

AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: April 23, 2008
TITLE: 2701 Atwood Avenue - Façade Improvement Grant Application for 2701 Atwood Avenue. 6th Ald. Dist. (10060)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: April 23, 2008	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Lou Host-Jablonski, Marsha Rummel, Bonnie Cosgrove, John Harrington, Todd Barnett, Richard Slayton and Richard Wagner.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of April 23, 2008, the Urban Design Commission **ACCEPTED** a report of the Façade Grant Staff Team regarding the façade improvement grant application for 2701 Atwood Avenue. Appearing on behalf of the project were Jul Ouattara, and Matthew Aro, representing Africa Restaurant and Lounge. Rebecca Cnare gave an introduction to the project and, on behalf of the staff team, recommended approval noting details of the proposed renovation of the existing masonry building's façade. Also appearing on the item was Matthew Aro, architect, providing additional details on the façade improvement. Following the presentation the Commission questioned the proposed replacement of lower windows adjacent to the grade of the existing public sidewalk, recommending consideration of bullet-proof glass. Aro noted that the windows would be recessed to diminish concerns about vandalism.

ACTION:

On a motion by Wagner, seconded by Harrington, the Urban Design Commission **ACCEPTED** the report of the Façade Grant Team. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (7-0).

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 5, 5, 6, 6.5, 7 and 7.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 2701 Atwood Avenue

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5
	-	6	-	-	-	-	7	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6
	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	5

General Comments:

- Nice improvements for high visibility corner.
- Nice tweaks.
- Very good.
- Nice changes! Glad to see this area and building improved.