

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: April 27, 2011
TITLE: The Madison Sustainability Plan. (21481)	REFERRED:
	REREFERRED:
	REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: William A. Fruhling, Acting Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: April 27, 2011	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Marsha Rummel, Mark Smith, Dawn O’Kroley, Todd Barnett, Richard Slayton, John Harrington, R. Richard Wagner, and Melissa Huggins.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of April 27, 2011, the Urban Design Commission **APPROVED** the Madison Sustainability Plan with comments as listed below. Appearing on behalf of the project was Lou Host-Jablonski, representing the Sustainable Design & Energy Committee. Host-Jablonski gave an overview stating that it builds on the 2005 plan that focused on City facilities and operations, and noting that those government-oriented changes have all been exceeded. This plan looks at the City in broader terms. It focuses on accountability on issues within three broad categories dealing with the environment, economic prosperity, and social capital and community health. Within those categories there are specific goals to address bigger visions with timelines and funding.

Huggins asked if this plan is an “adjunct” to the Comprehensive Plan. Host-Jablonski replied that that is unknown at this time. O’Kroley asked about tying this plan to the Zoning Code rewrite. Host-Jablonski replied that this is happening simultaneously with some of the Sustainability Plan reflected in the Zoning Code. Harrington stated he would like to see the urban forest items separated and strengthened. Rummel inquired about zero net energy projects and how to reach that point. Host-Jablonski listed renewable resources, high-efficiency mechanicals, European-style ventilation systems and landscaping as potential tools to achieve zero net energy buildings. Rummel suggested itemizing these within the plan. Wagner inquired how the plan relates to City policies such as reducing sprawl by 25%. He feels there are policy issues within the plan that are not clear at this point. Host-Jablonski stated that quality density and urban environments need to be comprehensively approached and this document is a piece of the community dialog. Several members noted the need to educate the public on this plan.

ACTION:

On a motion by Huggins, seconded by Rummel, the Urban Design Commission **APPROVED** the plan. 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 6, 7 and 7.5.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: Madison Sustainability Plan

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

General Comments:

- Bravo!
- Great! More consistency in detail. Separate out urban forest.
- Temporary use – seems OK.