



University of Colorado Design Review Board Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024
Time: 8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Location: Dig Studio, 1521 15th Street, Denver, Colorado

DRB and Campus Members present:

Mike Winters, Jody Beck (via Zoom), Sarah Brown, 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).

Meg Hohnholt, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver), joined the DRB for their tour.

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

Mike Winters, Chair, determined a quorum and called the meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 8:30 a.m.

8:15 – 10:30 a.m. Tour and Study Session – *Board Only*

Prior to convening the public portion of the meeting, the DRB toured a landscaping project on the 16th Street mall and met to review administrative matters and items on the agenda.

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Engineering and Applied Science Building Renovation – *UCCS* Design Development Workshop (Information/Direction)

Architects/Consultants/Contractors:

HDR Architecture Inc.
FTB Architects
Saunders Norwood, CMGC

Presenters:

James Braam, Design Principal, HDR
Christopher Kleingartner, Principal in Charge, HDR
Tony Mazzeo, Landscape Architect, Principal, HDR
Libby Middleton, Group 14 Engineering

UCCS Campus Presenter:

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

Others Present:

Rebecca McFarland, HDR
Will Prescott, HDR
Rod Rogers, Saunders Norwood Construction (via Zoom)
Eric Stephan, Saunders Norwood Construction

Other UCCS Campus Representatives Present:

Don Wright, Planning, Design and Construction

Description:

Submittal for a Design Development workshop 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 for a workshop, which is available upon request through the contact information noted at the bottom of this document.

DRB Comments

A. Energy and Sustainability

- Continue working on the EUI to achieve the target of 86 - 106.
- Ensure the energy loads have been recalibrated as appropriate.
- Consider the electrification of the building to future-proof the building, allow for efficiency gain on the heating, and other benefits not listed.
- The LEED score indicates Silver can be achieved. The goal is for Gold.

B. Site & Landscape Architecture

- The DRB appreciates that the sidewalk to the south has been removed and that the stairs have been pushed further east.
- Explore adding trees in the grove southward on the site so the grove can throw more shade back onto the perch.
- Replace the honey locust trees on the perch with an alternate selection.
- The DRB recommends a riser height greater than 4 inches.
- The alternate ramp is preferred.
- Consider ways to express the left side of the entry stairs, perhaps through a low wall or some plantings.

C. Architecture

- Continue to study the vertical v. the horizontal aspect of the mullions at the new lobby. The DRB prefers the horizontal appearance. Study if the horizontal mullions should turn the corner at the east and return to the inside corner at the vestibule.
 - The DRB thinks the dichromic glass should be eliminated.

- Study the canopy and the visual integration of the entryway into the vestibule. The entryway seems unresolved.
 - Explore using a different glass for the entryway/recessed module. A high efficiency glass with a good shading coefficient could eliminate the electrochromic glazing at this location.
 - Is the dark beam appropriate or should the color change between the interior and exterior be more ambiguous?
- Review the lighting in the lobby, including how it will look at night.
- Study the location of the observatory and whether it is touching the stairs.

DRB Action

No formal action was required.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Johnson Contemplative Garden – CU Boulder Schematic Design (Action Requested)

CU Boulder Campus Presenter and In-House Architect:
Richelle Goedert, Facilities Planner/Landscape Architect,
Facilities Planning

Other CU Boulder Campus Representatives Present:
d'Andre Willis, Facilities Planning

Description:

Schematic Design submittal for design and construction of contemplative walkway west of Varsity Lake provided through gift from Johnson Family.

A/E Presentation

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

DRB Comments

General

- The DRB appreciated the presentation.

A. Landscape

- Consider rounding the path the intersects with the main path at the Overlook Terrace. (Soften the sharp corner.)
- In lieu of plastic or metal edging, consider a hand-formed concrete edge.

DRB Action

Mike Winters moved to approve the Schematic Design submittal for the Johnson Contemplative Garden, with the comments noted above. Chris Shears seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Potts Field and Folsom Stadium Scoreboard – *CU Boulder*

CU Boulder Campus Presenter:

d'Andre Willis, Director of Planning/Campus Architect,
Facilities Planning

Other CU Boulder Campus Representatives Present:

Richelle Goedert, Facilities Planning

Description:

Design Development follow-up regarding recent projects
approved by the DRB.

CU Boulder staff discussed two projects previously reviewed and approved by the DRB, including the Potts Field Concessions and Restrooms Building project and the Stadium – South Scoreboard in Folsom Field 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.

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Design Review Board adjourned at 2:23 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.)