

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: July 1, 2009
TITLE: 100 North Hamilton Street – Accessory Building, Minor Façade and Site Alterations in the C4 District. 4 th Ald. Dist. (12028)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: July 1, 2009	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Bruce Woods, Richard Slayton, Richard Wagner, Mark Smith, Dawn Weber, Todd Barnett, Marsha Rummel and Ron Luskin.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of July 1, 2009, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of site alterations located at 100 North Hamilton Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Lou Host-Jablonski, John Robinson, Ruth G. Shelly, Michael Huffman, Lou Host-Jablonski, all representing the Madison Children's Museum; and Phil Carlson. The modified plans as presented featured the following:

- The removal of a portion of the concrete parapet of the upper level of the existing parking at the apex of the corner of North Hamilton and West Dayton Streets to provide for the exposure of the restored log cabin, combined with a more historic representation of the landscape plan and wood screen enclosure when viewed from atop the parking deck.
- A review of the previously approved exterior improvements associated with the Children's Museum renovation in context with the development of the log cabin site and attached garden deck were provided.
- The log cabin has been relocated on the site and reoriented to better take advantage of its exposure to the adjacent streets. In addition, a historic plaque will be provided to provide context to the cabin site as an exhibit.

Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Responded to previous comments including reorientation of the building.
- The safe walking path should be better identified with high visible paint.
- Need to look at eliminating stalls on Hamilton Street to make a more direct route. In response Ruth Kelly, Director of the Children's Museum noted the loss revenues necessary for the maintenance of the facility if the parking spaces adjacent to Hamilton Street were lost.
- Support log cabin placement and maintenance of existing parking lot.

ACTION:

On a motion by Barnett, seconded by Rummel, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (8-0). The motion requested that the applicant look at a way to find or provide a cleaner, clearer route to the exhibit area with staff approval.

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, 7 and 8.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 100 North Hamilton Street

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	7	9	8	-	-	5	7	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

General Comments:

- A great addition to museum - will add something.
- Nicely done – good response to comments.