# AGENDA ITEM # APPLICATION FOR URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION Project #\_ Legistar # REVIEW AND APPROVAL **Action Requested** Informational Presentation DATE SUBMITTED: Initial Approval and/or Recommendation x Final Approval and/or Recommendation UDC MEETING DATE: *O* / IHGERSOLL PROJECT ADDRESS: ALDERMANIC DISTRICT: \_ OWNER/DEVELOPER (Partners and/or Principals) ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/OR AGENT: CONTACT PERSON: 210 MARTIN LILTHLA KING DR Address: MANISOM Phone: Fax: TYPE OF PROJECT: (See Section A for:) Planned Unit Development (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP) Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) Planned Community Development (PCD) General Development Plan (GDP) Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) Planned Residential Development (PRD) New Construction or Exterior Remodeling in an Urban Design District \* (A public hearing is required as well as a fee) School, Public Building or Space (Fee may be required) New Construction or Addition to or Remodeling of a Retail, Hotel or Motel Building Exceeding 40,000 Sq. Ft. Planned Commercial Site (See Section B for:) New Construction or Exterior Remodeling in C4 District (Fee required) (See Section C for:) R.P.S.M. Parking Variance (Fee required) (See Section D for:) Comprehensive Design Review\* (Fee required) Street Graphics Variance\* (Fee required)

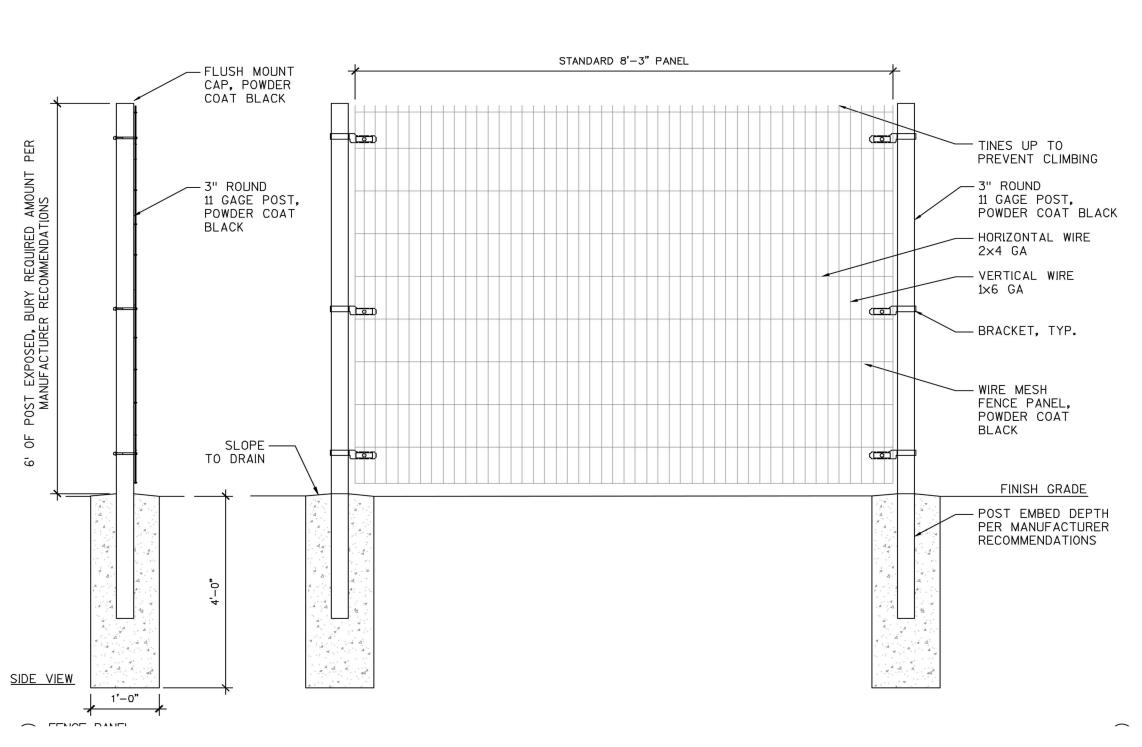
Where fees are required (as noted above) they apply with the first submittal for either initial or final approval of a project.

<sup>\*</sup>Public Hearing Required (Submission Deadline 3 Weeks in Advance of Meeting Date)

# MADISON CENTRAL PARK SKATE PLAZA CITY OF MADISON, WI PROPOSED FENCE













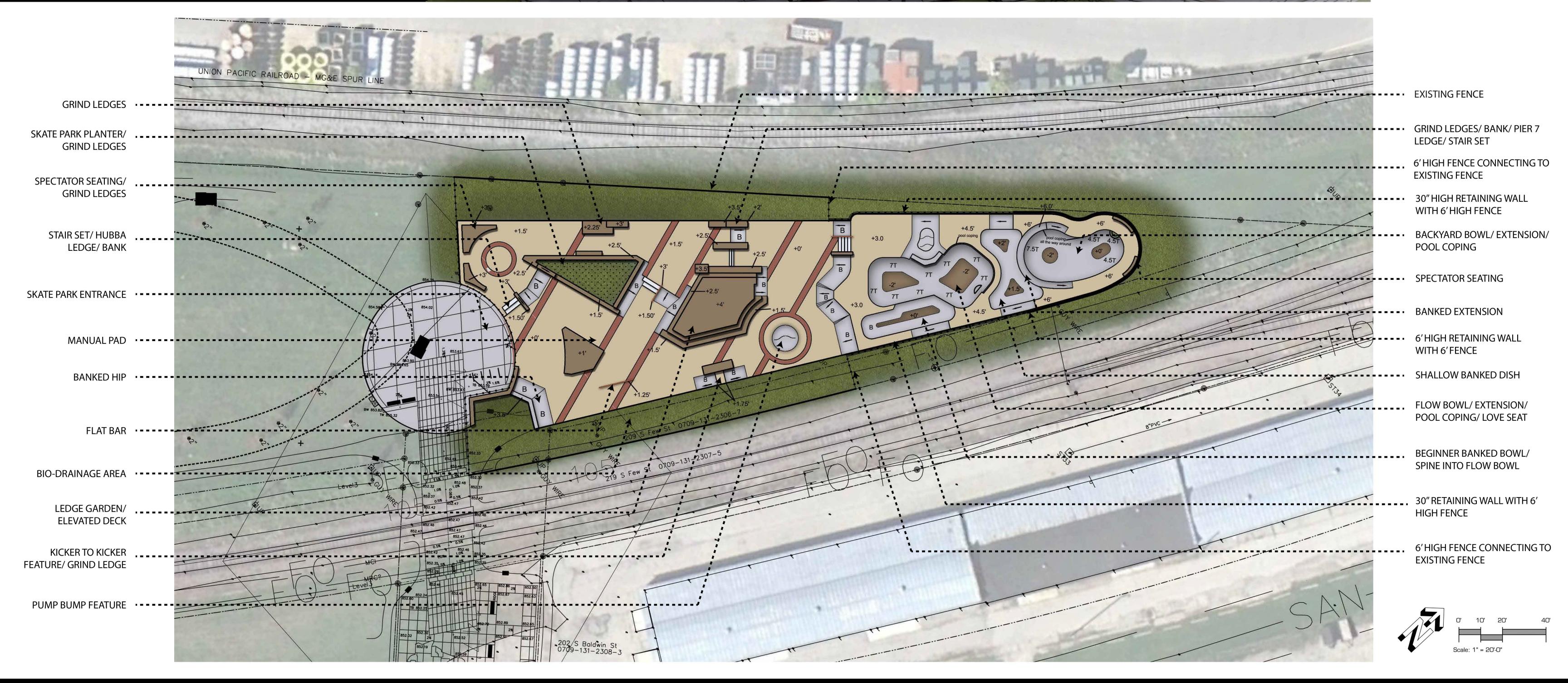




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A Proud Division of the City of Madison January 15, 2014

Urban Design Commission 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite LL 100 Madison, WI 53703

Re: Letter of Intent

Central Park Skatepark

Dear City of Madison Urban Design Commission:

Enclosed is the City of Madison Park Division's submittal for final approval of the proposed skatepark at Central Park, located at 201 S. Ingersoll Street. This project involves construction of a 20,000 square feet skatepark in Central Park.

Central Park Master Plan

In 2007 the Common Council established the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force to determine the need and feasibility of a larger park space on the near east-side of Madison. Over a period of five years, the Task Force held forty open meetings, including six large and well-attended public meeting. At these meetings, the size, type, and location of the future skatepark were discussed with a variety of stakeholders including neighborhood representatives, community leaders, and neighboring property owners. In 2010 the Common Council approved the Central Park Master Plan, which identified the future skatepark's location at the eastern end of the park. In December of 2013 a public input meeting was held specifically for the skatepark. Over 2,400 meeting notices were sent to area residents and announcements were posted to the Parks Division website and Facebook page. At this meeting two concepts for the skatepark were presented and discussed. The proposed design incorporates information gathered during the meeting's discussion and from questionnaires completed by attendees.

### Site Amenities

The proposed skatepark includes a variety of skating features to accommodate a wide range of skill levels. The design also provides opportunities for the two primary types of skateboarding, transition and street skating. The street skating portion of the skatepark is located at the skatepark's entry point and is comprised of elements generally found in an urban environment (benches, stairs, handrails, etc.). The transition area is located at the east end of the skatepark and includes curvilinear concrete forms and a recessed bowl. Seating areas are integrated into the design to provide a plaza-like experience for spectators.

### Site Access

The skatepark is bordered to the north and south by railroad corridors, and to the west by the Central Park Great Lawn. Primary access to the skatepark is from the Few Street pedestrian crossing to the south and the Great Lawn to the west. Access from the east is limited due to the existing railroad lines. Construction of the Great Lawn was completed last fall with the Few Street pedestrian plaza scheduled for construction in 2014.

**Existing Soil Conditions** 

Currently the site is a capped brownfield. The existing contaminated soils will be appropriately handled during construction. The design intent is to retain as much of the



contaminated material on-site as possible to reduce landfill impacts. The cap will be restored in compliance with DNR requirements.

### Water Table Constraints

The depth to groundwater at the site is less than 5 ft in some locations, requiring the deeper skatepark features to be raised above the surrounding grade. Retaining walls are necessary on the east end of the skatepark to provide sufficient depth for the transition skate features. The retaining walls are poured-in-place concrete with vertical jointing to articulate the mass of the walls. The associated fall prevention fence will be 3.5 ft. high and have similar construction as the Central Park fence with black vertical posts and welded wire mesh panels.

### Site Security

Due to the adjacent railroad lines, the skatepark is fenced along its perimeter for user safety. The fence style and height is consistent with the existing fence surrounding Central Park. The fence panels do not require top or bottom rails, providing a relatively transparent appearance from a distance.

### Site Lighting

The skatepark will be lit by five, 50 ft. high light poles located around the perimeter of the park. Skateparks need to be lit to approximately 30 foot candles per square foot to provide a safe riding environment. This is the same light level that is provided at the City's outdoor tennis courts and the proposed lighting system will function in a similar manner. The latest technology in full cut-off, dark sky compliant fixtures will be used to minimize the lighting impact on the surrounding properties. The project may require a variance for the proposed lighting design.

## **Landscaping**

The project proposes additional trees and lawn areas. Landscaping is minimized to reduce the amount of debris that could fall into the skatepark creating a hazard for skaters.

### Project Schedule and Management

This facility is proposed to begin construction in the spring of 2014, and will open in late fall 2014. The hours of operation are being developed, with the skatepark being open no later than the park's regular hours of operation.

The design of the proposed skatepark has been a collaborative effort between the neighborhood, design consultant, and staff to provide a positive asset to the community that balances function, funding and aesthetics. The City appreciates the opportunity for the Urban Design Commission to provide input as part of this process.

Sincerely,

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Parks Superintendent

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