

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

PRESENTED: August 22, 2012

TITLE: 5702 Femrite Drive – Site of a Public Building and Parking Lot Expansion in UDD No. 1 as part of the Madison Police Training Facility. 16th Ald. Dist. (19544)

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary

ADOPTED:

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DATED: August 22, 2012

ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Richard Slayton, Marsha Rummel, Dawn O’Kroley, John Harrington, Cliff Goodhart, Dawn O’Kroley and Melissa Huggins.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of August 22, 2012, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a parking lot expansion located at 5702 Femrite Drive for the Madison Police Training Facility. Appearing on behalf of the project were Randall Wiesner and Kay Schindel, representing City Engineering; and Tom Snyder, representing Madison Police. Wiesner presented details for the expansion of the Madison Police Department Training Center parking lot from 74 surface parking stalls to 135 stalls adjacent to a floodway area and delineated wetland boundary, and spoke to issues regarding stormwater management, protection of adjacent wetlands and floodways, as well as on-site retention and treatment of runoff and sediments. He noted the additional parking was necessitated by the heavy use of the facility for police training programs, not only by Madison and Dane County but also statewide. Officer Snyder spoke to the need for more parking based on existing and expanded programming with Schindel speaking to issues relevant to parking lot lighting design, location and fixtures. Concerns were expressed with the continued lack of landscaping and screening within the expanded surface parking lot by the Commission. Officer Snyder noted the need to maintain the parking lot with a minimal amount of barriers to facilitate ongoing training exercises and staging. Staff noted that the original parking lot as designed as reluctantly approved by the Commission as a concession to support this activity, where additional landscaping amenities were required peripheral to the parking lot as an acceptable option; the enlarged parking lot maintains this premise.

ACTION:

On a motion by Huggins, seconded by DeChant, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-1) with Slayton voting no.

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 and 6.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 5702 Femrite Drive

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	5	-	6	-	-	-	6	6
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-
	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

General Comments:

- Lack of landscape islands justified given MPD training requirements.
- Understand desire for “clear” parking area for instruction, but unrelieved asphalt is ugly.