

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** April 29, 2020

TITLE: 4728 Sheboygan Avenue – Madison Yards
Block 6, Central Green in UDD No. 6. 11th
Ald. Dist. (58984) **REFERRED:**

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AUTHOR: Janine Glaeser, Secretary **ADOPTED:** **POF:**

DATED: April 29, 2020 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Cliff Goodhart, Chair; Lois Braun-Oddo, Syed Abbas, Shane Bernau, Tom DeChant, Rafeeq Asad, Christian Harper and Craig Weisensel.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of April 29, 2020, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of Madison Yards Block 6 located at 4728 Sheboygan Avenue. Registered and speaking in support were Sean Roberts, representing Summit Smith Development; and Kevin Yeska, representing JSD Professional Services. Registered in support and available to answer questions was Sean Zimny, representing Gilbane Development Company. Registered neither in support nor opposition but not wishing to speak was David Benforado, representing the Village of Shorewood Hills. Roberts discussed the greenspace and surrounding streets for Block 6. Yeska discussed the extensive plantings in the street areas and pedestrian streetscape. The 1-story, 5,000 square foot massing of a white box retail was shown.

The Commission discussed the following:

- The planting scheme and palette is good. My only suggestion is relative to the central green area, there's a lot of steps and grade change which are interesting, but you have a lot of railings. Out of all the high quality materials you're using the form and design of the railing didn't strike me as fitting. I would suggest you revisit the design, it's a vertical element that will stand out in the space quite a bit and deserves higher design and materiality.
- I like the form of the one-story restaurant. I'm not seeing where you may have utilities, condensing units or garbage. Can you point out where that might go?
 - We'll tweak plantings in that area to incorporate that.
- A point of concern, I noticed while there would be winter interest from some of the perennials, you seem to be missing stuff that would stand out in a winter landscape. No colored Twig Dogwoods, or Willows, any of the Golden Arborvitaes, much needed spots of color in this landscape.

ACTION:

On a motion by Asad, seconded by Bernau, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (7-0). The motion provided for the following:

- Revisit the railing design of the central green. It deserves higher design and materiality.
- Incorporate more winter species in the landscape plan for additional spots of color.