

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** January 27, 2021

**TITLE:** 7102 U.S. Highway 12 & 18 - Advisory Recommendation for an Amended Planned Development (GDP-SIP) for Rodefild Landfill to Allow a Vertical Expansion of the East "Hill" of the Landfill. 16th Ald. Dist. (63427)

**REFERRED:**

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**REPORTED BACK:**

**AUTHOR:** Janine Glaeser, Secretary

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

**DATED:** January 27, 2021

**ID NUMBER:**

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

**SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of January 27, 2021, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of an Amended Planned Development (GDP-SIP) for Rodefild Landfill to allow a vertical expansion of the east "hill" of the landfill. Registered and speaking in support were Allison Rathsack and John Welch, representing Dane County Waste & Renewables; Betsy Powers, representing SCS Engineers; and Christopher Sina, representing Saiki Design.

- The final grading of the hill, will it look so pyramid-like?
  - It is currently designed to maximize the amount of approved air space. That being said the top 15-feet or so doesn't add that much volume so we are receptive to softening that peak as a condition of approval.
- I would suggest doing so.
- I read the page that assessed the current plantings and the proposed plantings, it looks well thought out as far as using the combination of different types of plants, their eventual height in combination with the topography to maximize the blockage of views. But in going over the survey of plantings from several years back I noticed that the Crabapples seem to be in poor or bad condition, they're not particularly long-lived trees and without routine care and pruning they tend to go downhill fairly fast. You have quite a few proposed going forward, can someone address why we're putting flowering Crabs when the previous plantings have fallen into a rather sad state?
  - Including the Crabs was largely a function of working within the existing plant palette. Under the assumption that as the other things fill in it would be OK if these faded away. In some areas we have plants that might colonize like Dogwood and Aspen to make a dynamic planting over time. We have no issues whatsoever with finding a substitute for something that can be more naturalized and long-lived.
- I'm not saying it's a non-starter, I just have concern that there might be something the funds are better spent on, but as a place holder for a while they might be acceptable. I'll defer to your choices.

- Clarification from the development team: I see 10 70 as one of the top grade lines, where would that peak be leveled off?
- Slide 17 shows a nice crosscut.
  - There's flexibility at what elevation we start to flatten that off. It would never be that pointed.
  - We had some previous discussions, right around 10-15 feet, we could probably lower that.
- Are we assuming that this request on the peak isn't changing capacity of the landfill?
- It's modest is my understanding.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by Harper, seconded by DeChant, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (8-0). The motion provided for the following:

- A more rounded more natural peak of the landfill.
- Consideration of possible changes for the flowering Crab trees.