

AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: August 12, 2015
TITLE: 4114 Donald Drive – School Building, Addition and Renovation to Sandburg Elementary School. 17 th Ald. Dist. (39394)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: August 12, 2015	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Dawn O’Kroley, Tom DeChant, John Harrington, Cliff Goodhart, Richard Slayton and Lois Braun-Oddo.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of August 12, 2015, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL** of an addition and renovation to Sandburg Elementary School located at 4114 Donald Drive. Appearing on behalf of the project were Steve Kieckhafer and Rick Hopke, representing the Madison Metropolitan School District. The proposed addition is primarily classrooms and gymnasium space. They have two predominantly volumes with the addition off the east side of the building, tucked within off the main street of Donald Drive. It is the principal’s desire to have this as a community building with the majority of it being open to the public. The banding of the existing building will continue with the same vocabulary of a high band on top of the windows and doorways, with a brick base below.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- Have you considered orienting the metal panels horizontally like the rest of the school building?
 - I did but I wanted it to look like more of a solid mass or cap rather than a very horizontal element of this. The cap is at an angle to somewhat replicate the existing building.
- If you did run horizontally it would be subtle but would still read as a mass.
- That horizontal might read more solid as a composition with the whole school.

ACTION:

On a motion by Goodhart, seconded by Harrington, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-0). The motion provided that the applicant look at orienting the metal panel horizontally, and that a landscape plan must be submitted for final approval.

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 4.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 4114 Donald Drive

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	5	4	-	-	-	4	4	4

General Comments:

- Landscape plan is missing from packages. Entry sequences are poor. Packages are incomplete and must be submitted one week before Urban Design Commission presentation.
- Documentation needs to be complete, consistent and accurate!