

AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: July 9, 2008
TITLE: 520 East Johnson Street – PUD(GDP-SIP), Relocated Three-Unit Building. 2 nd Ald. Dist. (07629)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: July 9, 2008	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Lou Host-Jablonski, Richard Wagner, Bruce Woods, Marsha Rummel, Bonnie Cosgrove, Richard Slayton, John Harrington and Todd Barnett.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of July 9, 2008, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a PUD(GDP-SIP) located at 520 East Johnson Street. Appearing on behalf of the project was James McFadden, architect. As a follow-up to the previous review of the project, McFadden presented details relevant to the location relevant to the improvements for the relocated building on the site, referencing materials and color palette for the restoration of the building’s exterior façade and roof. McFadden continued with the overview of the site landscape plan. Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Move spirea plantings and provide for historic plantings to relate more to the character of the house, such as Snowberry and Spiraea x vanhouttei.
- Reduce the mass of evergreens in favor of more flowering shrubs.
- Provide for layering of landscaping around the perimeter of the building foundation.
- Correct the landscape notations to be referenced for Populus tremuloides.

ACTION:

On a motion by Barnett, seconded by Cosgrove, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (8-0). The motion required address of the above stated concerns.

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 3, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6.5 and 7.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 520 East Johnson Street

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
	6	7	5	7	-	6	6	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	5	5	5	-	-	5	5	5
	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
	6	-	5	-	-	-	6	5

General Comments:

- Add historically relevant plantings.
- Good infill.
- Landscape species need to be more “substantial” (fewer small varieties). Use historic approach (relate to era of houses).