

AGENDA # 6

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION **PRESENTED:** August 11, 2021

TITLE: 825 W. Badger Road - Public Building,
Additions and Renovations to Fire Station
No. 6 Located in Urban Design District
(UDD) No. 1. 14th Ald. Dist. (66577)

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DATED: August 11, 2021 **ID NUMBER:**

Members present were: Cliff Goodhart, Chair; Lois Braun-Oddo, Shane Bernau, Rafeeq Asad, Jessica Klehr, Christian Harper, Christian Albouras and Russell Knudson.

SUMMARY:

At its meeting of August 11, 2021, the Urban Design Commission **RECEIVED AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** on additions and renovations to Fire Station No. 6 located at 825 W. Badger Road in UDD No. 1. Registered and speaking in support was Ryan Frank, with OPN Architects. Registered in support and available to answer questions were Amy Scanlon, representing City of Madison Engineering Division; Kevin Yeska, representing JSD Professional Services, Inc.; and Jon Evans representing the City of Madison.

The proposed renovations will add parking and an addition, a second apparatus bay for future growth of this station, an exercise room, and expand the interior functions. Traffic currently exits out onto Badger Road with turn-in lanes off Perry Street; the additional bay would be back-in only from Badger Road. Updates will improve parking for firefighters and the community as there is a community room located within the building. Stormwater management will be improved on this site, and permeable pavers will be provided in part of the parking lot to meet those infiltration requirements. They are trying to keep the existing building as is, improve site flow, improve parking and allow the addition to the west of the building. The landscape plan is preliminary showing a general concept. They are removing several trees that are reaching the end of their lives and will add new additional trees. This will provide a new identity along Badger Road with the overhead doors, improve transparency in and out of the building by refreshing to full glass doors along the front, keep the scale low as the building comes out to the street front and sidewalk, while meeting requirements on the interior to allow for mechanical space and exercise equipment, where it will expand up. Proposed building materials will tie in some of the existing brick, accent with new larger brick, metal panel to wrap the addition and tie in window systems to match the existing.

The Commission discussed the following:

- The Badger Road façade is clearly making a uniform overhead door height switch. The south elevation you're not proposing to do much with. Is the south elevation not also a fairly visible part of the building?

- Yes this is the entry to the parking lot so it's visible, but not as visible to everyday traffic, the overhead doors really allow light in while reducing construction costs. It was meant to be efficient with our addition.
- Wondering about the bump out addition form of the brick, looked like the roof was pitched, is it gone or still pitched?
 - During that phase of the design we were looking at the pitched roof and as it evolved we eliminated the pitch due to the height needed on the interior space, this keeps the mass lower and in better proportion to the rest of the building.
- I liked the pitch, it helped balance the other side of the building. But the detailing of the roof edge would want to be mimicked as well. It looks a little foreign now, wonder if the brick is worth it as it doesn't match any of the form of the original brick. Maybe that becomes a non-brick element and continues that more modern look. Or do it in brick and do the black form.
 - There is definitely an opportunity to explore what that material wants to be. We considered not doing the bump out at all and just doing a metal band around the entire building, it was nice and clean and distinguished between the new and old.
- The brick can help make this look more cohesive and less like a 2021 metal panel addition tacked onto a 1980s post-modern fire house. There are opportunities with the brick to tie it all together, this can be a modern interpretation of that. I encourage you to try to develop that a bit more, maybe not abandon the brick but look at some options with color and banding.
- I see the big flat roof, I'll make a plug for it as a potential green roof, looks like a nice canvas for something like that, as well as to help with the stormwater.
- The Birch trees, I suggest you think about some substantial long-living species like Swamp White Oak or Kentucky Coffee along that Badger Road frontage.
- I like the project, look forward to seeing it again.
- Be sure the signage is OK with the sign ordinance, it's very iconic and looks good. The Madison Fire Department has a standard shield on each station, incorporate that into the design as well when the project comes for final approval.
- Metal panel: permitted as an accent material? UDD No. 1 needs a finding that it's part of an exemplary design.
- I think we would discourage the metal to come down to the ground.
 - The intent is to have a strong base.

ACTION:

Since this was an **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION** no formal action was taken by the Commission.