



University of Colorado Design Review Board Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Time: 8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Location: Bruce and Marcy Benson Conference Room, First Floor, 1800 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado

DRB and Campus Members present:

Mike Winters, Jody Beck, Tom Hootman, Laurel Raines, Chris Shears, Fawn Behrens-Smith, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS), and d'Andre Willis, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder). Sarah Brown was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Others in attendance not otherwise noted:

Kori Donaldson, AVP of Budget, Finance, and Capital and ex officio member of the DRB
Linda Money, CU Real Estate Services, CU System employee / DRB notetaker
Emily Parker, Sr. Budget, Planning, and Policy Analyst, Office of the VP for Budget & Finance
Alex Gardiner, Student, Campus of Architecture and Planning, CU Denver (morning)
Meredith Vanderloon, Student, Campus of Architecture and Planning, CU Denver (morning)
Bryn Summers, Student, Campus of Architecture and Planning, CU Denver (afternoon)
Joseph Colella, Student, Campus of Architecture and Planning, CU Denver (afternoon)

Mike Winters, Chair, determined a quorum and called the meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Study/Administrative Sessions – Board Only

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Chemistry and Applied Math Building – CU Boulder Project Update (Information/Direction)

Architects/Consultants:

ZGF

James Corner Field Operations

Group 14 Engineering

Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Presenters (via Zoom):

Braulio Baptista, Design Principal, ZGF

Kalan Beck, Senior Designer, ZGF

CU Boulder Campus Presenters (via Zoom):

d'Andre Willis, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Planning and Design /Campus Architect, Facilities Planning

Wayne Northcutt, Architect, Senior Campus Planner
Facilities Planning

Description:

Project update for a new 147,000 GSF Chemistry and Applied Mathematics (CHAP) academic/ research building on the Business Field (a 4-acre recreational field on Main Campus).

A/E Presentation

CU Boulder staff and representatives from ZGF discussed the Chemistry and Applied Mathematics project. A copy of a slide package shared with the DRB is available upon request through the contact information noted at the bottom of this document.

Staff gave an update on the project budget and the search for a general contractor. The campus issued an RFQ in late September. Staff and ZGF representatives presented changes to the building massing that reduce the overall project cost, but maintain all the required programmatic spaces.

DRB Comments

A. Energy and Sustainability

- The design team stated that there are no proposed changes to the sustainability or building performance plans.

B. Site & Landscape Architecture

- The DRB understands that there will be revisions to the site and landscape architecture as a result of the massing changes and looks forward to reviewing those changes at a future meeting.

C. Architecture

- The DRB appreciates that the revised plans maintain the overall aesthetic and materiality of the building.
- The DBR suggested an interim design workshop be held after a new CM is selected and it has priced the revised project.

DRB Action

No formal action was required.

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

DRB Retreat Follow-Up

The DRB, System staff, and campus architects reviewed the proposed FY 2024-25 DRB goals. The final goals will be revised to reflect the comments received and provided to the group.

**11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Engineering and Applied Science Building Renovation –
UCCS
Design Development (Action Requested)**

Architects/Consultants/Contractors:

HDR Architecture Inc.
FTB Architects
Group 14 Engineering
Saunders Norwood, CMGC

Presenters:

James Braam, Design Principal, HDR
Tony Mazzeo, Landscape Architect, Principal, HDR
Rebecca McFarland, Interior Design, HDR
Julianne Scherer, Architect and Managing Principal, HDR
Libby Middleton, Building Performance Engineer, Group 14
Engineering
Laura Unrein, Lead Project Manager, Sustainable Design,
Group 14 Engineering

UCCS Campus Presenter:

Fawn Behrens-Smith, Director, Planning, Design and
Construction, Campus Architect

Others Present:

Will Prescott, HDR
Andrew Schwabe, HDR
Sarah Bellner, HDR Intern
Zack Pakula, Saunders Norwood Construction

Other UCCS Campus Representatives Present:

Mark Ferguson, Campus Planning and Facilities
Management (via Zoom)
Don Wright, Planning, Design and Construction

Description:

Submittal for a Design Development for strategic
renovation and finish updates of 70,019 GSF, plus small,
targeted additions.

A/E Presentation

The design team gave a comprehensive presentation of the submittal package, which is available upon request through the contact information noted at the bottom of this document.

DRB Comments

General

- The DRB thanked the project team for its partnership during the review process and commented on the positive evolution of the project.

- The DRB understands that some elements of the project may be made alternates to achieve the target GMP pricing. **Deduct alternates that affect the design, should be submitted to the DRB.**

A. Energy and Sustainability

- The DRB understands that the project may only achieve a LEED silver rating. The State's HPCP requires LEED gold. If the project can only achieve silver, the team will have to get a modification approved through OSA. Because of the size and scope of the renovation, the project also needs to comply with the Colorado Building Performance Program. The team identified a pathway with an energy model result that would comply with the target EUI for the program. The DRB encourages the project team to explore on-site PV and high-performance measures to the extent that it is practical within the constraints of the project budget while addressing the State's sustainability and performance criteria.

B. Site & Landscape Architecture

- Thank you for pre-emptively addressing questions the DRB raised during its pre-call about the incline of the ramp, the continuous rail, and the use of Ipe in several seating areas.
- Study whether the Kentucky Coffee trees planted in the perch will shade the sculpture.
- Send a site grading plan to Laurel Raines for review.

C. Architecture

- The DRB agrees that the design team did a good job in resolving the massing and canopy at the building entry.
 - The proposed signage on the canopy looks good.
- The ceiling component on the inside of the building will be important to the space, especially at night.
- Include electrochromic glass in the project. It is essential to maintain occupant comfort in the collaboration/gathering area at the entry.
 - If fins are included in the final design, the DRB prefers the fin pattern shown in Study 2 on slide 45 of the submittal packet.
 - The DRB did not express a preference for the material of the fins and understands that the inclusion of the fins and the materiality of the fins may be budget dependent.
 - Avoid frit glass as part of the solution.

DRB Action

Jody Beck moved to approve the Design Development submittal for the Engineering and Applied Science Building Renovation, with the comments noted above. Tom Hootman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Design Review Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

(For assistance obtaining any copies of the submittal documents referenced within these meeting notes, please contact Linda Money at (303) 860-6110 or linda.money@cu.edu.)