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**TO:** Urban Design Commission

**FROM:** Janine Glaeser, UDC Secretary

**DATE:** July 18, 2018, 2018

SUBJECT: ID 41566 (UDC) – 209-261 (formerly 241) Junction Road - PD Modification and SIP for

"Prairie Towne Center." 9th Ald. Dist.

The applicant, John Seamon from Iconica, is before the Urban Design Commission requesting Final Approval of a Planned Development (PD) - General Development Plan (GDP) — Special Implementation Plan (SIP) modification to build a new 8,233 s.f. commercial building on Lot 1.

### Schedule:

UDC received an informational presentation on Feb. 21 and April 25, 2018. Plan Commission will review on July 30, 2018 Common Council will review on August 7, 2018

### **Project Description**

This application for a Modification of GDP/SIP is to add a Lot 1 building in a remote part of the parking lot area. The Lot 1 building is approximately 8,233 gross square feet. It will accommodate 3-5 separate commercial businesses. The building is of a scale that would represent the addition of modest sized commercial tenant spaces not currently available within the development with a goal of attracting smaller food/beverage tenants.

Though the proposed material pallet and building massing reflect a modern vocabulary, the color and proportions tie in with the existing development. The exterior materials include larger format (12" x 24") split face block at the base, white brick (same size as existing) and the use of red terra cotta colored architectural elements such as standing seam awnings.

## **Approval Standards**

This request has been submitted as an alteration to a Planned Development (PD) Zoning District, in which case the UDC is advisory to the Plan Commission. This alteration to a PD request is subject to the approval standards of MGO §28.098. The UDC is required to review the General Development Plan and Specific Implementation Plan and make a recommendation to the Plan Commission with specific findings on the design objectives listed in Subsections 28.098(1) and (2) and the other requirements of this Subchapter.

### **Design Considerations**

The Urban Design Commission provided recommendations on the April 25, 2018 Informational Review as follows:

- Building face should face Junction Road, no back of house facing street.

- Provide vision glass at window boxes