

## AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> March 17, 2010
TITLE: 7102 U.S. Highway 12/18 – Amended PUD(GDP-SIP) – Dane County Waste Transfer Station. 16 <sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist. (17126)	<b>REFERRED:</b> <b>REREFERRED:</b> <b>REPORTED BACK:</b>
AUTHOR: Alan J. Martin, Secretary	<b>ADOPTED:</b> <b>POF:</b>
DATED: March 17, 2010	<b>ID NUMBER:</b>

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Members present were: Bruce Woods, Marsha Rummel, John Harrington, Richard Slayton, Dawn O’Kroley, Jay Ferm, Mark Smith, Todd Barnett, Richard Wagner.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of March 17, 2010, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of an Amended PUD(GDP-SIP) located at 7102 U.S. Highway 12/18. Appearing on behalf of the project were John Welch and Mike DiMaggio, both representing Dane County Public Works; Fred Graef, Ald. Judy Compton, and Susan Becker-Graef. Welch spoke on behalf of the design team in regards to recent modifications to the plan noting the following:

- The Plan Commission required significant screening between the building site and its proximity to the adjacent Highway U.S. 12 & 18.
- A previous referral of the project at the County’s request was to allow for modifications to the color scheme of the building which features the use of almond, brownstone, medium bronze, wall panels in combination with the incorporation of translucent wall panels within the upper elevations of the building’s components.

Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Bring concrete base higher 1-2 feet to prevent the extent of translucent panels from coming too far down.
- Consider staggering trees but do not use conifers, do oaks not maple, do filtered screening.
- Consider an Oak Savannah with a casual arrangement.
- Too bad it’s being hidden and screened per prior agreement between the City and the County.

### **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 for final approval provided for the following:

- Option for the introduction of concrete curving to facilitate snow plowing.
- The Urban Design Commission feels that screening from the adjacent highway is unnecessary.

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 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7 and 8.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 7102 U.S. Highway 12/18**

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
<b>Member Ratings</b>	7	6	6	-	-	6	7	7
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	6	5	-	-	6	6	6
	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
	8	7	7	7	6	7	-	8
	6	6.5	6	-	-	-	?	6

**General Comments:**

- Consider concrete “base” at translucent panels at east elevation. Boo on screening.
- Attractive building, if you need to screen, do it strategically, use oaks if you can.
- It’s unfortunate Plan Commission required screening of this fine, environmentally sensitive and important, public building.
- Well done for this building type.