

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** August 12, 2015
TITLE: 3344 Concord Street – School Building, **REFERRED:**
Addition and Renovation to Hawthorne **REREFERRED:**
Elementary School. 15th Ald. Dist. (39391) **REPORTED BACK:**

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

DATED: August 12, 2015 **ID NUMBER:**

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

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of August 12, 2015, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL** of an addition and renovation to Hawthorne Elementary School located at 3344 Concord Street. Appearing on behalf of the project were Steve Kieckhafer and Rick Hopke, representing the Madison Metropolitan School District. Plans call for a new walkway on the west side of the building, new classroom and gymnasium additions on the backside of the building, linking access to that new addition from the existing building. The gymnasium will face the bakery, the classrooms will face the playground area allowing for better, more natural light. By doing so, it made some adjustments to the overall circulation in terms of locating some amenities off of that circulation corridor. Solar tubes will be installed in the gymnasium phase to be able to control the light for presentation purposes since this is a multi-use room, while still allowing for natural light. Blinds will be installed on the interior. Landscaping will be upgraded throughout the site, including trees in the parking islands.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- I seem to recall we mentioned pulling the solar panels together to make more of an awning effect. Make it look like a deliberate architectural element.
- Try to alleviate that stair to the right of the basketball hoop, rather than adding stairs, trying to add universally accessible features.
- We need a landscape plan when you come back.

ACTION:

On a motion by Harrington, seconded by DeChant, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED INITIAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-0). The motion provided for alterations to the building architecture as noted and submission of a site/landscape plan.

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 4.

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR: 3344 Concord Street

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

General Comments:

- Landscape plan is missing from packages. Entry sequences are poor. Packages are incomplete and must be submitted one week before Urban Design Commission presentation.
- Documentation needs to be complete, consistent and accurate!