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TO:
Plan Commission
City of Madison
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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Madison, WI 53701-2985

SUBJECT: Chazen Museum of Art – Letter of Intent to City of Madison Plan Commission

Dear Commissioners,

FROM:
Robert Barr, AIA
Continuum Architects +
Planners

This project will construct a new 81,000 GSF building as part of the Chazen Museum of Art to provide space for the display and storage of works of art, conservation and exhibition preparation rooms, a specialized object study & print study classroom, and museum shop.

The new building consists of a basement and three stories and will be located on the east side of Murray Street directly west of the existing Elvehjem building. A 3rd story "bridge" between the new building and the existing Elvehjem building will link the facilities galleries.

PROJECT:
Chazen Museum of Art

The project will also develop the surrounding landscape and extend the East Campus Mall from University Avenue north to State Street. The East Campus Mall will provide a continuous pedestrian corridor from Regent Street on the south to Lake Mendota on the north.

PROJECT NUMBER:
070601

The existing building will retain the 24,000 ASF of gallery space on the second, third and fourth floors, as well as the lower level workshop and storage areas. Most other museum functions, including the main entrance and a general public area move into the new building.

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The galleries for the permanent collection in the new building will be located on the second and third floor, and the two buildings will be linked on the third level permitting continuous flow from the galleries in one building to the galleries in the other. A pair of galleries for temporary exhibitions, a museum store, and a 165-seat auditorium will be located on the ground floor of the new building.

Construction Schedule: The project is scheduled to be under construction between February 2009 and February 2011.

Description of Existing Conditions: The building will be constructed on the site of the existing Peterson Building, currently undergoing demolition. The East Campus Mall is being constructed along the former North Murray Street right-of-way between University Avenue and State Street. Demolition of the existing Peterson Building was approved by the Plan Commission on January 14, 2008.

Building Capacity: 1,845 occupants

Building Staff/Employees: Total of 57 full time and part time staff.

Hours of Operation: The museum is open Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:00am

to 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm and on evenings for special events.

Names of People Involved:

Owners Representative: Russ Van Gilder, State of Wisconsin
Campus Representatives: Julie Grove & Gary Brown, UW-Madison
Museum Director: Russell Panczenko, Chazen Museum of Art
Managing Architect: Robert Barr, Continuum Architects & Planners, S.C.
Design Architect: Rodolfo Machado, Machado & Silvetti, LLC
Landscape Design: Gary Hilderbrand, Reed Hilderbrand Associates
Structural Engineering: Loei Badreddine, Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer
HVAC Engineering: Marty Herrick, Ring & DuChateau
Electrical Engineering: Dale Boyce, Ring & DuChateau
Telecommunications Design: Daryl Lynaugh, Ring & DuChateau
Plumbing Engineering: Mike Bohlmann, PSJ Engineering
Fire Protection Engineering: Jim Mickowski, PSJ Engineering
Site Utility Design: Jonathan Steinbach, Bloom Companies, LLC
Lighting Design: Jennifer Pieszak, LAM Partners
Audio Visual Design: Scott Leonard, Professional Audio Designs
Security Design: Steve Keller, Steve Keller & Associates

Use of Areas of the new building: The total building is approximately 81,000 gross square feet. Major uses include the following:

Art Gallery: 25,700 sf
Auditorium: 2,000 sf
Lobby: 4,250 sf
Museum Gift Store: 925 sf
Educational Space: 3,100 sf
Operations & Curatorial Space: 13,000 sf

Number of loading and parking spaces: The project includes a visitor drop off at the front of the building off of University Avenue. The drop off has the capacity for 2 busses to unload at a time. Buses will not stage or idle in this area but park elsewhere on campus when not loading or unloading. There are also (3) ADA accessible parking spots within the drop off area to the west of the East Campus Mall. There is also a semi truck loading dock located on the northeast side of the building for delivery of art installation materials. No additional parking will be provided as part of the project. Patrons will continue to use existing campus and city parking ramps in the area when attending events. University faculty, staff and students will continue to also use their existing parking and transportation options to the site. Existing street meter parking on N. Murray Street/East Campus Mall will be replaced elsewhere on campus under an agreement with the Transit and Parking Commission.

Loading dock access will be provided via an existing east-west cross access easement from Lake Street to Fitch Court north of the existing UW Extension Building located at 432 North Lake Street.

The project will also provide 22 inverted U bike parking racks at the north half



of the Murray mall development and 35 inverted U bike parking racks at the north side of the Elvehjem Building for patrons and museum users. Existing moped parking spaces in the vicinity will be maintained.

Square footage of site: The entire project site including the building site and all of the East Campus Mall development is 125,570sf or 2.88 acres

Description of trash and snow removal: Trash and recyclables will be collected and stored within the new buildings trash collection room near the loading dock. On trash collection days, the trash carts will be placed in the loading dock area where they will be emptied by UW-Madison trash collection vehicles. Snow removal from the East Campus Mall and the new building's access walks/drives will be completed by UW-Madison facilities maintenance department.

Site Maintenance: Overall general maintenance of the East Campus Mall will be completed by the University under a long term maintenance agreement with the City of Madison currently under negotiation with city staff. The former North Murray Street corridor will continue to be a city-owned right-of-way that will provide fire and emergency vehicle access via the East Campus Mall. The mall will be designed to handle large vehicles. Fire access will also be maintained north of the building between the Pres House Apartments and the proposed new building.

Signage: Two, ground mounted building identification signs will be provided utilizing the campus standard signs, one for the existing Elvehjem Building and one for the new museum building. A single larger sign will be provided for the overall Chazen Museum of Art.

Description of Proposed Building Materials: The new building will use many materials matching the existing Elvehjem building. The roof will be clad in penny bright copper roofing that will patina to match the existing green copper roofing. The 3rd floor level will be clad in a variety of cuts of Wisconsin dolomite limestone, which is also used extensively on the existing building. At the ground and second floor levels a bronze panel cladding will be used in combination with glass curtain wall and an architecturaly finished formed concrete.

Site paving will include a combination of concrete pavers, matching those used on other portions of the Murray Street mall, Limestone pavers, and concrete.

