

AGENDA # 13

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** October 7, 2015

TITLE: 6012 Gemini Drive – PD for Multi-Tenant
Development in “Grandview Commons.”
3rd Ald. Dist. (39880) **REFERRED:**
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REPORTED BACK:

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

DATED: October 7, 2015 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Richard Wagner, Chair; Dawn O’Kroley, Richard Slayton, Cliff Goodhart, Sheri Carter and Lois Braun-Oddo.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of October 7, 2015, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a PD for multi-tenant development in “Grandview Commons” located at 6012 Gemini Drive. Appearing on behalf of the project was Brad Koning, representing Elkhead Capitol, LLC. The building is proposed to be 3,955 square feet multi-tenant retail (no tenants have been identified yet). The building materials will try to tie in architecturally with Metro Market. Foundation plantings will help soften the building along Gemini Drive.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- There’s not enough room to do the plants that are being specified.
- The dumpsters are over in this corner?
 - Yes, it’s a four-sided building so we had trouble placing them. We’re planning on placing them in the enclosure.
- Are you designating a location for gas and electric meters?
 - We’re going to try to keep as much inside as possible. We’ll tuck it in and screen it as much as we can.

When you come back if you could just indicate how that’s going to be handled.

- I’m concerned about the library site, it was going to have a presence both on the street and back towards this parking area. If the dumpsters are further into the site does that limit the library’s design?
 - The library is not going to happen there.
- Can you spare a stall and put plantings here? This is going to feel like a main entry.
- That building although also very simple has some hierarchy and the panel system is the highest element, as opposed to on your building the brick elements are always the tallest. Maybe look at one simple asymmetrical massing form as the backdrop to your three simple storefronts.

The pairing of your entry doors with the canopy as opposed to the entry sequence on the other building is the main different and that's nice.

ACTION:

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