

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** October 5, 2016

TITLE: 223 & 219 West Gilman Street –
Demolition and Addition to “Chabad
House” in the Downtown Core District. 4th
Ald. Dist. (41975) **REFERRED:**
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REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Jessica Vaughn, Acting Secretary **ADOPTED:** **POF:**

DATED: October 5, 2016 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Richard Slayton, Cliff Goodhart, Lois Braun-Oddo, John Harrington, Rafeeq Asad and Sheri Carter.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of October 5, 2016, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of the demolition and addition to “Chabad House” located at 223 & 219 West Gilman Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Mark Kruser and Rabbi Mendel Matusof. Kruser presented the Commission with changes in response to their last review of the project. Lighting, the dumpster area, landscaping changes, the front courtyard, the driveway and the green screen were discussed.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- I question the success of the green screen, there’s just not enough space for those to grow successfully.
- The cap of the piers should be over the top, taller than the green screen.
- For the grass strip in the driveway, consider something else, some kind of ground cover.
- The bikes in front of the patio are problematic due to uses, constraints, pinch points. Look for opportunities for other types of bike parking.
- Look at something different for the vines. Hydrangeas are beautiful but will completely take over; consider Virginia Creeper on the green screen.
- Look at the ability to shave another couple of feet off the building to better accommodate the site amenities.
- Stain the wood from the beginning; it will require maintenance. The lighter brick is OK.
- The lighter brick color is OK, but a darker wood stain on will tie in better with the existing building materials. Otherwise the Cedar will take on an orange hue that will not blend well.

ACTION:

On a motion by Goodhart, seconded by Braun-Oddo, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (3-2) with Asad abstaining and Harrington voting no.