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UDC members and Marsha -

Bah. Bleh. Ugh. This does not rise to the standards of either what this neighborhood deserves or what the site should support.

Too much surface parking. What a waste. This is a prime site in a very desirable neighborhood, and what are we using it for? Surface parking? No. Reject that.

Lack of green space. This is a large lot, so there is plenty of space to put in public space and green areas. The residential units seem to have zero green space. Patios? Common lawns? Pocket park? No, none of that seems to be there. Not acceptable.

Most of the landscaping seems to be the small bits of plantings surrounding the UW clinic. Not really a place to walk the dog or throw a Frisbee, or even sit to watch the world go by.

Even the clinic - which seems to be a relatively attractive architecture, and does indeed have an entrance on E Washington - is a waste of a prominent corner. This is the anchor for the entire quadrant of this very large intersection, and yet it is not a neighborhood-oriented, or even a regional amenity. Fortunately, there is glass, plantings, and an entrance, but it's still a single-use, daytime-only building. This could be an apartment, restaurant, retail, or even a public plaza, and it would be a better use for the visibility of the corner.

Perhaps because the rest of the uses are not fleshed out, but it just looks like a bunch of boxes plunked down around a big parking lot, placed there to show that there has been minimal thought to anything except the clinic.

I'm not happy with the street presence of the new UW GI clinic development at Whitney and University, and this looks much the same. This is a prominent neighborhood, and a very large, prominent site with enormous potential, and the plans submitted completely squander the opportunities.

Go back to the drawing board. This doesn't look anything like what should be on that site.

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