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## University of Colorado Design Review Board Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
Time: 12:00 – 5:00 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, Sarah Brown, Tom Hootman, Laurel Raines (via Zoom), 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 note taker  
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 12:05 p.m.

### **12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Study Session – Board Only**

The DRB reviewed administrative matters and items on the agenda prior to convening the public portion of the meeting.

### **1:15 – 2:30 p.m. Folsom Scoreboard – CU Boulder Schematic Design (Action Requested)**

#### Architects/Consultants:

Populous Architecture  
Daktronics

#### Presenters:

Ryan Sellinghausen, Sr. Associate, Architect, Populous  
Erik Cain, Daktronics  
Justin Cox, Associate Principal, Sr. Associate Architect,  
Populous (via Zoom)

#### CU Boulder Campus Presenter:

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

#### Others Present:

Katie Tardiff, Populous

Other CU Boulder Campus Representatives Present:

Jason DePaepe, Intercollegiate Athletics

Richelle Goedert, Facilities Planning

Jacob Jackson, Facilities Planning

Amy Kirtland, Facilities Planning

Ryan Moore, Facilities Planning

Description:

Schematic Design (“SD”) submittal for a new scoreboard and ribbon board at south end of Folsom Field.

**A/E Presentation**

The design team gave a comprehensive presentation of the submittal package, which can be found in Attachment 1 – CU Boulder Folsom Scoreboard on the DRB website, *Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes*.

**DRB Comments**

**A. Energy and Sustainability**

No direction provided.

**B. Site & Landscape Architecture**

- The DRB agreed with the removal of the trees as presented.
- Explore ways to keep the plantings in the planters simple so they are easy to maintain and tall enough so they have some height and aren’t easily destroyed by pedestrian traffic.

**C. Architecture**

- At Design Development (“DD”), bring coloration studies with color options, detailing, and samples.
- Additionally, the DD submittal should include:
  - Final material selections; and
  - Signage details, including the proportion of the lettering at the top of the scoreboard.

**DRB Action**

Sarah Brown moved to approve the Schematic Design submittal for the CU Boulder Stadium South Scoreboard, including the comments noted above. Tom Hootman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

**Multi-Site/East Campus Solar Projects – CU Boulder  
Project Update** (Informational)  
(Rescheduled from September 27, 2023, agenda.)

Original Project Architects:

Hord Coplan Macht, Inc., Denver, Colorado

CU Boulder Campus Presenter:

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

Other CU Boulder Campus Representatives Present:

Richelle Goedert, Facilities Planning

Jacob Jackson, Facilities Planning

Amy Kirtland, Facilities Planning

Description:

Update on solar project DD approval for solar structure to  
hold PV panels on the East Boulder Campus.

**A/E Presentation**

d'Andre Willis presented an update on the status of the multi-site/East Campus solar project which had been approved for Design Development in July 2020. Certain elements of the project are being redesigned and resubmitted to the DRB for review and approval.

**DRB Comments**

**A. Energy and Sustainability**

No comments for this matter were included.

**B. Site & Landscape Architecture**

No comments for this matter were included.

**C. Architecture**

- Study if the solar structures in the greenfield can be raised to a height sufficient to allow for the planting and maintenance of a garden below the structures.
  - This would allow the land below the solar panels to be used, create a cooler environment and less water evaporation, and enhance the efficiency of the panels.
  - Raising the height would also reduce potential damage to the structures often caused by mowing and other ground maintenance.

**DRB Action**

The DRB agreed that the project update can be re-reviewed through Schematic Design and Design Development.

No formal action was required

3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

**MC2 & NBC1 Parking Garages – CU Boulder  
Pre-Design** (Information/Direction)

Architects/Consultants:

Anderson Mason Dale Architects  
Wenk Associates Landscape Architects  
Haselden Construction  
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Presenters:

John Graham, Principal, AMD  
Ben Blanchard, Principal, AMD  
Greg Dorolek, Principal Partner, Wenk Associates

CU Boulder Campus Presenter:

Amy Kirtland, Assistant Director of Planning, Facilities  
Planning

Others Present:

Todd Dill, Design Build Manager, Haselden  
Ben Henderson, Kimley-Horn (via Zoom)

Other CU Boulder Campus Representatives Present:

Richelle Goedert, Facilities Planning  
Jacob Jackson, Facilities Planning  
Tom McGann, Parking Services  
d'Andre Willis, Facilities Planning

Description:

Pre-Design submittal for two new parking garages, one at the main campus and one at the North Boulder Creek neighborhood.

**A/E Presentation**

The design team gave a comprehensive presentation of the submittal package, which can be found in Attachment 2 – CU Boulder MC2 & NBC1 Parking Garages on the DRB website, *Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes*.

**DRB Comments**

**A. Energy and Sustainability**

- The sustainability plan is comprehensive, progressive, and realistic.
  - The established targets for embodied carbon, EUI, light power density, PV are all good. Continue to report on these targets and how they will be tracked.

**B. Site & Landscape Architecture**

**C. Architecture**

NBC1 Garage

- How will the space along the west side of the garage on 17<sup>th</sup> St. be used?

- Consider shifting the building east to open up meaningful space along 17<sup>th</sup>. This would allow ingress/egress from 18<sup>th</sup> St. and may improve circulation.
- The connectivity of 18<sup>th</sup> to Athens Street isn't significant.
- Explore ways to make the south garage façade along Athens meaningful.
  - Is a hydroponic, vertical greenhouse an option? (See Jackson Hole Farms.)
- Stay aware of how the Residence Two design team is developing its site plan in order to best address pedestrian connectivity along Athens.

### MC2 Garage

- From an architectural standpoint, study whether MC2 should be deferential to the Engineering Center or to Klaunder.
  - Colorado Avenue is an important major entry to the University. For the future Concept and Schematic Design submittals, consider the context from 28<sup>th</sup> to Folsom Streets combined with a landscape strategy solution.
  - The intersection at Colorado Avenue and Regent Drive is important to the success of the site plan solution.
  - Look at materiality selection options.
- How can the space between the two buildings be articulated? How can it be made to function and feel safe to pedestrian users? How will the space connect to the underpass at 28<sup>th</sup> St.? How can it be kept ice free in winter?
- Consider the pros and cons of various liner building locations.
  - Visibility from Regent Drive may create more options.
    - Should the future building site consider a stand-alone building?
  - The DRB questions whether there is sufficient space on the north for a liner building. Would this space be better programmed with landscaping?
    - Look at the potential interaction with the water quality pond. Could the north side be developed into a water feature or other outdoor space?
- What will the façade of the garage building be before the liner building is developed?
- Identify the operational aspects of the garage with regards to where the vehicle and pedestrian entry/exits are located.

### **DRB Action**

No formal action was required.

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Design Review Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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