

AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** June 1, 2016

TITLE: 4018 Mineral Point Road – Public Project,
Midtown Police Station. 11th Ald. Dist.
(43063) **REFERRED:**

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ADOPTED:

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DATED: June 1, 2016

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

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of June 1, 2016, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for a new Midtown Police Station located at 4018 Mineral Point Road. Appearing on behalf of the project were Mike Zuehlke and Jim Brown, representing Engberg Anderson, Inc.; and Jacob Blue, representing Ayres Associates. The building will consist of a public portion, reception area and secured areas. Clear glazing windows will provide daylighting in almost all interior spaces. The large existing tree on the lot will remain, the building has been designed around maintaining that tree. Building materials include light cream brick and stone, both prevalent in the neighborhood; blue metal panel and black walnut accents. Two areas of bicycle parking are proposed.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- I like the architecture. Can you explain how it relates to the neighborhood?
 - There are some rather modern homes within this existing neighborhood. The use of brick and stone brings in texture and vernacular.
- Is there any programming for the open space?
 - It is a place for some of the police officers to come out, but I don’t see it being heavily used, but not necessarily a programmed space.
 - There’s a community room directly adjacent to this, and a break room in this vicinity so they have access to that outside area.
- If you want to maintain context with the neighborhood and minimize conflicts with the Spruce growing into deciduous trees, I would make a lot of those trees White Burr Oak.
- Why do you need the second driveway?
 - The client wanted dual access.
- Extend walk to the entry from Mineral Point Road.
- When you come back, please bring pictures of what the gate/fencing is going to look like.
- The civic building on the block with the rest of the neighborhood, once you start encroaching onto that front or side yard, you start to overpower the street. If you were tucked back a bit and had your actual

entry face Mineral Point Road rather than face your parking lot, you could have a lesser impact on the neighborhood.

ACTION:

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