



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 3087 Luds Lane

Application Type: Informational Presentation - Public Building, Dane County Public Safety Communications Center
UDC will be an Approving Body

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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Matt Bickel, Wold Architects and Engineers | Dane County Public Works | Dane County Department of Administration

Project Description: The applicant is proposing the construction of 34,000 square-foot, single-story building for a communications dispatch and an emergency management operations center for Dane County and local governments.

Approval Standards: Pursuant to MGO Section 33.24(4)(d), the UDC will be an **approving body** on this future request when a formal application is submitted. Pursuant to MGO Section [33.24\(4\)\(d\)](#), "*The UDC shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City.*" The approving authority of the UDC is limited to the buildings themselves. Comments related to landscaping would only be advisory in nature.

Summary of Design Considerations

Staff recommends that the UDC review the proposed development and make findings related to the criteria noted above giving consideration to the following design considerations:

- **Building Design and Composition.** As proposed, the building reflects a modern design that is primarily clad in masonry, zinc with metal and concrete accents. Staff requests the UDC's feedback on the overall building design and composition, giving consideration to creating a cohesive architectural expression, utilizing consistent level of design and architectural detailing across all elevations, material transitions, building component proportions, integration of mechanical louvers, and minimizing/screening blank walls.
- **Landscape and Site Amenity Details.** As noted on the site plan, there is a perimeter fence shown around three sides of the site and building. Consideration should be given to the design details and landscape in terms of functionality, as well as aesthetics. Staff requests the UDC feedback on the proposed landscape plan and site amenity details as it relates to screening, providing year-round color and texture, as well as materials.