



**Project Address:** 825 W. Badger Road

**Application Type:** Informational Presentation for a Public Building & Development in UDD 1 Additions and Renovations to Fire Station No. 6

**Legistar File ID #** [66577](#)

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## Background Information

**Applicant | Contact:** City of Madison Fire Department | Amy Scanlon, City of Madison Engineering Division

**Project Description:** The applicant is providing an informational presentation for additions and renovations to Fire Station No. 6. Modifications include system upgrades, improvements to interior spaces and additional space in the apparatus bay. Landscaping improvements and enlargement of the parking area will accommodate the larger company as well as members of the public utilizing the community room.

### Project Schedule:

- The applicant anticipates filing a formal land use application later this summer.

### Approval Standards:

Upon submittal of a formal application, the UDC will be an **approving body** on this request. The site is located in Urban Design District 1 (“UDD 1”), 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\(8\)](#). The UDC is also an approving body related to the design of proposed public buildings. Per [MGO Section 33.24\(4\)\(d\)](#), the Urban Design Commission shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government.

## Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

Staff recommends that the UDC provide feedback and findings related to the applicable standards for Public Buildings and Urban Design District No. 1 (“UDD 1”).

### Design Considerations

As part of the UDC’s feedback, staff requests that the UDC’s comments include feedback on the following:

- **Building Materials.** Staff notes that the “Building Design” requirements of UDD 1 state that, “Metal shall not be used as an exterior material for building, except as an integral part of a design of exceptional merit.” As such, staff recommends the UDC provide specific feedback on that aspect of the request.
- **Parking and Screening / Landscaping.** The “Off-Street Parking and Loading Section” includes standards and guidelines that apply to this request. In regards to parking lot screening, UDD 1 requires that parking areas shall be screened from views from John Nolen Drive, the South Beltline Highway, frontage roads, and abutting properties, consistent with the Zoning Code. Staff requests that the UDC provide feedback on the adequacy of screening adjacent to the parking on the eastern side of the property.

This section also includes a design guideline (not standard) that parking lots are divided into areas of no more than seven (7) stalls. This guideline is more restrictive and predates the current zoning code standard that requires planting islands every 12 stalls. As a guideline, staff requests that the UDC also provides comment on the adequacy of the parking lot landscaping