



## University of Colorado Design Review Board Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Zoom Meeting

**DRB and Campus Members present:** Don Brandes, Sarah Brown, Cheri Gerou, Victor Olgay, Chris Shears, Mike Winters, André Vite, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (“CU Anschutz”), and Jered Minter, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Denver campus (“CU Denver”)

**Others in attendance not otherwise noted:**

Kori Donaldson, Senior Director of Capital Assets and ex officio member of the DRB  
Linda Money, CU Real Estate Services, CU System employee / DRB note taker

Don Brandes, Chair, determined a quorum and called the meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 1:05 p.m.

**1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Work Session – Board Only**

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

(Sarah Brown left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.)

**2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Children’s Hospital Loading Dock Guard Shack – CU Anschutz Conceptual Design (Information/Direction)**

Presenter:

Michael Whitley, AIA, Senior Project Manager, Planning, Design and Construction Department, Children’s Hospital

CU Anschutz Campus Representative Present:

André Vite, AIA, Campus Architect, Office of Institutional Planning, CU Anschutz

Description:

Conceptual Design submittal for an 80 SF prefabricated guard shack located at the entry to a loading dock along 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## **A/E Presentation**

A comprehensive presentation was made of the submittal package, which can be found in the following document on the DRB website, *Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes*:

*[Attachment 1 – Anschutz Children’s Hospital Loading Dock Area Guard Shack - 02-16-2021]*

## **DRB Comments**

### **A. Site & Landscape Architecture**

No comments were provided regarding this topic.

### **B. Architecture**

- Determine and illustrate the detail on the metal panels regarding seaming, oil canning, etc.

### **C. Sustainability and Energy**

No comments were provided regarding this topic.

## **DRB Action**

Don Brandes moved to approve the Conceptual Design submittal for an 80 SF prefabricated guard shack located at the entry to a loading dock along 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The DRB waives additional review of the project. Approval is conditional upon the expectation that Children’s Hospital will work with André Vite to complete the requirements of the Schematic Design, Design Development, and construction document levels of review as needed and/or required. Cheri Gerou seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

### **CU Denver Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Spaces – CU Denver Pre-Design (Information/Direction)**

CU Denver Campus Presenters:

Cary Weatherford, Director of Institutional Planning,  
CU Denver

Jered Minter, Campus Architect, CU Denver

Other CU Denver Campus Representative Present:

Michael Barden, Director, Facilities Projects, CU Denver  
Ben Bowman, Architect/Engineer, Construction Manager,  
CU Denver

Description: Pre-Design submittal for the renovation of an existing occupied roof deck and adjacent interior classroom and support spaces on the 4th floor of the CU Denver Building.

## **A/E Presentation**

A comprehensive presentation was made of the submittal package, which can be found in the following document on the DRB website, *Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes*:

*[Attachment 2 – CU Denver Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Spaces - 02-16-2021]*

## **DRB Comments**

### **A. Site & Landscape Architecture**

The project could result in a “demonstration” design for the metropolitan area that incorporates innovative and best management practices for rooftop projects.

- Consider and address implications of annual climate and weather conditions through project design. There is an opportunity to demonstrate how a rooftop facility can operate and function throughout the year;
  - If plantings are proposed, a qualified landscape architect should be hired to select appropriate materials and details to ensure thriving landscapes;
    - The northwest exposure lends itself to unique challenges (wind, sun, etc);
- Provide for “guest experience” in terms of arrival and orientation to the rooftop facility;
- Investigate ways to involve College of Architecture and Planning with planning and design;
- Determine – through additional programming – the number of people the rooftop can reasonably host at one time and if multiple events can be held simultaneously;
- Consider sound attenuation and other architectural and/or landscape strategies to help with the perception of sound nuisances;
  - Areas of concern include, but are not limited to: the street below, the space between distinct exterior spaces if more than one event occurs simultaneously, and to/from adjacent interior spaces.

### **B. Architecture**

- List project challenges in future submittals, including occupancy capacity and points of ingress and egress;
- Study need for retractable rain screen:
  - Determine if use of space will necessitate a rain screen;
  - If a rain screen is needed, a permanent structure may be a better option;
- Consider how space can be subdivided for different users through lighting, technology, and physical elements;
  - Will space be used to host more than one event at one time?
  - Space may become premier meeting space for CU Denver;
    - Naming of space is important;
- Study and consider opportunities to improve experience and accessibility of ancillary spaces: lobby, security, fourth floor public spaces, pre-function spaces, and meeting spaces;
  - Any public-area improvements should reflect College of Architecture and Planning;
- Consider need for storage;
- Consider a phased construction approach to allow for multi-year funding strategies;
  - The A/E team should design and submit the final build out for DRB review with proposed phasing identified.

### **C. Sustainability and Energy**

No comments were provided regarding this subject.

#### **DRB Action**

The DRB looks forward to future submittals for the project and supports the overall planning and design concept. At this point, the DRB does not foresee an “abbreviated” planning and design process based on the size, scale, program, phasing, and location of the proposed project.

A tour of the building and project meeting space would be helpful to the board.

No formal action by the DRB was taken regarding for this matter beyond the comments from the DRB as noted above. Additionally, after the end of the public meeting, the DRB expressed concern regarding the selection of the project design team. The DRB feels strongly that the selection of a planning and design consultant should be based on their respective experience, qualifications, and expertise for the proposed project.

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Design Review Board was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.