

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	PRESENTED: September 6, 2017
TITLE: 36 South Brooks Street – Construction of a New Two-Story Electrical Services Facility on the Far North End of the Meriter Campus “PD.” 13 th Ald. Dist. (48452)	REFERRED: REREFERRED: REPORTED BACK:
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DATED: September 6, 2017	ID NUMBER:

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

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of September 6, 2017, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** for the construction of a new two-story electrical services facility located at 36 South Brooks Street. Appearing on behalf of the project was Doug Hursh, representing Unity Point Meriter.

Meriter is looking at upgrading what they have now for generator services. They are looking at an 11-foot setback in the back, which aligns with the stair element in the existing lab building. This will be a 2-story facility of brick and concrete. One of the major concerns is the noise and exhaust; they have an acoustical engineer on board their team working on that. The first floor are the emergency generators; the second floor are switch gears. Air will come down through the roof into the building and exhaust through an opening in the roof. There are switch gears that are required to be outside the building and will be screened with landscaping.

Comments and questions from the Commission were as follows:

- Because of the difference in heights, maybe not such a literal replication of the previous building.
- The bronze on top makes the height stand out more. I think the biggest objection would be about the stacks. I would look at anything you could do to minimize the height of those stacks.
 - The height shown right now is the recommendation from the manufacturer.
- Do you have any sense of whether or not some of these big trees are going to make it through construction?
 - One of the trees is about 10-feet from where the structure will be built. The other one I’m not sure about. It looks like there’s some really big ones in there, this one is Honey Locust, the smaller one I can’t identify.
- Whatever you can do to save them.

ACTION:

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