

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: February 17, 2010
TITLE: 702 South Randall Avenue – Henry Vilas Zoo – Public Buildings: New Children’s Zoo Barn. 13 th Ald. Dist.	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: February 17, 2010	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Marsha Rummel, Mark Smith, Dawn Weber, Todd Barnett, Richard Wagner, Bruce Woods, Richard Slayton, Ron Luskin, Mark Smith and Jay Ferm.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of February 17, 2010, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL** of public buildings located at 702 South Randall Avenue. Appearing on behalf of the project were David Ewanowski and Jim Hubing, representing Dane County and the Henry Vilas Zoo. Hubing gave a brief summary of the proposed Children’s Zoo Barns replacement of an existing dilapidated structure in reference to the Zoo’s Master Plan. Ewanowski followed with a detailed review of the proposed building aspects. Discussion by the Commission was as follows:

- Like building and base material but do not favor the use of split face block, suggest a smooth face block if not a Wisconsin stone.
- The overhang at the hip roof should be wider where the cupola appears a little heavy compared to the mass of the roof, need to provide daylighting for people and animals; windows.
- Look at cupola to be actually larger.

ACTION:

On a motion by Slayton, seconded by Smith, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (8-0). Further consideration of the project for final approval will require a detailed review of the proposed material and color palette.

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, 6 and 6.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 702 South Randall Avenue

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

General Comments:

- Welcome update for the Children's Zoo.
- Strong, simple concept. Stay honest to that with some playfulness.