

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: February 8, 2006	
TITLE: University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Master Plan – Informational Presentation. 4 th , 5 th and 8 th Ald. Dists.	REFERRED:	
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Members present were: Paul Wagner, Chair; Ald. Noel Radomski, Lou Host-Jablonski, Lisa Geer, Robert March, Michael Barrett, Jack Williams, Bruce Woods and Cathleen Feland.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of February 8, 2006, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** on the University of Wisconsin Campus Master Plan.

Appearing on behalf of the project was Gary Brown, Director, UW Facilities Planning and Management. As a prelude to the presentation on the Campus Master Plan, Brown distributed a summary detailing highlights of the plan's six goals and basic planning principles. Brown emphasized that the Master Plan would be the basis for the development of University of Wisconsin Design Guidelines as an implementation of the Master Plan to be developed in conjunction with a recently created position of university architect. The PowerPoint presentation on the Master Plan emphasized the following:

- Sustainable amenities such as green roofs, bioswales, rain gardens and infiltration areas, in conjunction with phased campus-wide development.
- Daylighting amenities in new buildings at LEEDS certifiable levels, in addition to low flush/flow toilet systems.
- The development of a historic preservation plan to provide for the retrofitting and updating of heating and cooling systems, as well as interior renovation of older campus buildings to be maintained.
- The development of a sustainability plan for the campus as a whole.

Following the presentation, the Commission and Brown discussed the maintenance of the current level of student population as it exists today as a basis for the plan with concerns expressed with the scale of some proposed buildings.

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 6, 7 and 8.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus Master Plan

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	6	-	-	-	-	6	6	6
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

General Comments:

- Ambitious plan – good to see the campus is creating design guidelines.
- Coming along nicely. More attention should go to: green roofs, rain gardens at every downspout, better attention to building the lifespan of buildings, street interaction (i.e., less attention to “security”). The scale of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery building is frightfully overbearing, lifespan of building should be 200-300 years.
- Very interesting plan.
- Very comprehensive.