

AGENDA # 8

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** June 19, 2013

TITLE: 1750 Pearson Street – Outdoor Fire
Training Facility for Madison College. 12th
Ald. Dist. (30468) **REFERRED:**

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REPORTED BACK:

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ADOPTED:

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Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Lauren Cnare, Melissa Huggins, Cliff Goodhart, Tom DeChant and Henry Lufler.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of June 19, 2013, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for an outdoor fire training facility for Madison College located at 1750 Pearson Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Justin Lee Frahm, representing JSD Professional Services, Inc.; Tim Casper and Rick Raemisch, both representing Madison College. The current building and training facility is nearing the end of its useful life; some props will remain and some new props will be added. Two permanent structures proposed facilitate both a commercial setting burn tower and a residential setting burn tower. The existing ladder tower will be removed. The site will be surrounded with an 8-foot PVC chain link fence. There is a barbed wire fence running the west property line which belongs to the airport and will remain. The landscape plan is hindered by the airport; trees cannot be taller than a maximum height of 20-feet. A line of mature 50-60-foot trees will be removed per the airport and reduced to medium sized deciduous and evergreens to provide visual break up and interest at this location. The site will allow the general public to see how this program actually works and how the training facility functions.

Comments from the Commission were as follows:

- This is something that the public may want to sit down and watch; the public paid for it after all. Maybe there is a way to adjust the landscaping and add some benches for people to sit and watch the training exercises.
 - We do have to think about clusters of people stopping and causing traffic congestion.
- Consider adding another species of tree so the plan is not so mono-cultured.
- If you have the space do the usual off-sets in groupings of plantings.
- Have some more fun with this. Why not some brighter colors (proposed buildings and other structures)?

ACTION:

Since this was an in **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** no formal action was taken by the Commission.