

## AGENDA # 1

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** January 11, 2017

**TITLE:** 2101 Fisher Street – Penn Park Shelter  
Renovation and Concession/Restroom  
Building. 14<sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist. (45519)

**REFERRED:**

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**REPORTED BACK:**

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**DATED:** January 11, 2017

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

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of January 11, 2017, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of the Penn Park shelter renovation and concession/restroom building located at 2101 Fisher Street. Appearing on behalf of the project was Mike Sturm, representing City of Madison Parks Division. Penn Park is considered a neighborhood-sized park, but because the park system doesn’t have any larger parks in that area, it functions as a community park. The shelter at Penn is one of the older larger shelters, constructed in the late 1960s and is scheduled for replacement this year. They have held three fairly well attended public input meetings on this project to be sure they were addressing the concerns of the neighborhood. The existing parking lot on a dead-end lot contains 16 parking spots. The existing restrooms underneath the canopy are not ADA compliant and would need complete demolition. The intent was to completely remove the structure, but that’s not where the public process led them. That canopy provides 4,000 square feet of covered space that allows for bigger gatherings. They will be constructing a free-standing concessions/restroom building, with the concessions portion to primarily serve the Southside Raiders organization, while also being available for other community events. The new parking lot will have 26 stalls with a drop-off/turn around area to serve both the renovated shelter and the athletic field, as well as service access to the proposed concession/restroom building.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- Architecturally the last thing I would do is put a false cladding over that concrete. I would absolutely not put in the cladding on the beams. I would bring in either a beautiful warm wood or a beautiful warm stone on your low element, maybe on the vertical face of your truss now that you have this platform stage that you’re proposing. Bring the warmth in there and the concrete is what it is.
- Watch when you demo out the restroom buildings, how you infill that piece. If you can do a nice clean demo of that concrete, the surface that you bring in to replace it, I would look at that as a new element too. Maybe it’s not concrete, but there’s another chance to warm it up.
- Is there a way to bring in some of that stone over to the base of the column elements?
- The decorative lighting detracts from the forms. Having lighting that creates shadows and illuminates the cool shapes of the building might be more successful than trying to have an over-designed element

that looks too bright. It looks distracting and doesn't seem to be lighting anything other than the light fixture itself.

- I encourage you to put in three more trees, one in each of those islands where you have canopy over the parking. You have one tree on the upper planting bed around the circle, can you get another one in that lower planting bed?
- The low grow Sumac are really spread out, so make sure you're not putting in too many. Make sure if you want to use those that you give them enough space.
- You've got a great opportunity in the center of your turn-around to do something other than concrete. There could be something really nice there, whether it's another tree or at the very minimum, some perennials.
- This has been a long time coming and the neighborhood really appreciates the number of public meetings that have been held. This park is used all the time.
- I do like differentiating the sides of the beams. Those beams are monstrous, so breaking it up in some way tie back to the restroom building; so the strong horizontal reads separately from the concrete columns.

### **ACTION:**

On a motion by Goodhart, seconded by Carter, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a vote of (8-0). The motion provided for address of the above stated comments relative to landscaping and the treatment of the horizontal beams and support columns.