

AGENDA # 10

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: September 19, 2007
TITLE: 420/440 Henry Mall – Public Building. 8 th Ald. Dist.	REFERRED:
	REREFERRED:
	REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: September 19, 2007	ID NUMBER:

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

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of September 19, 2007, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** on a public building located at 420/440 Henry Mall. Appearing on behalf of the project was Gary Brown. David Black of Flad and Associates appeared to present details on

The project provides for an addition to the 1912 and 1937 Biochemistry building, combined with the demolition of the 1956 and 1985 biochemistry building additions. The project includes the adjacent Agriculture Journalism building and the 1912/1937 Biochemistry buildings to be restored, with the integration of the biochemistry buildings with the new addition. Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Like overall massing but want to see terra cotta atop the building, not the bland upper treatment.
- Like the project a lot. Lots of good moves, fits in aesthetically and functionally but concerned with spaces on the ground being pedestrian friendly and shaded. Make those spaces as soft as you can get way with.
- Think the project's great, make the biochemistry mall and plaza have an accessible route without going through the building.
- Adjust the fabric weave effect atop the new addition to be more prominent, especially on the east elevation.
- Great job, especially preserving the older buildings, but attempt to preserve the roofline of the 1912 and 1937 Biochemistry building which is not there with the current design as proposed.

ACTION:

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

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, 8, 8 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	info
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	info only 9
	6	7	-	-	-	7	8	7
	7	8	-	-	-	8	8	8
	8	8	-	-	-	8	-	8
	8	7	-	-	-	8	8	7

General Comments:

- Fascinated by “terra cotta baguettes” as building material. Restoration of 1937 BioChem building is appreciated, would like to hear more about 1912 facadectomy next time. Urge consideration of LEEDS certification/standards.
- Really exemplary conceptual design.
- Contextual approach and development is exemplary.