



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 1625 Northport Drive

Application Type: Informational Presentation for a Public Project for a Building Addition to the Warner Park Community Recreation Center
UDC will be an Approving Body

Legistar File ID #: [76911](#)

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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Amy Scanlon, City of Madison Engineering Division | Eric Knepp, City of Madison Parks Superintendent | Jim Brown, Engberg Anderson, Inc.

Project Description: The applicant is proposing the construction of a roughly 12,000 square-foot addition to the existing Warner Park Community Recreation Center for a multi-purpose gymnasium. The proposal includes landscape and lighting improvements.

Approval Standards: The UDC will be an **approving body** on the proposed building addition when a formal application comes forward. Pursuant to MGO Section [33.24\(4\)\(d\)](#), "*The UDC 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.*"

Summary of Design Considerations

Staff recommends that the UDC review the proposed development and provide feedback related to the criteria noted above giving consideration to the following design considerations:

Building Design and Composition. Staff requests the Commission review and provide feedback on the design of the proposed building addition, especially as it relates to the integration of the addition with the existing building and in creating one cohesive architectural expression. In addition, functionally, gymnasiums tend to result in expanses of blank walls, consideration should be given to the architectural detailing and landscape screening provided along the north, south, and east elevations.

Exterior Materials. The building material palette is primarily comprised of masonry and metal panels. Staff requests UDC provide feedback on the proposed material palette as it relates to being consistent and/or complementary to the existing building, as well as with regard to material transitions.

Landscape. Staff requests the Commission review and comment on the conceptual landscape plan, especially as it relates to the use of stone mulch, providing year-round color, texture, and screening of blank walls.