

## AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** January 22, 2014

TITLE: 201 South Ingersoll Street – Proposed  
20,000 Square Foot Skatepark at Central  
Park. 6<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist. (32846)

**REFERRED:**

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**REPORTED BACK:**

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DATED: January 22, 2014

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Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Dawn O’Kroley, Cliff Goodhart, Lauren Cnare, Melissa Huggins and Tom DeChant.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of January 22, 2014, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a proposed 20,000 square foot skatepark at Central Park located at 201 South Ingersoll Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Kanten Russell and Jaime Kurten, both representing Stantec/MSA Professional Services; Michael Sturm and Kay Rutledge, both representing the City of Madison Parks Division. Russell presented renderings, the site plan and existing site conditions. Existing property lines prevent grading up to the walls on the north and south sides. Kurten noted two drainage ditches that run alongside the park with the bottoms of the skate bowls outletting to those ditches and tying into the storm system further west. The lighting system was also discussed, which meets ordinance requirements, minimizes spill off the site and minimizes the effects of shadows on the bowls; they will go off automatically at closing time (yet to be determined). Neighborhood meetings have been held, with some neighbors expressing concern about noise. Research showed that once you get beyond 100-feet from a skatepark you can’t distinguish the percussive noise from other background noise; the closest residential property line is over 200-feet away. The intent of Central Park is a place for people to gather.

Comments from the Commission were as follows:

- If there’s a way to integrate a ramp along the bike path so you could enter all the way, choose to go part way up and watch (while as a spectator still be outside). It just seems restrained. Or forget the fence around one of the edges, and slide the bowl to the edge and make the bowl the fence. Have fun with it.
  - I’d love to create more spectator areas but we’re so pinched with the property line. You also have to have deck space around the bowl for people who are jumping in.

### **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 rating for this project is 9.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 201 South Ingersoll Street**

|                       | Site Plan | Architecture | Landscape Plan | Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc. | Signs | Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular) | Urban Context | Overall Rating |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Member Ratings</b> | 9         | -            | -              | 8                              | -     | 9                                   | 10            | 9              |
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General Comments:

- I don't get it (skateboarding) but it seems well thought-out.