

# URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

November 20, 2024



**Agenda Item #:** 5

**Project Title:** 825 W Badger Road - Public Building, Exterior Modifications and Building Addition in Urban Design District (UDD) 7. (District 14)

**Legistar File ID #:** 85973

**Members Present:** Shane Bernau, Chair; Jessica Klehr\*, Russell Knudson, Harry Graham, David McLean, and Anina Mbiliyi

**Prepared By:** Jessica Vaughn, AICP, UDC Secretary

\*Klehr was recused on this item.

## Summary

At its meeting of November 20, 2024, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of exterior modifications and building addition to a public building in Urban Design District (UDD) 7 located at 825 W Badger Road. Registered and speaking in support was Kirk Keller. Registered in support and available to answer questions were Adam Watkins, Fred Brechlin, and Garret Perry.

### Summary of Commission Discussion and Questions:

The Commission inquired about the electrical room, and the second-floor corridor to the drop-in area. The Chair noted the Commission's purview is primarily limited to the exterior design of buildings; it does not extend to the design of interior spaces unless those uses manifest themselves in the exterior design of a building, which does not seem to be the case here.

The Commission noted that the north elevation is very busy. The stepback takes away from the canopy and could benefit from simplification.

The Commission remarked this is a nice job with an existing building and inquired if the existing brick and mortar was cleaned in order to match the new brick. The applicant responded that in the sunlight it felt like they were getting a close match to true, and that it will all be cleaned with this remodel.

The Commission inquired about how the detention basins work together. The applicant replied that they have to hold a certain amount of water on the site without underground storage areas. The northeast corner is truly designed for meeting the City's stormwater management requirements. The other two areas are low spots between sidewalks to collect water that goes into the storm sewer, and that they could be a similar seed mix.

The Commission appreciated the amount and simple organization of the planting plan, it's nice, restrained, and helps ground the architecture and site together.

The Commission noted this is a very successful and incredibly interesting reuse of a building.

## Action

On a motion by Knudson, seconded by Graham, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (5-0).