

## University of Colorado Design Review Board Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Zoom Meeting

**DRB and Campus Members present:** Don Brandes, Sarah Brown, Cheri Gerou, Victor Olgyay, Chris Shears, Mike Winters, Jered Minter, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Denver Campus (CU Denver), and André Vite, campus DRB member for the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (CU Anschutz). Due to prior scheduling conflicts, Sarah Brown joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m., Victor Olgyay was absent from the meeting from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., and Cheri Gerou and André Vite both left the meeting shortly before it was adjourned.

**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 8:34 a.m.

**8:30 – 10:15 a.m. Work Session – Board Only**

In addition to reviewing the items on the agenda, administrative matters were also discussed.

**10:15 – 10:30 p.m. Lynx Crossing Residence Hall Renovations – CU Denver Design Development (Action Required)**

Architects:

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CU Denver Campus Presenters:

Ben Bowman, Construction Manager, CU Denver Campus  
Jered Minter, Campus Architect, CU Denver Campus

Description:

Design Development review of construction documents for renovations to the Lynx Crossing Residence Hall, including site, building, courtyard, and signage.

## **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 – Denver Lynx Crossing Renovations - 09-10-2020]*

## **DRB General Comments**

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

- Regarding the proposed improvements to the courtyard space:
  - The proposed color of the new Trex decking (pebble grey) is acceptable to the DRB; and
  - In an effort to save material (by reducing diagonal cuts), the DRB recommends that the Trex decking be installed perpendicular to the joist structure and that the joists should be installed parallel to the concrete opening in the paving.
- Regarding external building-mounted signage, the DRB was amenable to the recommendations presented by the staff including:
  - Location 1 (Drawing C4/A200) as a base scope item, signage in the upper right-hand corner on the south elevation of the building;
  - Location A (Drawing D4/A200) as a base scope item, signage at the east wing on the north elevation, near the main entrance;
  - Location A (Drawing B1/A200) as an alternate item, signage on the concrete ramp wall, near the main entrance on the east elevation; and
  - Location 3 (Drawing A1/A200) as an alternate item, signage in the upper left-hand corner of the west elevation of the building and at the pedestrian level near the entrance ramp on the east elevation.

### **B. Architecture**

- The DRB agreed with a change to the size of the exterior metal panel flashing trim pieces (new measurements: 3” vertical and 1.5” horizontal). This revision will make it easier and more economical to replace windows in the future.

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

- No comments were provided.

## **DRB Action:**

Don Brandes moved to approve the Design Development submittal for the Lynx Crossing Residential Hall Renovations taking into consideration the comments noted above. Sarah Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Children’s Hospital Canine Respite Area – CU Anschutz  
Combined Pre-Design/Conceptual Design (Action Required)**

Architects/Engineers:

Dig Studio, Denver, Colorado, architectural design

Presenters:

Sean Mulholland, Director, Planning and Construction,  
Children’s Hospital  
Suzy Jaeger, Senior Vice President and Chief Patient  
Experience and Access Officer, Children’s Hospital  
Kizzy Marco, Certified Child Life Specialist and Coordinator,  
Medical Dog Program, Children’s Hospital  
Sara Mark, Veterinarian for Children’s Hospital  
Bill Vitek, FASLA, PLA, Principal, Dig Studio

Others Present:

Dan Coxall, Vice President of Support Services, Children’s  
Hospital  
Kathleen McBride, Director, Association of Volunteers,  
Children’s Hospital  
Carla Oliver, Child Life Director, Children’s Hospital  
Grant Grimes, Project Manager, Children’s Hospital

CU Anschutz Campus Representatives Present:

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

Description:

Combined Pre-Design/Conceptual Design submittal for a  
canine respite area located in the southeast corner of the  
Education Quad near Children’s Hospital.

**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 – Anschutz Children’s Hospital Canine Respite Area - 09-10-2020]*

**DRB Comments:**

During the meeting, the DRB raised questions or concerns about:

- The contextual sub-relationship of the proposed respite area with the campus overall.  
The DRB sought detail about noise, how access would be controlled, accessibility of the  
space, planned operation and maintenance, smell, and seasonality. Most of these items  
were addressed to the satisfaction of the DRB.

- The importance of maintaining some physical and visual separation between the respite area and the rest of campus so the activities of the respite area do not impact students, other patients, or campus events; and
- The importance of considering the artistic expression of the respite area in its relationship to the rest of campus.
  - Consider if there is some balanced level of design that would make the respite area more “park-like” without taking away what dogs, dog handlers, and professional staff want to achieve.

These additional comments were noted by the DRB:

**A. Site & Landscape Architecture:**

- Although the cotoneaster shrubbery might be the right plant for the proposed hedge, explore if alternatives to the cotoneaster shrub exist, such as the Cheyenne privet shrub or possibly evergreen options, which might be better for screening the respite area in the winter months;
- Investigate using larger, seven-gallon plants for the shrubbery surrounding the respite area so they fill in more quickly. Also consider using the largest trees possible for new plantings;
- Further explore a series of simple, undulating mounds that can become a three-dimensional piece of art similar to Anderson Park at the Aspen Institute. This would be an alternative to the inclusion of so many different play features.

**B. Architecture:**

No comments were provided regarding this subject.

**C. Sustainability and Energy:**

No comments were provided regarding this subject.

**DRB Action:**

Chris Shears moved for approval of the combined Pre-Design/Conceptual Design submittal for the Children’s Hospital Canine Respite Area, with the understanding that the design team address the comments noted above. Additionally, the DRB asked that the plan for the respite area be simplified and that the area be treated as something more artful and beautiful — an exceptional three-dimensional design solution that everyone can appreciate. Don Brandes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Cheri Gerou was not present for the vote.

Bill Vitek inquired about meeting with the DRB in a workshop format ahead of the next meeting.

There being no further business, the public meeting of the Design Review Board was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.