

## AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> October 3, 2007
TITLE: 336 South Point Road – Public Building, New Fire Station No. 12. 9 <sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist. (07436)	<b>REFERRED:</b> <b>REREFERRED:</b> <b>REPORTED BACK:</b>
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Members present were: Paul Wagner, Chair; Marsha Rummel, Todd Barnett, Bruce Woods, Richard Slayton, John Harrington, Bonnie Cosgrove, Richard Wagner and Jay Ferm.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of October 3, 2007, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a public building located at 336 South Point Road. Appearing on behalf of the project were Steve Kieckhafer and John Holz, City of Madison Fire Department. P. Wagner abstained with Woods acting as Chair. The modified plans as presented feature the following:

- The landscape plan has been modified to create layered buffer of trees along the westerly and northerly perimeters of the site utilizing Black Hills Spruce and Red Sunset Maple.
- The stormwater retention area located along the southerly perimeter of the site has been redesigned with a more natural form, as a departure from its previous rectangular shape to an L-shape configuration.
- An additional bump-out to delineate public parking near the meeting room along the north side of the building from access to both the fire station proper and firemen's living area has been provided to discourage public circulation.
- The parking area for firefighters has been redesigned and reoriented to illuminate additional pavement and maintain its use of pervious concrete surface.
- The architecture of the building's façade around the meeting room, as well as its exterior has been redesigned to incorporate a protective canopy and provide for a gathering area on its exterior.
- A dedicated sidewalk has been provided to the main entry to the fire station from public sidewalk.
- The landscape plan features the utilization of "no mow" areas on the site with modifications to the overall landscape plan to emphasize local native species.
- The overall site plan has been modified to recognize that on-street parking will be provided.
- A review of the photometric plan emphasized its adherence to meet LEED certification guidelines with the use of no spill-over LED long-life fixtures.
- Modifications to the building elevations were noted as follows:
  - Incorporation of vertical slats of glass in each of the overhead doors with the individual garage doors separated by masonry piers.
  - Rain barrels on the north elevation were further detailed with a notation on their 9-month use due to limits for winter use.

- All roof water will be collected for use. The roof itself features an ascot white surface to minimize the heat island effect.
- The window patterning along the north elevation has been adjusted, along with the integration of wall signage into the overall building architecture.
- The field of the building's façade features the use of a Norman size brick, which is modular in height.

Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- On the landscape plan, consider the elimination of the use of crabapple to amelanchier or red bud or some other type of native plant. In addition, placing the proposed use of potontilla for another native but not spirea.
- The use of red maple is formal with the backdrop of tall conifers informal; could mix in, consider juniper.
- The site plan still maintains utilization of a two-way lane. Still too generous with pavement. Could reduce turning radii.
- Wood columns on the canopies adjacent to the community room need a "seat" or sleeve treatment.
- The building plans featured the use of two low wall signs, one for the community room, one for the fire station entry. Differentiate in height and length and modify the fire station wall to provide an option for seating.
- Pull bike racks to the front by the community room.
- If utilizing a native theme with the landscape plan, get rid of the Black Hills Spruce, mix Red Maple with Red Pine, including Birch (natural).
- Look at alternative for prairie rose. Use less aggressive alternative to bittersweet ivy; use burgeois bauer clematis; or a fine textured alternative.
- Use steel for landscaped edging.
- Question the utilization of rain barrels on the south elevations to serve the gardens. It was noted by the applicant that rain water will be collected on the south to serve the gardens with the remainder of the roof intended to be green. It was suggested that larger containers exceeding 55 gallons be utilized.

### **ACTION:**

On a motion by Barnett, seconded by Rummel, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (8-1) with P. Wagner abstaining. The motion required the following:

- The staff approval on all required modifications to the landscape plan per comments contained within this report.
- Consultation with the Traffic Engineer on the reduction on the width of the current two-way drive aisle, as well as turning radii beyond the areas dedicated for public parking.
- The provision of a rain barrel off of the south elevation of the building for the adjacent garden area greater than 55 gallons in size.
- Bike parking at the front adjacent to the community room is to be moved in, along with modifications to both the community room and fire station entries seating walls different heights and lengths, including the maintenance of identification graphics (fire station/community room) and still maintain options for seating.

After the Commission acts on an application, individual Commissioners rate the overall design on a scale of 1 to 10, including any changes required by the Commission. The ratings are for information only. They are not used to decide whether the project should be approved. The scale is 1 = complete failure; 2 = critically bad; 3 = very poor; 4 = poor; 5 = fair; 6 = good; 7 = very good; 8 = excellent; 9 = superior; and 10 = outstanding. The overall ratings for this project are 6, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8.5 and 9.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 336 South Point Road**

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
<b>Member Ratings</b>	8	9	8	8	-	7	7	8
	8	9	7	7	-	-	-	8
	6	6	5	6	6	-	-	6
	7	8	6	6	6	7	7	7
	7	6	6	6	5	6	-	6
	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
	8	9	6	9	-	8	9	8.5

General Comments:

- Really excellent project and incorporation of green design elements.
- Excellent public facility. Platinum LEEDS will set future standards. Appreciate improvements from first iteration – especially with community room entry. Low rise walls create additional social space outside.
- Good to see City leading with more sustainable architecture and going for LEED credits.
- Nice, nice job. Lovely.
- Nicely thought out – appreciate the LEED goals.