright variety of yew, not a low spreading one.
- The bollard light fixture shall be 36" or less.

The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (6-0).