

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: January 9, 2008
TITLE: 420/440 Henry Mall - Public Building, Biochemistry II. 8th Ald. Dist. (07527)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: January 9, 2008	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Lou Host-Jablonski, Marsha Rummel, Todd Barnett, Bruce Woods, Richard Slayton, Bonnie Cosgrove, Richard Wagner and Jay Ferm.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of January 9, 2008, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. Appearing on behalf of the project were David Black, Flad & Associates, and Peter Heaslett, UW-Madison. The modified plans as presented featured the following:

- The scale of the mechanical penthouse atop the building has been reduced in height and size, including a reduction to the distance within the penthouse, along with the addition of corner treatment details as previously requested.
- The coloration of the terra cotta clay wall systems be less orange and more consistent with the character of the existing Biochemistry building to provide for the use of a closer red color.
- The landscape plan features a change in overstory tree treatment along University Avenue from Oak to Elm with details of the request to enlarge the crosswalk/curb area at University Avenue to match the width of the adjoining plaza transmitted from Gary Brown, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Director; Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture Facilities Planning & Management to John Harrington.
- Plant materials changed to feature more native varieties and types in the form of the use of more columnar varieties, including change to yew and use of vinca.
- The paving material was modified to feature two different colors of colored concrete similar to a treatment provided with the adjoining building to the east.

ACTION:

On a motion by Barnett, seconded by Cosgrove, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (8-0). The motion required a bike ramp be provided along the base of the railing of stairs within the pedestrian plaza area between the proposed addition and existing Biochemistry building.

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 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 9 and 9.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 420/440 Henry Mall

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

General Comments:

- Nice fit in tight space.
- Really very well done. Kudos.
- Nice infill project in historic setting.
- Thanks for the improvements on the penthouse. It's a good addition to the area.
- Great. Enough said.