

## AGENDA # 9

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> June 4, 2008
TITLE: 829 North Thompson Drive – Public Building Well 29 Addition. 17 <sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist. (10703)	<b>REFERRED:</b> <b>REREFERRED:</b> <b>REPORTED BACK:</b>
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	<b>ADOPTED:</b> <b>POF:</b>
DATED: June 4, 2008	<b>ID NUMBER:</b>

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

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of June 4, 2008, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a public building, in addition to Well 29 located at 829 North Thompson Drive. Appearing on behalf of the project were Al Larson, John Kneer and Karl E. Hokanson, all representing the Madison Water Utility. Prior to the presentation staff noted that the project provides for an addition to a public building for the City of Madison Water Utility Well No. 29. The addition was necessitated due to issues with recently discovered contamination that provide for the discoloration of water. The addition will house filters to improve the water quality. Al Larson, representing the City of Madison Water Utility, spoke to the neighborhood process centered around approval of the addition with Carl Hokanson and John Kneer providing details on the overall site and building elevation details. Focus and emphasis the additions, construction, and architecture matching all existing materials as part of its extension off the east elevation along with provisions for internal day lighting.

Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Architecture fine.
- Relative to landscaping on the retaining wall have a couple of non-arborvitae pockets that stray from the hedge so it doesn't completely follow the wall.
- Need to maintain/mow the proposed prairie and have a maintenance plan.

### **ACTION:**

On a motion by Barnett, seconded by Ferm, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (7-0). The motion required the address of the above-stated concerns and the following:

- Drinking fountain should be provided to be located just off of the pavement adjacent to the public walkway to be reviewed and approved by staff.

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, 6, 6, 6, 7 and 7.5.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 829 North Thompson Drive**

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
<b>Member Ratings</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	6	6	6	-	6	6	6	6
	-	5	5	5	-	-	-	5
	7.5	7.5	-	-	-	-	7.5	7.5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
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General Comments:

- Building OK but only needed because of problems with well and need for filter.
- Fine architecture in a nice civic improvement. Water Utility buildings should always have outdoor bubblers.
- Straightforward, simple.