

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** July 29, 2015

TITLE: 718 Gilmore Street – PD, Addition to
“Wingra School” to Improve Accessibility,
Consolidate Administrative Functions and
Provide a Supervised Entry Sequence. 13th
Ald. Dist. (37170)

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

DATED: July 29, 2015 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Cliff Goodhart*, Lois Braun-Oddo, Richard Slayton, Tom DeChant, Dawn O’Kroley, John Harrington, Sheri Carter and Michael Rosenblum.

*Goodhart recused himself on this item.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of July 29, 2015, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for improvements to “Wingra School” located at 718 Gilmore Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Jon Robelia and Paul Raisleger, both representing Wingra School. The improvements to the school would improve accessibility and increase security. This project will involve updating the PD zoning.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- On slope build-out retaining wall to create a courtyard at entry with plantings on both sides and human scale with flowering trees.
- Consider pulling out rooftop screen walls towards the entry.
- Use of metal on lower elevation problematic; use precast or something more durable.

ACTION:

Since this was an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** no formal action was taken by the Commission.

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 rating for this project is 5.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 718 Gilmore Street

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
Member Ratings	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
	6	5	-	-	-	4	-	5

General Comments:

- Just OK, no excitement here. Could have tried to create more contrast with existing building.
- Entry sequence treatment will be important.