



## University of Colorado Design Review Board Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024  
Time: 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Location: HDR, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1670 Broadway, Denver, Colorado

### **DRB and Campus Members present:**

Mike Winters, Jody Beck, Sarah Brown, Tom Hootman (via Zoom), Laurel Raines, Chris Shears, and d'Andre Willis, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Boulder campus ("CU Boulder").

### **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 (via Zoom)  
Emily Parker, Sr. Budget, Planning, and Policy Analyst, Office of the VP for Budget & Finance

Mike Winters, Chair, determined a quorum and called the meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 12:10 p.m.

**11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

### **Residence Two – CU Boulder Pre-Schematic Design Workshop (Information/Direction)**

#### Architects/Consultants:

HDR, Inc.  
William Rawn Associates Architects, Inc. ("WRA")  
Swinerton Incorporated

#### Presenters:

Christopher Kleingartner, Principal, HDR  
Tony Mazzeo, Landscape Architecture Studio Lead, HDR  
Sheridan Staats, HDR  
Lauren Perry, Project Architect, WRA

#### CU Boulder Campus Presenter:

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

#### Others Present:

Cliff Gayley, Design Principal, WRA  
Whitney Swanson, WRA  
Will Prescott, HDR  
Jade Mercer, Swinerton  
Edward Maierhofer, Swinerton  
Miguel Mora, HDR

CU Boulder Campus Representatives Present:  
JT Allen, Housing and Dining (via Zoom)  
Daniel Gette, Student Affairs  
Richelle Goedert, Facilities Planning  
Sarah Kieffer, Facilities Planning  
Amy Kirtland, Facilities Planning

Description:

Pre-Schematic Design Workshop for Residence Two, a new 350-bed student housing project in the North Boulder Creek neighborhood, regarding site design.

## **A/E Presentation**

This pre-workshop discussion was limited to elements of the site design that affect flood plain review. No comments were provided about architecture or sustainability. A submittal package, which can be found in [Attachment 1 – CU Boulder Residence Two](#) on the DRB website, *Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes*.

## **DRB Comments**

### **A. General**

- The Design Review Board understands the need to escalate review of certain elements of the site design in order to allow time for the city's flood plain review process. The design team provided a good explanation of the necessary changes to the site design. The DRB appreciated the budget update.

### **B. Site Architecture**

- Continue to study the entrance to the site from the corner of Athens and 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - How is the site accessed?
  - How are the buildings accessed? Is there a more direct way to access the buildings from the northeast?
  - What is the best approach to the site?
- Consider alternatives to various site elements along 19<sup>th</sup> on the east side of the project site.
  - Should the stairs on the north side mirror the stairs on the south side?
  - Should some terracing be added from the street level up to the walkway alongside the building?
  - Could the walkway alongside the building bump out in one place to add interest, engage with the Terrace Green, and provide more seating?
- Should the south terrace steps move to the west in order to provide more direct access to the main courtyard?
  - The revised courtyard design is good.
- Consider adding shading to the terraces.
- Explore whether the seat walls and retaining walls can be softened – can they mirror the curves and angles of the buildings?

- Can the number of pathways along the south and west side of the site be reduced?
  - Can one set of stairs be eliminated if the pathway is reduced?
  - Reducing the pathways provides more opportunities to engage with the landscape.
- Look for ways to edit the terrace walls, which could include reducing, breaking, sloping, etc.

**DRB Action**

No formal action was required. The DRB provided the comments and direction noted above based on the workshop discussion.

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Design Review Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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