

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: August 12, 2015
TITLE: 2115 Allen Boulevard – Public Building, Conditional Use Within CN Conservancy Zoning for Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Pump Station 15. 19 th Ald. Dist. (39573)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: August 12, 2015	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Dawn O’Kroley, Tom DeChant, John Harrington, Cliff Goodhart, Richard Slayton and Lois Braun-Oddo.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of August 12, 2015, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a public building, conditional use within CN Conservancy Zoning for Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Pump Station 15 located at 2115 Allen Boulevard. Appearing on behalf of the project were Doug Hursh, Andy Laufenberg, Nik Swartz and James Kleinschmidt, all representing the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District. This is an enclosure for the new equipment required to run the pump station. A one-story addition to the existing building is proposed. Modifications to the parking lot will allow the district to bring in a truck to deliver equipment in the future. A connection into the parking lot and to the pump station from the bicycle path is proposed, along with a proposed bike station with a repair stand, bike parking stalls, and a water bottle filling station. Some site grading will be necessary for the accessible walk. Excess water run-off from the roof will go to a bioswale area and carry water through to the existing drainage pattern of the site. Native plants and perennials will be used around the bioswale area. Foundation screening plants are also proposed. Many of the design elements of the building were driven by responding to sustainable elements. The butterfly roof collects rain water that goes to the bioswale that speaks to the purpose of the building. On both the north and south sides of the building they have clearstory windows to allow for natural daylight. Building materials include burnished block in a range and a Douglas Fir soffit; fiber cement board will be painted to contrast the burnished block. The green roof tray system will contain sedum.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- Compliments to the team on a strong concept. It’s very attractive, very purposeful and tells a story on a number of levels.
- The placement of the Oak trees in a straight line is a very formal treatment in this otherwise natural setting.
 - Part of that is to leave access for the sewer truck.
- And with the spacing make sure it’s the appropriate tightness so that the accent really makes them stand out. Make sure that there’s a statement that’s complete.

- It's nice Oak but you've got plenty of room for larger scale trees. I'd do more and stagger them.
- I'd add a few more flowers.
- For what could be considered a simple utilitarian building, this is very thoughtfully designed and is really truly a public building, very cleanly designed. If the City is considering restrooms at this park, I would suggest this would be the opportunity to look at expanding this building to house those restrooms for the park too.

ACTION:

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

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 rating for this project is 7.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 2115 Allen Boulevard

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	7	7	7	-	-	6	5	7

General Comments:

- Nice concept.
- Excellent concept and follow-thru.