

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** August 3, 2011

TITLE: 113 South Mills Street - Demolition of
Two Residential Buildings for a PUD-
SIP for Meriter Hospital Child Care
Facility. 13th Ald. Dist. (23412)

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AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary **ADOPTED:** **POF:**

DATED: August 3, 2011 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Henry Lufler, Melissa Huggins, Richard Slayton, Dawn O’Kroley and Mark Smith.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of August 3, 2011, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a PUD-SIP located at 113 South Mills Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Kirk Keller of Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP and Kevin Snitchler, representing Meriter Hospital. Keller presented details of plans for a combined nursery/daycare center. They noted meeting with Ald. Ellingson and neighborhood representatives with a positive review of the project. A detailed review the project included details of the multiple rooms for children of different ages, playrooms, controlled entrances at the north and south, a public entry on the north end along St. James Court, with another entry point for Meriter employees. All food will be delivered from the hospital to a warming kitchen. Five drop-off stalls will be included and St. James Court will be widened; the employees have designated parking spots elsewhere. Two outdoor play areas will be incorporated. O’Kroley suggested windows over the second floor corridor for light through the stairs. Smith thought the windows seemed very odd and out of place with the rest of the building and design. The key would be proportion. He was also not in favor of residential treatment in this neighborhood; he would prefer brick in keeping with the rest of Meriter’s buildings and the adjacent buildings. He wondered how many people will be walking to this location and how many people will be using the five drop-off stalls and driving through St. James Court. Keller stated that given the information he received from the director at the Longfellow daycare, these five drop-off spots will be more than enough for the parents’ needs. Wagner shared the concern of whether the architecture really fits in the context of the site.

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 5 and 6.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 113 South Mills Street

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

General Comments:

- Big house with funny windows.