

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** March 27, 2019

**TITLE:** 10202 Old Sauk Road – Public Project,  
New Development of a Middleton-Cross  
Plains Elementary School. 9<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist.  
(54125)

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Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Lois Braun-Oddo, Cliff Goodhart, Jessica Klehr, Tom DeChant, Rafeeq Asad and Shane Bernau.

**SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of March 27, 2019, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of new development of a Middleton-Cross Plains elementary school located at 10202 Old Sauk Road. Registered in support of the project were Robin Savola and Mike Schnindenhammer, both representing Eppstein Uhen Architects; Sarah Church, representing Vierbicher; and Bill Eberhardt, representing the Middleton-Cross Plains School District.

The team presented design changes since the January 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation, reviewed the school location and site plan layout, future plans for a middle school, the updated parking layout with parent drop-off in front. The floor plans remain the same with some minor changes for circulation. Exterior elevation views show Misty brick in three different colors with dark metal. The base will be precast tan brick, windows and frames will be clear anodized storefront and the metal panels will be 3 custom colors in field green with a darker accent color and yellow as the returns for the windows. These colors were chosen to keep it playful for an elementary school. A dark gray metal panel will be used for the canopies.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Is there a physical connection up to Pope Farm itself? If you are going to do some joint programming you'd want pedestrian access. Would there be an alternative to climbing?
  - We are working with them to get that connection. Where exactly it will be located is to be determined. The goal is to bring students from the school over to the conservancy.
  - It would be a paved path on the School District land, and a grass path on the conservancy land, with less of a slope so it can be ADA accessible.
- Overall a nice project. Parking lot areas may be too hot for the Red Oak species, consider a substitute. Why is there not a tree in the parking lot islands?
  - It's a walkway.
- Could you consider a double wide island to get trees in there?
  - It might take away from the parking.

- Yes it would, be we would prefer the trees.
- Overall the planting plan is nice and very sympathetic to the context of Pope Farm. Maybe on the west side of the site (west foundation) it might make sense to have more tree canopy on that side to screen views from Pope Farm up above.
  - We have an agreement with Pope Farm Conservancy for a height restriction so trees don't block views of the lake or the Capitol. That's why there are no trees in that location.
  - We have no mechanical on the roof, nothing that extends into that area.
- The long driveway, is that just for buses and just after-hours?
  - Yes, before and after school. Just buses.
- Relative to lighting, it would be nice to not use light poles that clutter up the view and landscape, if it was so allowed by the City.
  - There is the possibility of overflow parking here, and for evening events. We can work with the City on that.
- The ledge on the south side in front of the library, how deep is that sill?
  - 2-feet in this area below the canopy. They are 8-9" on the other side, not as deep a wall system. The standard windows are 3'4" setback where the yellow returns.
- How do you remove water from the canopy?
  - It's a louvered system.
- Has the community or any other stakeholders commented on the color scheme?
  - Yes, we've had multiple discussions with them. We presented the colors to the neighborhood about a month ago and received no comments on the colors. This area here is looking at the Midwest from an airplane, seeing how the fields are broken up with the darker colors referencing the soil.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by DeChant, seconded by Braun-Oddo, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-0). The motion provided for the following:

- Consider species other than Red Oak for the parking lot;
- Look at making the walkway double in size for the incorporation of more trees;
- Look at alternatives for the light poles lining the long driveway.