

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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**REPORT OF:** URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION      **PRESENTED:** August 7, 2013

**TITLE:** 1613 North Sherman Avenue – Well No. 7  
Reconstruction Project. 12<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist.  
(30033)      **REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

**AUTHOR:** Alan J. Martin, Secretary      **ADOPTED:**      **POF:**

**DATED:** August 7, 2013      **ID NUMBER:**

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Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Richard Slayton, Dawn O’Kroley, Melissa Huggins, Henry Lufler, Tom DeChant and Cliff Goodhart.

**SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of August 7, 2013, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of the Well No. 7 reconstruction project located at 1613 North Sherman Avenue. Appearing on behalf of the project were Andy Mullendore and Rad Hawkes, both representing Madison Water Utility. The team addressed the Commission’s comments on the project from its previous review, noting the following:

- Six-panel doors have been simplified (the neighborhood wanted to know where the front door is).
- The louver has been narrowed a little bit, while trying to still keep some width there to prevent trouble with the air flow.
- In terms of landscaping, natural bark mulch will be used, and plantings are now grouped more than being linear.

Stone mulch could be used at the entryways only. It was suggested that Thuja Verbatim “Spring Grove” may be more appropriate because it has a bit more open forum.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by Huggins, seconded by DeChant, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-0). The motion provided for the use of bark mulch with stone only at entryways with no weed barrier.

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 rating for this project is 6.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 1613 North Sherman Avenue**

	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	7	6	-	-	-	-	-

General Comments:

- Like this building, nice links, proportion, composition and materials.