

AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: April 6, 2011
TITLE: 201 West Mifflin Street – Public Building, Madison Public Library. 4 th Ald. Dist. (20291)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
AUTHOR: William A. Fruhling, Acting Secretary	ADOPTED: POF:
DATED: April 6, 2011	ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Marsha Rummel, Mark Smith, Dawn O’Kroley, Todd Barnett, Richard Slayton, John Harrington, R. Richard Wagner, Melissa Huggins, Jay Handy and Henry Lufler, Jr.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of April 6, 2011, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of the public building plans for the Madison Public Library located at 201 West Mifflin Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Bryan Cooper, City Engineering; Eugene Post, Doug Hursh, of Potter Lawson, and Eric Dundee, City of Madison Engineering. Hursh and Post gave an overview of the project, stating that the existing brick is largely remaining, and that the base will be covered with a thin pre-cast materials on about a 6-inch stone base. Other materials include zinc standing-seam metal panels, clear anodized windows, and spandrel panels with a translucent appearance. There will be an “L-shaped” green roof and the bid documents include an alternate to expand it, noting that the roof system would not preclude that in the future. All signage will come back to the UDC for approval as a comprehensive sign package.

The Commission had many positive comments, which included encouraging a larger green roof, considering not planting daylilies in the landscape planter, and exploring adding a curb bump-out for passenger drop-off in front of the Mifflin Street door.

ACTION:

On a motion by Slayton, seconded by O’Kroley, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (10-0). The motion noted the Commission’s strong preference for the larger green roof.

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Rummel, that as the site work in the right-of-way adjacent to the library moves forward that staff from the City’s Traffic Engineering and Engineering Divisions review plans with the Commission before they are finalized, with particular focus on the Mifflin Street curb bump-out. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 7.5, 8, 8, 10, 10 and 10.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 201 West Mifflin Street

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5
	7	9	6	-	-	6	9	8
	6	8	6	-	-	7	8	8
	10	10	7	8	10	10	10	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
	-	10	-	-	10	-	10	10

General Comments:

- Wow – LIBRARY – very nice! Need complete green roof.
- Simply wonderful!
- Wow! Yay!
- Fantastic.
- Study sculpture location near perimeter for pedestrian understanding of roof garden. Beautifully done.