



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

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Wednesday, April 16, 2008

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room LL-130 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Ferm arrived at 5:40 p.m.

**Present:** 6 -

Todd R. Barnett; Bruce F. Woods; Richard L. Slayton; John A. Harrington;  
Jay B. Ferm and Lou W. Host-Jablonski

**Excused:** 3 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Bonnie A. Cosgrove and R. Richard Wagner

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder on the pre-scheduling of future special meetings.

### SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- [09550](#) Adopting the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project Plan and the goals, recommendations, and implementation steps contained therein as a supplement to the City's Comprehensive Plan.  
  
The Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDEDS** and supports of the provisions and objectives of the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project Plan in regards to land use, design and neighborhood planning. The Urban Design Commission does not support WisDOT provisions contained in the plan relevant to fly overs, sunken roads and high speeds as a detriment to the corridor's economic, social and neighborhood fabric. The Commission recommends approval of the land use and design objectives. WisDOT Alternatives not acceptable; they are inconsistent with other objectives of the project plan. The Urban Design Commission specifically recommends against WisDOT Alternatives B and C, but supports Alternative A with WisDOT provisions requiring alteration to be more in support of the level of service (LOS) provisions of alternate modes of transportation for motorists, transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists. In general, the WisDOT alternatives don't work on the economic and sustainable basis and rationale of the plan. The Commission specifically recommends the following:
  - No grade separated crossings or intersections, sunken roads or fly over provisions; detrimental to the plan and any additional development along the corridor.

- WisDOT Alternative A should be modified to be more of a “parkway” in the landscaped areas and more of a “boulevard” in urban areas.
- Support both a boulevard and parkway types of highway improvements.
- The corridor should have at grade intersections with additional median plantings and have a maximum 45 mph speed limit along the entire corridor.
- WisDOT Alternatives B and C are fundamentally detrimental to the goals of the plan and its vision and will be a detriment to the further development and unity of neighborhoods within the corridor.

**A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Slayton, to Return to Lead with the Above Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

2. [04167](#) To adopt and confirm amendments to the Madison General Ordinances as set forth in attached Exhibit X pursuant to Sec. 66.0103, Wis. Stats. repealing and recreating Chapter 31 and amending portions of Chapter 28 and Chapter 1.

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next special meeting of May 14, 2008.

## **BUSINESS BY MEMBERS**

The Commission and staff agreed that further limitations on the number of agenda items on a regularly scheduled meeting agenda would be difficult to support (beyond the current 15 agenda item limitation); based on the Commission’s procedural relationship with both the Plan Commission and Common Council as a recommending body involving approval processes for conditional uses, planned developments and certain rezonings. The Commission noted a need to provide for more time efficient review of agenda items involving the following:

- A reduction in duplicate comments by members.
- More organized collective discussion around individual issues of concern.
- The non-acceptance of incomplete/non-substantive applications for the Commission’s consideration utilizing the criteria already noted in the application packet.
- Limiting the extent of Commission discussion on agenda items, combined with more efficient deliberation and motioning relative to consideration of an agenda item.
- The Commission noted its support for staff’s assignment of the earliest starting time for each agenda item, allowing for a more reasonable time period typically required for review of a project.
- The assignment of a scheduled break on the agenda to give notice to both the applicants and public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Slayton, seconded by Ferm, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**