

## AGENDA # 2

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** August 5, 2009

**TITLE:** Adopting the Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan. (15282)

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

**AUTHOR:** Alan J. Martin, Secretary

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

**DATED:** August 5, 2009

**ID NUMBER:**

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Members present were: Bruce Woods, Richard Wagner, John Harrington, Marsha Rummel, Dawn Weber, Richard Slayton, Todd Barnett, Jay Ferm, Ron Luskin and Mark Smith.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of August 5, 2009, the Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDED ADOPTION** of the Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan. Appearing on behalf of the project were Archie Nicolette and David Kress, City Planning; and Betty Thompson, Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee. Kress, Nicolette and Thompson gave an overview of the various elements of the plan and its recommendations. Following the presentation the Commission noted the following:

- Agree with the extension of existing Urban Design District No. 4 through the Packers Avenue area extended.
- Need to provide more detailing on transit, high speed rail and other options.
- Consider creating medians that are substantial and greener beyond refuge islands; makes street more neighborly and pedestrian-friendly.
- Concentrate on making green medians, especially at the intersections of Troy and Northport Drives and Northport Drive's frontage with Warner Park.
- A discussion on safety of walking and biking provisions of the plan noted a problem with a non-address of ped/bike issues on Sherman Avenue.

### **ACTION:**

On a motion by Rummel, seconded by Luskin, the Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDED ADOPTION** of the plan. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (10-0). The motion provided support and encouragement to extend existing Urban Design District No. 4 down Northport and Packers Avenues, as well as encouraging pedestrian/bicycle issues to be continued to be worked on as part of ongoing efforts between the area's Alder and neighborhoods within the plan area.

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 5, 6, 6, 6, 7 and 8.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR:** Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan

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

- Great and necessary work. New gateway to airport needs more work/study.
- Very good plan.
- Key infill areas well addressed. Further encourage greenspace connection from Lakeview County Park to Warner Park. Encourage future study of Rhythm & Booms views in greenspace from Raemisch Farm.
- Encourage major highways to transition to parkways by enhancing medians (plantings, seating at intersections).
- Good plan, but lack of addressing bike and ped safety issues along entirety of Sherman Avenue.
- Support expanding UDD #3 to entrance of this important corridor. Address Sherman bike/ped issues.
- Nice effort! Encourage broad neighborhood involvement. Work toward expanding and completing bike/ped plan.
- Nice work – and lots of it.