

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: March 12, 2008
TITLE: Lots 48, 49 and 50, Second Addition to Truax Air Park West – Public Building, MATC Center for Human and Protective Services Education. 15 th Ald. Dist. (09452)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: March 12, 2008	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Lou Host-Jablonski, Marsha Rummel, Bonnie Cosgrove, Jay Ferm, Richard Slayton, Bruce Woods and Richard Wagner.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of March 12, 2008, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a public building located on Lots 48, 49 and 50, Second Addition to Truax Air Park West, MATC Center for Human and Protective Services Education. Appearing on behalf of the project were Michael Gordon, representing Rifken Development; and Martin Rifken. The project provides for the development of a “protected services center” that will house the MATC’s programs for law enforcement, fire and EMS training, in addition to City fire and police department’s training facilities. The site is located at the entry to the airport between Packers Avenue and Pankratz Street south of International Lane. The plans as presented provide for the development of a 70,500 square foot building, including classrooms, labs, offices, a lecture hall, firing range and a garage for training facilities. A single-story wing connects to a larger two-story component of the building; it will accommodate apparatus garage, fire and related spaces. Michael Gordon architect presented details of the building’s mass as it relates to site development provisions. Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Provide a discussion on green issues beyond elongation of the east-west elevation, utilization of a white roof and provisions for on-site detention.
- Encourage the applicant since this is a public building to take heed on green issues.
- Relevant to the green island off of the north elevation, enlarge the northwest and tree island in combination with elimination of the southerly drive aisle to move and to align with the main circulation drive.
- Need more detailing on the shooting range portion of the building.
- The building massing is OK but shooting range needs daylighting, use of natural light, clear glazing.
- Connection between the two-story and one-story elements needs work.
- Auditorium at corner should be reoriented to activate and be a signature piece.
- Look at a TDM plan to provide details as to parking level issues.
- Look at providing an outdoor space for students.
- Connect the east and west center islands to create a walk to the building.
- Look at LEED equivalents and certification and incorporate when possible.

- The building does not communicate its civic role as a police and fire facility.

ACTION:

Since this was an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**, no formal action was taken by the Commission.

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 4, 5 and 5.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: Lots 48, 49 and 50 Second Addition to Truax Air Park West

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	5
	6	4	-	5	-	-	5	5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

General Comments:

- Reduce pavement (double drive aisles are not needed).
- Building should reference police and fire buildings.
- Needs more architecture. Fire and police are civic institutions, yet this building is non-descript and does not communicate its civic function.
- Entry should address street/Packers; entry to parking lot at second entry needs thought; LEEDS?