PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

December 11, 2019

PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address:	6225 University Avenue
Application Type:	New Four-Story, Multi-Family Apartment Building in UDD No. 6
	Initial/Final Approval is Requested
Legistar File ID #	<u>57764</u>
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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Joe Krupp, 6225 University Avenue, LLC Madison/Kevin Burow, Knothe & Bruce Architects, LLC

Project Description: The applicant is seeking UDC initial/final approval to construct a four-story, 53-unit multi-family apartment building with 48 underground parking stalls and 15 surface stalls. The applicant is also seeking approval from the Plan Commission to rezone the property from NMX to TR-U2 in order to demolish the existing two-story commercial building and construct the new multi-family building.

Project Schedule:

- The UDC received an Informational Presentation for project on October 30, 2019
- The Plan Commission is scheduled to review this project on January 13, 2020

Approval Standards: The UDC is an **approving body** on this request. The site is located in **Urban Design District 6 (UDD No. 6)**, which requires that the Urban Design Commission review the proposed project using the design standards and guidelines for that district in MGO Section 33.24(13).

Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

Planning Division staff requests that the UDC provide feedback on the exterior design and appearance of the building, pedestrian circulation, parking locations & landscape plan and comment based on the specific Guidelines and Standards of **UDD No. 6**.

Staff recommends that the Commission refer to their comments from the October 30th Informational Presentation.

- Provide an existing tree survey and confirm all trees that can be preserved. Commission expressed a preference for saving 30" deciduous trees towards the back of the site.
- Shift ADA parking stall up to 6-stall grouping to provide better direct access.
- Further study exterior building material placements and termination points. (refer to meeting report for more detail)

Additional planning staff recommendations as follows:

- Provide feedback on building material placement and pedestrian entry solutions such as adding a canopy above the north secondary entry and extending brick to ground in some places.
- Provide feedback on pedestrian site access as to possible addition of a sidewalk connection along east side of entry driveway from University Ave. to building.

