

AGENDA # 4

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** July 11, 2018

TITLE: 3527 Atwood Avenue – Construction of a New Maintenance Shed and Relocation of Four Hoop Houses for Olbrich Botanical Gardens. 15th Ald. Dist. (52248)

REFERRED:

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REPORTED BACK:

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ADOPTED:

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DATED: July 11, 2018

ID NUMBER:

Members present: Richard Wagner*, Lois Braun-Oddo, Rafeeq Asad, Tom DeChant, Amanda Hall, Cliff Goodhart and Christian Harper.

*Wagner recused himself on this item. Goodhart acted as Chair.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of July 11, 2018, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of construction of a new maintenance shed and relocation of four hoop houses for Olbrich Botanical Gardens located at 3527 Atwood Avenue. Registered in support of the project were Mike Sturm, representing City of Madison Parks Division; and Roberta Sladky, representing Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Sturm reviewed the site plan and presented the plans for replacement of a maintenance shed that burned in 2016. It's a wood framed, steel sided unheated structure. The original shed was closer to the parking lot, however, they are looking to relocate the shed for long-term future expansion of the parking lot. Factors that went into the placement of the shed include an existing storm sewer line, a 30-foot setback along Sugar Avenue, the bike path and an existing Cottonwood tree they wish to preserve. Part of the project includes relocating four hoop houses that need to be relatively close to the main building to accommodate the expansion of the greenhouse. This is somewhat of a consolidation of Olbrich operations along Sugar Avenue. They are on a gravel pad and staked down with conduit framing and fabric draped over them. The intent is to keep the maintenance building in the background and not draw attention to it. The landscaping plan is going to be led by Olbrich staff, they have a wide variety of plants available. They are hoping there's some flexibility on how Olbrich approaches the design of landscaping around the shed. This was presented to the neighborhood and was fairly well-received; they have since moved the hoop houses closer to Sugar Avenue to allow more space for the greenhouse and for the existing Cottonwood tree along the bike path.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- What are you putting in the shed?
 - Primarily small vehicles and maintenance tools, golf carts.
- You said you intend to match the color of the other buildings? I'm not sure how accurate the renderings were.
 - It's a medium brown. The existing shed is stained plywood and will read differently. We can provide that information.

- The intent is the roof and the walls are the same?
 - Correct.
- Depending on how light the brown is, if you have a lot of debris falling on it, it might look really dirty so you may want to go as dark as possible.
- Is there a fence going around the hoop house section?
 - Yes the entire area will be fenced.

ACTION:

On a motion by Asad, seconded by Braun-Oddo, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion passed on a vote of (5-0).