



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 1904 Bartillon Drive
Application Type: Public Building, Dane County Men’s Homeless Shelter
UDC will be an Approving Body
Legistar File ID #: [78514](#)
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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Jon Evans, City of Madison Engineering Division | Carl Miller, Dimension IV Madison Design Group

Project Description: The applicant is proposing the construction of a new two-story building (approx. 42,000 square feet) for the City of Madison and Dane County Men’s Homeless Shelter.

Approval Standards: The UDC will be an **approving body** on the proposed building when a formal application comes forward. Pursuant to MGO Section [33.24\(4\)\(d\)](#), *“The UDC shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City.”*

The approving authority of the UDC is limited to the buildings themselves. Comments related to landscaping would only be advisory in nature.

Summary of Design Considerations

Planning Division staff requests that the UDC review the proposed development and provide feedback based on the standards noted above as it relates to the following design considerations:

- **Building Composition and Proportions.** The project site is located such that it has frontage on both N Stoughton Road and Bartillon Drive in an area that is largely characterized by larger format, single-story buildings comprised of masonry, standing seam metal, and fiber cement materials.

Staff requests the Commission provide feedback related to the overall building composition related to context, as well as design, including the building proportions (top, middle, base) and the use of horizontal and vertical articulation and/or modulation (windows, doors, architectural features and detailing, modulation, etc.) to minimize blank and long wall expanses, especially along the long western (Stoughton Road-fronting) façade.

- **Building Design – Blank Walls.** As shown the elevations, there are blank wall expanses on the north and east elevations. Staff requests the Commission provide feedback of the treatment of those walls (i.e. landscape, architectural detailing, etc.) to break down the blank wall expanses.
- **Pedestrian Connectivity.** As noted on the plans, there is a 10-foot wide pedestrian/bike path that runs along the Stoughton Road frontage. Providing site connectivity to this path will connect with site to the larger city-wide trail system.