

AGENDA # 9

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: October 3, 2007	
TITLE: Tenney Park Shelter – Public Building. 4 th Ald. Dist. (07628)	REFERRED:	
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	REPORTED BACK:	
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DATED: October 3, 2007	ID NUMBER:	

Members present were: Paul Wagner, Chair; Marsha Rummel, Todd Barnett, Bruce Woods, Richard Slayton, John Harrington, Bonnie Cosgrove, Richard Wagner and Jay Ferm.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of October 3, 2007, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a public building as a replacement for the Tenney Park Shelter. A new shelter/pavilion was noted as being of a rustic design to match the existing terrain and its current setting. The base of the building features a stone base with a glass wall gable end atrium treatment on the south elevation, with a northwoods lodge type of architecture. Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Provide an opportunity to undulate the apron around the building and bring more toward the water.
- Make stair to water fan out and get wider, as well as open at the throat.
- The connection between the two bridges is too narrow.
- Bring more information on the existing building and other images from the site.
- Provide relief with the wetness of the overall area.
- The entry to the attached garage may be too small and not accessible enough. Look at detaching the garage and relocate at hammerhead in the existing surface parking lot away from the street view.
- Look at best use from site, meeting room does not take advantage of best view to the west and relocate support functions within the building.
- Need to provide a real fireplace.
- A good project but the big room needs to open up to relieve darkness, need to show bike amenities.
- Looks like a northwoods lodge, need to find elements from the Park Pleasure Drive and their design elements.
- Place bike parking adjacent to bridges and make pathways wider.
- The shape of the building does not respond well to the site as does the existing shelter.
- Need a glazed front oriented toward the street side (south) and open up.
- Like upper gable end atrium treatment; also add to the north side.
- There is an existing major bike pathway that goes around the existing shelter; need to accommodate.
- The location of the grill area conflicts with the movement of bicycles between the two bridges.
- Need to manage steps at water's edge.
- Look at other buildings for clues in new building design.

- Provide a site plan of existing versus proposed, including context of the entire park.
- Provide view from East Johnson Street.
- Need to deal with building's orientation to the existing parking lot with entry treatment.
- Design needs to better accommodate the activities that exist around the existing setting.

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 2, 5, 5 and 7.5.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: Tenney Park Shelter

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	6	8	-	7	-	7	8	7.5
	2	1	-	-	-	3	3	2
	5	5	-	-	-	4	-	5
	5	5	-	-	-	5	5	5

General Comments:

- Think of views to the outside and playing with the apron width and site activities.
- Look at pulling meeting room to outside wall. Second “pleasure drive” concept idea.
- North woods lodge wrong design look.
- Good start.
- Lots of questions. Appreciate attention to this community gathering space.
- Need to rethink building and site plan per our comments.