

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: September 20, 2006
TITLE: Block 51 @ 309 West Washington Avenue (Capitol West) – PUD(GDP-SIP), Revision to Previously Approved Plans. 4 th Ald. Dist. (04195)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: September 20, 2006	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Paul Wagner, Chair; Lisa Geer, Cathleen Feland, Todd Barnett, Michael Barrett, Lou Host-Jablonski, Ald. Noel Radomski and Robert March.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of September 20, 2006, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a PUD(GDP-SIP) located at 309 West Washington Avenue. Appearing on behalf of the project were Tom Miller, Natalie Bock, Jonathan Cooper and Nathan Novak. In address of the Commission's previous comments on the project, the modified plans featured the following:

- Two additional bike racks have been added at the entrance to the Mews along Henry Street for a total of 28 visitor bike parking stalls on-site.
- Provided two benches for public seating along Henry Street at grade.
- Increase caliper/height of plantings along Henry Street landscape bed. The sizes of the plantings along Henry Street, at the landscape bed adjacent to the building, have been increased.
- Added back 4 of 5 overhead trellises at Capitol Court Townhomes.
- Added storefront glazing in north face of east masonry tower. Storefront glazing has been included in the eastern masonry tower at the first floor retail.

ACTION:

On a motion by Feland, seconded by March, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (6-0). The motion required that the details of the windows on sheet 3 of the plans be modified relevant to the retail space on the lower level to align with the mullions of the windows on the second floor level.

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 7, 7, 7, 8, 8 and 8.5.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: Block 51

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
	8	7	7	7	-	9	8	8
	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	9	8	8	8	-	8	9	8.5

General Comments:

- Overall a great project. Most of our concerns were addressed. One thing that continues to disappoint: lack of stoop/ped connectivity along Henry Street.
- “8” on slight changes.
- Detailed concerns have been addressed satisfactorily.
- Thanks for a good job.