

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: October 5, 2016	
TITLE: 631 West Washington Avenue – Private Parking Facility in UMX Zoning. 4 th Ald. Dist. (44300)	REFERRED:	
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AUTHOR: Jessica Vaughn, Acting Secretary	ADOPTED:	POF:
DATED: October 5, 2016	ID NUMBER:	

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Richard Slayton, Cliff Goodhart, Lois Braun-Oddo, John Harrington, Rafeeq Asad and Sheri Carter.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of October 5, 2016, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of a private parking facility in UMX zoning located at 631 West Washington Avenue. Appearing on behalf of the project was James McFadden, representing Greg Scheel.

The site has been used as a parking lot facility for decades and is now under new ownership. The parking lot is getting reconfigured to be a standalone lot rather than integrated. The number of stalls will remain at 43 stalls. The primary entrance is off of Main Street. This will be primarily monthly parking mostly during the daytime; it can be used for events on evenings and weekends. Changes to the lot include a significant reduction in the impermeable area and there will be a shared planting strip all along the east side of the property. There will be an increase in the existing lighting.

- What is the purpose of the crushed limestone patio?
 - This will be used for events, that’s a place for them to use.
- Are there any disabled stalls?
 - Yes there are, right up in front.
- The angled parking, especially on the west side, it becomes more of a hassle. I’d rather see you get rid of it. Having both sides on that narrow strip going in all directions...it’s pretty jambed there.
- You should get trees in those islands. We don’t want lamp posts in our tree islands. As many trees as you can in a surface lot.
- You could probably take those four and make three stalls that would be satisfactory.
- There is another island at the north end, why can’t you...
 - That’s adjacent to a building. It’s basically going to be a concrete slope.
- Can you get ornamental grass instead?
- Otherwise it’ll just be another parking spot.

ACTION:

On a motion by Goodhart, seconded by Asad, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (4-1-1) with Slayton voting no and Carter abstaining. The motion provided for the following:

- Reconfigure the diagonal parking.
- Place additional trees in islands.
- Place landscaping in the northeast corner of the site.