



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 4921-4929 Femrite Drive
Application Type: New Development in UDD No. 1
Initial/Final Approval is Requested
Legistar File ID # [63240](#)
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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Kirk Biodrowski, Sketchworks Architecture, Middleton, WI

Project Description: The applicant is seeking initial/final approval for the construction of a multi-tenant speculative building on a vacant lot. The proposed development includes the construction of an approximately 86,400 square foot single story tilt-up concrete building with 14 commercial units, including a colored relief design.

Project Schedule:

- The development team would like to start construction in spring of 2021.
- The proposal is a permitted use and will not require Plan Commission or Common Council review.

Approval Standards:

The UDC is an **approving body** for sites within an Urban Design District. The development site is within Urban Design District 1 (“**UDD 1**”), which requires that the Urban Design Commission review the proposed project using the design requirements and guidelines of Section 33.24(8). In reviewing plans for development in the district, the Urban Design Commission shall consider in each case those of the following requirements and guidelines as may be appropriate. In addition, when applying the requirements and guidelines, the Urban Design Commission and staff shall consider relevant design recommendations in any element of the City's Master Plan or other adopted City plans.

Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

Planning Division staff requests that the UDC review the project against the requirements & guidelines of UDD 1 and provide comments related to the exterior design and appearance of the new building and how it relates to the existing industrial context, as well as views from Femrite Drive.

Staff also recommends the UDC provide comments on the site improvements, including site access, parking layout, stormwater, grading, equipment screening, and landscaping as they relate to the UDD 1 standards. Other design items to review and provide feedback on include the entry façade, canopy proportions and windows locations.