

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** February 22, 2017

TITLE: 211 South Livingston Street – Public Project, New Development of the Capitol East Parking Garage. 6th Ald. Dist. (46095)

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DATED: February 22, 2017 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Lois Braun-Oddo, Richard Slayton, Tom DeChant, Rafeeq Asad, Cliff Goodhart, Dawn O. O’Kroley, and Sheri Carter. Members absent were John Harrington and Michael Rosenblum.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of February 22, 2017, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**. Appearing on behalf of the project was Rick Gabriel, representing BWBR. Primary users of the parking lot will be the residents of the apartment development (Cosmos & Spark) on East Washington Avenue. The ramp will contain 600-650 car parking spaces, consist of 5 levels. There will be commercial space on the frontage of Main Street (2 stories, 8,000 square feet).

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- Would like to see the ground floor plans of the cosmos and spark to see how it relates to the parking garage. Particularly how the exists of stairwells line-up
- What are the dimensions of the plaza?
 - Applicant: 50 x 50
- The footprint shows space on either side of the commercial space. What is that?
 - Applicant: Another stair tower
- Greening or landscaping in this area needs an indium that needs to be carried out across other parcels than just this site. Conceptual design of how landscape scheme can be carried out within this area.
- Make south façade (Livingston) feel more like part of the plaza instead of the parking structure.
- Wall at stair tower should be special wall in terms of detailing.
- Stormwater function can be a pleasing aesthetic.
- Will there be an effort to bury electrical?
 - Applicant: There’s a possibility that they will be incorporated into the project.
- Reach across E Washington to make a landscape connection
- What’s the programming of the plaza?
 - Applicant: Entry to building, both commercial space and garage itself, plaza will receive movement from events nearby, could be interesting space, important space

- 600 cars? How does the compare to others in the area?
 - Applicant: Average size ramp, smaller than overture
- Stormwater reflects history, wetlands, and could be interesting.
- Opportunity for what can be done for placemaking in Madison; or what not to do.
- Work with traffic to look at/improve vision on the corner

ACTION:

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