



Agenda Item #: 5

Project Title: 1802-1902 Pankratz Street - Addition to Existing Building for Isthmus Montessori Academy Located in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 4. 12th Ald. Dist.

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Members Present: Cliff Goodhart, Chair; Lois Braun-Oddo, Christian Harper, Shane Bernau, Juliana Bennett and Amanda Arnold

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Summary

At its meeting of November 30, 2022, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a building addition located at 1802-1902 Pankratz Street in Urban Design District No. 4. Registered and speaking in support was Brad Koning, representing Isthmus Montessori Academy.

Updates to the plans include reorientation of the theater stage due north to allow the atrium face to front the courtyard, reintroduction of some of the curbing features relevant to the existing building to create its own entry for the theater, reintroduction of storefront glazing, tying of the materials of the gymnasium on the Packers Avenue side into the front façade with some variation and playfulness in the windows while indicating this is an educational facility, and additional windows to the masonry box with more articulation to break up that mass. Landscaping for bioretention is shown along the north portion of the theater, with an open playground area to the west, focused more on foundation plantings. Masonry piers that tie in with the building design and identify as entrance gates have been added to the fencing, and landscaping will soften the fence separation between the street side and the playground, while introducing an area for bicycle parking.

The Commission discussed the following:

- On the existing school building finished floor elevation, there are squares and rectangles, what is that? Looks like all green on the renderings.
 - This is a rooftop view, that's a mechanical screen above the school with the roof walking path.
- What's the bright blue green on the wall?
 - An existing mural painted on that wall. There should be a turf area in that spot.
- Could be a cool place to include some public art.
 - I don't think there has been any public art, but as a Montessori school there will be some within the courtyard and interior spaces, having the kids involved in how they interact with the school.

Action

On a motion by Arnold, seconded by Braun-Oddo, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (5-0).