

AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

PRESENTED: April 10, 2019

TITLE: 4920 Femrite Drive – Construction of a
New Office/Shop Building Located in
UDD No. 1. 16th Ald. Dist. (54430)

REFERRED:

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REPORTED BACK:

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ADOPTED:

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DATED: April 10, 2019

ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Lois Braun-Oddo, Cliff Goodhart, Tom DeChant, Shane Bernau, Craig Weisensel, Jessica Klehr and Christian Harper.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of April 10, 2019, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a new office/shop building located at 4920 Femrite Drive in UDD No. 1. Registered in support of the project were Aaron Falkosky, Travis Leeser and Anthony Adams.

The team addressed the Commission's previous comments on the project to enhance the front entrance and add landscaping. They have made small changes to the driveway entrance with the previous site plan showing direct entrance to Femrite Drive now connecting to an existing shared driveway. There will be landscaping along the street frontage in the front of the building as well as in the parking areas. They added a proposed location for a/c units on the east side and added a trash enclosure on the north side of the drive aisle that will be screened with some evergreen shrubs and a cedar board fence. They've mixed in canopy trees along the street frontage with deciduous shrubs and added a canopy closer to the building. Three dark platinum LED lights are proposed on the west side of the building to be facing downward, and 5 recessed lights below the porch overhang. They made the windows bigger, made the entry smaller and added landscaping to have the building "jog" better. They extended the porch and added columns in front, putting a brick base at poles and at the window base. There is a clear separation between the two buildings.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Do the enlarged windows go around the all three sides?
 - Yes, the side windows are a foot smaller than the front. The 5x2 windows are just on the back.
- You could stop the brick on the inside corner so it's just the office space that has the brick wainscot. Other than that it looks good.
- The little blue stem in front is spaced far too wide, they should be 2-feet on center. The Daylily's and Spirea are not the nicest of species, you could swap something out within the same genus that would be nicer than those. On the opposite side where you have service berry, you're left with this weird piece of lawn. It would be nicer to be one nice sweeping radius edging around the building.

- I would echo those comments. Double and stagger the little blue stems in and out, it will look much better. Happy Returns is a better Daylily genus.

ACTION:

On a motion by Weisensel, seconded by Braun-Oddo, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (7-1) with Goodhart voting no. The motion for approval provided for the following:

- Stop the brick base on the inside corner of the office area.
- Incorporate landscape changes:
 - Space Little Blue Stem at 2-feet on center and stagger in/out.
 - Swap out Daylily and Spirea with something else, suggest Happy Returns.
 - ABS Serviceberry – bring edging around the area closest to the building and fill with Blue Stem.