

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

PRESENTED: June 7, 2017

TITLE: 3201 Dairy Drive – Madison Fire
Department Fire Station 14 in UDD No. 1.
16th Ald. Dist. (47459)

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Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Dawn O’Kroley, Rafeeq Asad, Lois Braun-Oddo, Michael Rosenblum, Cliff Goodhart and John Harrington.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of June 7, 2017, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for Madison Fire Department Fire State 14 located at 3201 Dairy Drive in UDD No. 1. Appearing on behalf of the project were Jon Evans, representing City Engineering; Tate Walker, representing OPN Architects; Bryan Mann and Chief Clay Christenson, representing the Madison Fire Department.

This new station will have a large community room and will provide emergency services to this part of town. The site is just over 11 acres and heavily wooded. The station being proposed is approximately 20,000 square feet. The station will be oriented perpendicular to Prairie Dock Drive. They have done a tree survey; they are looking to use the space in the future as training with props for fire fighters, which will require grading to maintain the wetland edge and clearing of the existing trees. Most of those trees are not considered “good quality.” On the left (north) is the double-height apparatus bay, which houses the trucks and internal training. On the right is the dormitory at the back of the property, with the public spaces (community room, watch room and lobby area) in the front. The center is the restroom core and services for the apparatus bay. The design of the building is driven by the program, and they could achieve “net zero” energy efficiency with this building. The landscape plan reflects a more organic approach to plantings with berming planned for the Femrite Drive frontage.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- From a distance, maybe driving down 12 & 18 it’s a nice clean, lovely simple structure, it’s nice.
- Conceptually the landscape seems to work. I am puzzled about which trees are staying and which are being removed for training areas.
 - There are some good trees on the site, and we wanted to recognize those trees. We might keep a few big ones but the intent is it’s a working site.
- I would encourage you to keep as many of the trees as possible, but I understand removing them for training purposes.
- The PJM Rhododendron is not recommended.

ACTION:

Since this was an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** no formal action was taken by the Commission.