

From: [Alexander Harding](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Comment on Item #17, 722 E. Main Street
Date: Friday, October 16, 2020 1:32:56 PM

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Hi,

I'd like to submit my forwarded comment (attached) to the Plan Commission regarding item #17, 722 E Main Street, for the Oct 19th meeting.

Sidenote: I submitted this comment via email to the Urban Design Commission Oct. 7th following that meeting's completion. That was because I intended to speak about the matter during the meeting, unfortunately, the UDC accidentally passed the item under the consent agenda without me having an opportunity to speak. I'm now submitting the comment to the Plan Commission via email so my comment can be considered before action being taken upon the item.

Thank you for your consideration!
Alexander Harding

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alexander Harding <aearding@gmail.com>
Subject: Comment on Item #6, 722 E. Main Street - Let's make an EV Charging Hub for everyone
Date: October 7, 2020 at 7:52:01 PM CDT
To: urbandesigncomments@cityofmadison.com

Good evening Urban Design Commission!

This email is in regards to the "Electric Vehicle Charging Hub for Madison Gas & Electric in UDD."

I wanted to comment that given the busy nature of the area for this charging station parking lot, with the bus stop right in front and people all around, I think we could do a bit more to make this project more useful to everyone.

I really like the thoughtful proposal for stone benches on E Wash by the bus stop. But to keep in theme with a "EV charging hub":

I think putting an outdoor power pedestal, with a normal outlet and USB ports next to one of the stone benches would be a great way to allow everyone to directly benefit from this prominent "electrified" parking lot, whether or not they own an electric car. Someone waiting for the bus could charge their phone, someone disabled with an electric wheelchair could charge up, or even someone with an "alternative" EV such as an electric bike or scooter could charge up (provided a bike rack was installed closely for them to lock up at while charging).

Here is an example pedestal: <https://www.legrand.us/wire-and-cable-management/outdoor-power/outdoor-charging-stations/power-pedestal-2-gang-1-duplex-gfci-receptacle-and-1-4-port-usb-outlet/p/xcspp2gru-bk>

To me, it would make the parking lot feel a bit more human scale and useful, despite the fact that I walk & bike by here a lot and don't own an electric car.

I'm not entirely sure if this is an Urban Design Commission matter... But, car charging stations, by design, are incompatible with phones, bikes, scooters, wheelchairs, etc. which is why I think, especially in a busy, activated area like this right on top of a busy bus stop with a seating area, it would be valuable to provide a compatible charging station for everyone to help everybody get around no matter their method of travel.

Thank you
Alexander Harding