

## AGENDA # 7

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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REPORT OF: URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION	<b>PRESENTED:</b> September 1, 2021
TITLE: 201 S. Gammon Road, Public Building, Renovation and Additions to Madison Memorial High School. 19th Ald. Dist. (66730)	<b>REFERRED:</b> <b>REREFERRED:</b> <b>REPORTED BACK:</b>
AUTHOR: Kevin Firchow, Acting Secretary	<b>ADOPTED:</b> <b>POF:</b>
DATED: September 1, 2021	<b>ID NUMBER:</b>

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

\*Goodhart recused himself on this item; Braun-Oddo acted as Chair.

### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of September 1, 2021, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL** of renovation and additions to Memorial High School located at 201 S. Gammon Road. Registered and speaking in support was Colleen O’Meara, representing Eppstein Uhen Architects. Registered in support and available to answer questions was Samantha Farrell Folger, representing Saiki Design.

The proposal includes three major additions to the building: a new music addition on the west side, improving the circulation from the south main parking area by infilling a courtyard in the center and creating an interior main circulation path to the center commons cafeteria, and a new addition on the east end that would improve the fine arts spaces. They are also improving accessibility throughout the building by adding two elevators, and making technical educational spaces accessible. These additions should look compatible while not matching the existing exactly (low slung mottled brick), but an improvement to the existing parameter of the building. Façade improvements will be made along the south face main entrance to look less like the backside of the building. They are adding landscaping planters, creating some interest in that face by adding additional windows, adding metal panel and large signage so it looks more like a front entrance to the building. The stadium entrance is being improved with new ticket sales and concessions areas.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Your tree species of Pin Oak and Sugar Maple might be intolerant of salt in a high salt environment like this. Maybe consider a substitute like Kentucky Coffee or Swap White Oaks, compatible in stature but more tolerant.
- There are some large windows in the performing arts, which direction are they facing?
  - They are facing north in the band room, large volume spaces with tall windows. The other ones on the Gammon Road side face west in the chorus room and the orchestra room on the south side. We’re going to have blinds there that are motorized. This building suffers from a lack of daylight so we took advantage of large window spaces.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by Klehr, seconded by Bernau, the Urban Design Commission **GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL**. The motion was passed on a unanimous vote of (4-0).

The motion noted consideration of changing the tree species from Pin Oak to Kentucky Coffee or Swamp White Oak.