

AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: June 28, 2006
TITLE: 8202 Mid-Town Road – PUD(SIP), Veterinary Facility. 1 st Ald. Dist. (03198)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: June 28, 2006	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Lou Host-Jablonski, Acting Chair; Ald. Noel Radomski, Lisa Geer, Bruce Woods, Michael Barrett, Todd Barnett, Robert March.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of June 28, 2006, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL** of a PUD(SIP) for a veterinary facility located at 8202 Mid-Town Road. Appearing on behalf of the project were Josh Johnson, Steven Ziegler, Dave Edinger and John Silbernagel. In response to the Commission's previous concerns on the project, the modified plans featured the following:

- An exit doorway at the corner of the building abutting its Mid-Town Road and Waldorf Boulevard frontages has been enhanced with the creation of a two-story glass stair element extending down to the ground floor level, featuring a walkway extension from the public sidewalk along both street frontages, along with the addition of horizontally oriented sunscreen canopies over the glass stairwell, as well as over horizontal window banding on the building's Mid-Town Road elevation, along with incorporation of vertical screens along bands of horizontal windows along the building's Waldorf Boulevard frontage.
- Aside from the extension of a walkway path to a more enhanced doorway at the ground floor level at the corner, the landscape plan has been modified to provide for extensive landscape plantings that enhance the pedestrian experience.
- The prairie maintenance plan is still under development and will incorporate previous suggestions regarding the prairie mix and is requested to return to staff for approval.

Following the presentation of the revised plans, the Commission noted that the issue in addressing the corner with the building with the options as presented were an improvement. The Commission noted that there was a basic constraint between the given function of the building and what could be provided relevant to its orientation and activation of the street corner.

ACTION:

On a motion by March, seconded by Geer, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-1) with Barrett voting no. The motion required that the applicant submit the prairie maintenance plan to staff for final approval.

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 4, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7 and 8.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 8202 Mid-Town Road

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	4	3	7	6	5	3	3	4
	7	7	8	-	-	-	7	7
	8	6	8	-	5	5	6	6
	7	7	7	6	-	7	7	7
	8	7	8	7	-	7	6	7
	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
	8	7	9	8	-	8	8	8

General Comments:

- Very bunker-like – it kills what should be a lively corner.
- Good overall LEEDS designed site and building.
- Corner improved. A nice facility.