

October 24, 2023

City of Madison Plan Commission 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Madison WI 53703

Re: 1609 S. Park Street-Application for initial and final approval of a proposed Starbucks Coffee café.

Please find enclosed an application for initial and final approval of a proposed Starbucks Coffee Café as a re-use of the former Arby's restaurant at 1609 S. Park Street. The site is currently improved with an older building consisting primarily of an EIFS façade. Our proposal consists of investing into the building with more sustainable and longer lasting materials that will improve the longevity of the building.

As part of our proposal we have had several meetings with the alder for this district, the Bay creek neighborhood association, friends of Park Street, and South Metropolitan planning council. Throughout this process we have listened to concerns, comments and input from these associations and incorporated as much feedback as possible. As a summary the primary concerns/and or comments we have heard from these associations include the following:

- **-Starbucks is not part of a workers union.** While we can appreciate this concern we are a landlord interested in leasing this building to Starbucks. We are not involved in the operation of the store.
- **-Concern on access through Beld Street.** We have worked with traffic engineering on this proposal (through our development assistance team meeting) and addressed the traffic. We are not adding any additional curb cuts or access points along Beld Street which currently do not exist. There will be two points of access off of Beld Street. One point will be from the North entrance of J&K Securities and the other point South in line with our site. We have worked with traffic engineering and listened to neighbors request to restrict traffic from entering the drive through at the west end of the property. We have accommodated that request. There will be an easement to all cross access and overflow parking between the three properties. To the South Bob's Copy shop 16 parking stalls will be for Starbucks and 5 stalls with signs indicating for Bob's Copy Shop. 10 parking stalls to the North will be shared with JK Solutions and Starbucks. We are confirming final locations for wayfinding signage with Starbucks. Signage will be submitted separately for permit/approval.
- -Competition among other coffee shops and request for more local business: We listened to the comments from many in the neighborhood and business association meetings. There were some residents against a national chain who could potentially come in and take business from a local coffee company. We received a copy of the attached email from Linsey Lee (owner of Cargo Coffee) indicating the addition of Starbucks would potentially "help" Cargo Coffee and continue attracting other restaurants and retailers to this neighborhood of Park Street to allow continue revitalization.

Proposal Summary:

The remodel of the existing building to a café will have a proposed +/- 2,938 SF café and drive-thru. Raised crosswalks, and enlarged hardscape remain in design to help pedestrians to walk up to the café. The proposed hours of operation will be from 5am-9pm (may vary on weekends). The café anticipates employing 25-30 persons with 4-6 employees per shift.

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The project plans to start constructions as soon as approved. Anticipated start will be end of the summer 2023 or fall with a finish time in the late winter early spring 2024.

Architect: Logic Design and Architecture, Inc.

Civil Engineer/Landscape: Professional Engineering, LLC

Structural Engineer: Pierce Engineers, Inc.

Urban Design District 7 Guidelines

1. Building Setbacks and Orientation

Reusing existing building and meets requirements.

2. Building Massing and Articulation

- Reusing existing EIFS building façade. Have four sided upgraded elevations to meet new branding.
- Increased parapet heights.
- Added upgraded materials to create differences in elevations planes vertical and horizontal.
- Increased glass added to front/pedestrian façade.

3. Building Height

- Increased parapets and tower elements added to existing one story structure with different vertical heights for facade enhancement.

4. Window and Entrances

- Added glass to front façade and removed existing screen wall to expose windows under canopy. Will be clear glazing at storefront.

5. Materials and Colors

- Existing building 90% EFIS has been reduced by adding storefront glazing added, brick added, fiber cement siding with natural wood look, break metal bands, and steel/break metal wrapped awning.
- Colors compliment neighbors and meet Starbucks current branding.

6. Signage

- Signage shown conceptual and final signage will be submitted at a later date for review/approval to meet requirements by sign vendor/tenant.

7. Parking and Service Areas

Reusing existing parking lot and modified per direction of DAT meeting and working with the city.

8. Landscaping and Open Space

- New landscaping meets requirements.

9. Site Lighting and Furnishings

- Proposed site lighting added with the existing site lighting.
- Bike parking added near pedestrian island per DAT meeting direction.

10. Badger Road Area

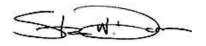
- Reusing existing building and updating as mentioned in previous sections to improve the existing building and site.

11. - 13. N/A

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,





Steve Doran, Galway Companies, Inc.