## PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

February 23, 2022



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address:	7035 Littlemore Drive
Application Type:	Public Building, Door Creek Park Shelter – Initial/Final Approval is Requested
Legistar File ID #	<u>69488</u>
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## **Background Information**

**Applicant | Contact:** Eric Knepp, Parks Superintendent, City of Madison Parks Division | Mike Sturm, City of Madison Parks Division

**Project Description:** The applicant is seeking Initial/Final approval for a new shelter building in Door Creek Park. The proposed shelter will include rentable space for 120-150 people, restroom facilities, a kitchenette, storage, and space for Parks Division vehicles and equipment storage. The proposal is seeking LEED Silver certification.

## **Approval Standards:**

The UDC is an **approving body** for Public Buildings. Per MGO Section 33.24(4)(d), the Urban Design Commission shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City. Please note, while the UDC may provide advisory recommendations related to site and landscape considerations, this section of code only provides the UDC approving authority on the buildings themselves.

## **Summary of Design Considerations**

Planning Division staff recommends that the UDC review, make findings, and base its decision as required for public buildings. While staff does not have specific concerns with regards to the park shelter, potential design considerations for the Commission's review and comment are identified below:

- Building orientation and siting,
- Accessibility and pedestrian connectivity,
- Building design and materials,
- Location of trash and refuse area, and
- Overall landscape design with regard to screening, and providing year-round texture and color.