

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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<b>REPORT OF:</b> URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> October 7, 2020	
<b>TITLE:</b> 2143 Rimrock Road – Alteration to an Existing Conditional Use. 14 <sup>th</sup> Ald. Dist. (62063)	<b>REFERRED:</b>	
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<b>AUTHOR:</b> Janine Glaeser, Secretary	<b>ADOPTED:</b>	<b>POF:</b>
<b>DATED:</b> October 7, 2020	<b>ID NUMBER:</b>	

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

**SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of October 7, 2020, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of an alteration to an existing conditional use located at 2143 Rimrock Road. Registered and speaking in support were Andrew Inman, Josh Wilcox, both representing North Central Group; and Erik Sande, representing Madison Rimrock Retail Investors I, LLC. Registered in support but not wishing to speak were Dustin Dresen, representing North Central Group; and Ryan Huenink.

The minor alteration reduces the building in size to a single tenant Starbuck’s Restaurant.

The Commission discussed the following:

- The City prefers a natural wood mulch in planting beds, both in islands and adjacent to buildings. I can name several projects that have ignored that and put in stone instead. It may seem like a small issue but it’s an aesthetic that we have made a choice about, and it’s bothersome that it’s not being honored. The pictures here (#3 and #4), when this was before us previously we would not have said OK.
- The building materials are nice and refined. The trifecta of the cheap landscape is the aluminum edging and gold flame Spirea. In addition to using bark mulch, replace the gold flame Spirea, even for another Spirea; Tor Birch isn’t so chartreuse and strikingly foreign. By eliminating the stone mulch you’ll eliminate the need for aluminum edging.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by Bernau, seconded by Klehr, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (9-0). The motion provided for the use of wood bark mulch, elimination of the aluminum edging, and replacement of the gold flame Spirea species.