

MEMORANDUM

To: Craig M. Failor – Oak Park Village Planner

From: Floyd D. Anderson, AIA & Rich Van Zeyl, AIA

Date: 12/4/2019

Subject: 711-725 Madison- Planned Development Design Review

PD #: PL201900204

Developer: Redico

Architect: Myefski Architect

The purpose of this memo is to review the proposed Planned Development at 711 Madison Street. The proposed project is a seven-story senior housing building with 174 dwelling units. There are about 125 parking spaces on the underground and ground level. The building area occupies the full extent of the site and holds the edge along both Madison Street and Wesley Avenue. Wight & Co. originally reviewed the previous design of this project and issued a memo on 10/07/2019. We met with the new architects and developer on 10/29/2019 and offered initial feedback. There were several additional discussions and design options reviewed between Wight and the architect during the month of November, with the final drawings received on 11/22, which is the basis for this memo.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The style of the architecture for the development is characterized as modern or contemporary, with façade composed of brick, metal panels, and a wood feature frame. The massing is broken up into different volumes along the north elevation with recessed bays that divide the façade vertically. Horizontally, there is a four-story base with a three-story volume sitting on top. At the northeast corner a large wooden frame element wraps up and around the corner to create an overhanging canopy for balconies at the upper floors. The material palette that is presented is a rich variety of brick, metal panels, and wood accents that will nicely accentuate the design.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Item #1 – Changes were made to the main entrance canopy based on initial comments, which we think were and improvement. However, we still think the canopy at the dining area is featured more prominently than the canopy at the main entry. Consider providing the appropriate hierarchy at the front door rather than a secondary space.



Item #2 – Another comment we made which the architects responded to was the visual integration between the top and bottom of the building. In some areas, it still appears that the three-story top sits on top of the four-story base with minimal relation between the two. The area on the north elevation where the top extends down to the ground is a good example of how to integrate the two, and perhaps there could be more of this.

CONCLUSION

After several rounds of revisions and discussions with the architect, we are in support of the design of this project. We would like to see actual material samples at the Plan Commission meeting to confirm what was presented in their renderings, but in general we like the proposed materials.

Attached are elevations submitted and comments on the drawings referencing the comment items.

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MESH METAL RAILING AND GUARDRAIL



BLACK WINDOW FRAMES CLEAR LOW-E GLASS



BLACK STOREFRONT FRAMES CLEAR LOW-E GLASS

LANTERRA 9004 DOWN LIGHT - BK





OAK PARK SENIOR LIVING 711 MADISON ST, OAK PARK







PROPOSED

PD 03 VIEW FROM NORTHEAST







PROPOSED

PD 04 VIEW FROM NORTHWEST







PD 05 VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST







PD 06 VIEW FROM EAST







PD 07 VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST





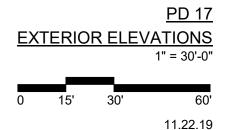
EAST EXTERIOR ELEVATION





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THERE IS TOO
STRONG OF A
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE
UPPER FLOORS AND
THE LOWER
FLOORS.



WEST EXTERIOR ELEVATION

SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"



SOUTH EXTERIOR ELEVATION

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