

## MEETING NOTES

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Meeting Location:	Virtual	Project/No:	Design Review Board – December 2023
Date/Time:	12/19/23 – 9:00am	Re:	DRB Meeting Notes
Notes By:	Janine Glaeser, UW-Madison FP&M, CPLA	File:	P:\SHARE\Design Review Board\2023 MEETINGS\12-19-23 MTG\

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### Agenda (virtual):

- 9:00-10:00am: Informational Presentation -Engineering Building - Education and Research - 21L3J, Master Plan Amendment – Continuum/SmithGroup – Dennis Rodenberg PM
- 10:00-11:00am: Informational Presentation- College of Letters & Science, School of Music Academic Building Study. HGA Architects – Mark Bastien PM
- 11:00-12:00pm: Informational Presentation- School of Education, Department of Kinesiology New Building Study - HGA Architects – Mark Bastien PM

### Committee Attendees:

Heidi Natura  
Mary Czyszczak-Lyne  
~~Kevin Firchow~~  
Rafeeq Asad  
Terry Steelman  
Lindsey Stoddard Cameron  
Ex Officio: Aaron Williams  
Ex Officio: Peter Schlecht

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**DRB #1** – Camp Randall Sports Center Redevelopment Project #22D5A – Schematic Design Phase, Informational Presentation by Berners Schober/HOK – Matt Collins

### Attendees:

- Pete Nemmetz, College of Engineering Facilities
- Dennis Rodenberg, Project Manager FP&M
- Cindy Torstveit, Associate Vice Chancellor FP&M
- Tom Rogers, SmithGroup
- Lana Zoet, SmithGroup
- Bob Barr, Continuum
- Wendy Von Below, Division of Facilities Development
- Cathy Weiss, Universities of Wisconsin
- Gabe Mendez, Transportation FP&M

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- Jonathan Bronk, Landscape Architect FP&M
- Rhonda James, Landscape Architect FP&M

**Preamble:**

- FP&M has conducted a study to revise the 2015 Campus Master Plan and integrate changes associated with the proposed New Engineering Academic/Research Building and the long-range opportunities within the district.
- The project will be a major alteration to the approved Campus Master Plan and City of Madison Campus-Institutional District Master Plan MGO 28.097. Requiring a city of Madison Conditional Use process.
- Joint Campus Area Committee will make recommendation to DRB. DRB will make recommendation to City Plan Commission. Common Council will take formal approval action. The amendment is required prior to the DRB taking action on the New Engineering Academic/Research Building.
- The Land Use application was submitted to the city December 11, 2023. Plan Commission will refer submittal out to the Joint Campus Area Committee and DRB prior to taking action.

**Committee Comments:**

Czynszak-Lyne:

- Will the project encroach on Badger Way? Will Badger way be impacted?

Williams

- This plan shifted buildings north to allow more setback and places for bike parking.

Stoddard Cameron

- I regret loss of the vista toward memorial park, but can see the view was constrained. I like the flow of this plan.

Steelman

- I agree with Lindsey. The flow is important with this plan.
- The adjacency between SoE and badger way is important to coordinate.
- I don't see conflicts and agree setting the building back further is a positive thing.
- I think there is capacity for buildings to be a bit taller. Given the scale of new buildings and camp Randal, I agree keeping a lower scale is not necessary.
- Depending on growth projections, some buildings could be taller with a smaller footprint that is more thoughtful at the ground area, pedestrian friendly, and positive. I appreciate getting the cars out of here.

Asad

- I like the direction.

Natura

- Is it common knowledge that engineering needs more square footage?
- I acknowledge the future needs and the plan will change.
- Would green space increase?

Schlecht

- The plan will increase green space and must be studied further.

Steelman

- If growth is inevitable, we don't want to lose linkage at the triangulated space. We should anticipate where growth could be.

Schlecht

- I agree with that. Growth does not happen just in this area. There are opportunities to build west of there. They are not done growing and will grow out of these boundaries.

Stoddard Cameron

- Please speak to the green space that looks like a playing field behind commons. Was it always planned to be green or buildable?

Williams

- That green space is left out of this plan and targeted for athletics. The green space is a good buffer between campus and the neighborhood.

### **Recommendations/Summary**

Peter Schlecht Summarized the comments:

1. Concerns were expressed regarding Badger way. The corridor could be wider and have more landscape.
2. The site flow is good.
3. Camp Randall has a good relationship to the complex and improves Badger Way.
4. Stepping back is positive and puts traffic on the site exterior. For the future, consider smaller but taller footprints, S24 particularly.
5. The plan should consider the future growth of engineering.

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**DRB #2 – College of Letters & Science, School of Music Academic Building Study, Informational Presentation by HGA Architects – Mark Bastien PM**

### **Attendees:**

- Eric Wilcots, Dean College of Letters & Science
- Mark Bastien, Project Manager FP&M
- Cindy Torstveit, Associate Vice Chancellor FP&M
- Kevin Allenbach, HGA Architects
- Brian Wolff, HGA Architects
- Steven Dwyer, HGA Architects
- Corey Andrus, HGA Architects
- Gabe Mendez, Transportation FP&M
- Jonathan Bronk, Landscape Architect FP&M
- Rhonda James, Landscape Architect FP&M

### **Preamble:**

- The School of Music Academic Building Advanced Plan will: (1) evaluate the consolidation of all School of Music instruction activities from various locations across campus, including from the Humanities building, supporting its decanting, (2) verify the programming for the building, including Opera, (3) will create renderings for a donor package, and (4) support including the new building in the upcoming 2025-27 biennial capital budget.
- This project was identified as the 1<sup>st</sup> priority (out of 38) and 6<sup>th</sup> behind the 2023-25 project requests.

- The Academic Building will be located on North Lake Street at the current location of the UW Extension building. This project only considers new construction. Site abatement and demolition of the current building will be addressed in a separate project.
- The Academic Building is envisioned to be 6+ stories with a second floor, pedestrian connecting bridge to the Hamel Music Center and is part of the East Campus Arts District described in the 2015 UW-Madison Master Plan.

### **Committee Comments:**

#### **Czynszak-Lyne**

- I am intrigued by this plan. You referred to looking over lake Mendota, but is Memorial library in the way of overlook?

#### **Williams**

- These views are more glancing and not guaranteed. We are contemplating a few views to Bascom Mall and could preserve the view corridor.

#### **Asad**

- I thought it was very interesting and doing what it should with tectonics, push/pull/overlap.
- The building has the potential to be a very strong massing project. I can tell where glazing wants to be and think the proportions are nice.
- I am concerned about the yellow point on the end and how it is treated, heavy or light. It starts to work very well.
- The pedestrian experience is highly glazed, has some height, and works well.
- I don't like the punched openings on the large masses. It looks residential and doesn't align with the adjacent areas. It reads as a multi-family building. I suggest revisiting how those punches are treated. There are four openings on the side that combat with smaller ones, and these are not successful.
- This is a very dynamic project and I like the massing and direction.

#### **Steelman**

- There are a couple of things that I find challenging and spatially interesting on the inside.
- I am concerned about the public space compared to the volume of people and think the scale of the ground floor is undersized. This merits further investigation. Look at context and Chazen for similar buildings.
- The materiality is a little upside down in the current building articulation. Look at the material of Chazen.
- I agree with Rafeeq's comment on punched windows, it looks residential. A street facade with fins can start to disguise that. I recommend that you investigate further.
- I appreciate the carving out on the southern façade. It lets light get deeper into the center of building. There is huge potential here.
- How does the building engage landscape and circulation at grade?
- This is a great start – a complicated project.

#### **Stoddard Cameron**

- Context question regarding this area and State Street. Have some smaller in scale buildings – how are these modern buildings going to articulate with those?
- Consider the approach from hill, historic and memorial union, red gym, lower older buildings.

Natura

- I'm intrigued with detailing and think this will get better and better.
- I appreciate all comments made and have one question to add. The glass is an architectural feature and could be a bird hazard. I assume this will be bird safe glass. This is an opportunity to look at modern technology to help control shading more integrated with design.

### **Recommendations/Summary**

Peter Schlecht Summarized the comments:

1. Make sure the context and views to Mendota are consistent with what's out there.
2. The current model massing is interesting with the push/pull of forms. This is a good start to the study of massing and glazing. The southeast corner needs further study.
3. Study the punched windows on the south and east sides. The building vernacular reads as high rise residential and should be revisited to look like mixed use academic.
4. The pedestrian experience is good at grade level.
5. The public spaces require further study. Look at the Princeton Louis Arts Center as an example for how the ground spaces inform the design. The context feels heavy on top and transparent on bottom.
6. Study the grade around building and how it works with surrounding landscapes.
7. Look at the growth and increasing height impacts on State Street and Library Mall. Pay attention to how these new structures impact open spaces.
8. Incorporate bird glass in the glass façade and consider how shades will impact the design.

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**DRB #3 – Informational Presentation- School of Education, Department of Kinesiology New Building Study, Informational Presentation by HGA Architects – Mark Bastien PM**

### **Attendees:**

- Mark Bastien, Project Manager FP&M
- Cindy Torstveit, Associate Vice Chancellor FP&M
- Kevin Allenbach, HGA Architects
- Rob Docter, HGA Architects
- Paul Neuhaus, HGA Architects
- Gabe Mendez, Transportation FP&M
- Jonathan Bronk, Landscape Architect FP&M
- Rhonda James, Landscape Architect FP&M

### **Preamble:**

- This project provided Pre-Design Planning for the design and construction of a new facility that will be adjacent and potentially linked to the newly constructed Bakke Recreation & Wellbeing Center for the Department of Kinesiology.
- This project was identified as the 3<sup>rd</sup> (out of 38) and 8<sup>th</sup> behind the 2023-25 project requests.
- Kinesiology, within the School of Education, is temporarily located in the Medical Sciences Center which does not fully meet the needs of the Department. The Advanced Plan explored a

new building with appropriate programmatic space and access to recreation areas that support the research efforts of Kinesiology.

**Committee Comments:**

Schlecht

- Kinesiology is one of the fastest growing programs and has a lot of growth potential.
- The design is constraint and did not want this to look like Bakke. There is clear separation for a reason to make sure this does not look like an extension of Bakke.

Steelman

- The architectural distinction between the two buildings is too extreme.
- This site is so tightly connected to Bakke. At lower levels there is some architectural expression of Bakke's horizontal elements.
- My bigger concern is how the interior is organized to allow people to flow up through the building in an open manner. I liked how the music building opened up as it went up and want a building to exert what it represents.

Stoddard Cameron

- I'd like to second Terry's comments.
- Bakke is harmonious. These two buildings have a related program and do not understand trying to make this building completely different.
- I prefer to see a harmonious relationship to Bakke and the neighborhood (green space and lake.)

Asad

- This is a good start. I think sometimes less is more and this building is doing just enough.

Czynszak-Lyne

- I agree with my colleagues. I want to understand why this different and so boxy looking versus the undulating Bakke.

Natura

- The Kinesiology piece does not read as forward facing. I encourage placement of the stairs to be fun and easier to get to.
- Stair as entry feature – celebrate body and movement.
- Provide more bike parking.
- There is a missing view between buildings down the fire access route. This view could be more celebrated and activated.

Steelman

- We have been focused on the views we've seen today, but a lot of views we haven't seen.
- I would like to see how this building presents to lake and mounds in back. This building turns back on lake – how building faces lake can't be understated. Both weak points currently.
- Address the street and playing fields.

Williams

- Address light trespass from light into the lake side area.

Czynszak-Lyne

- Bakke has open terraces with turf for exercise. Kinesiology should have outdoor space for use and a green roof.
- Sustainability is important.

## **Recommendations/Summary**

Peter Schlecht Summarized the comments:

1. There is a collision between two vernaculars, Bakke and this building. Investigate adding more horizontality with Bakke.
2. Study how this building can be more harmonious with Bakke, but different.
3. This building looks boxy compared to Bakke's curved building form.
4. Consider how the building entry and expression invites you to move in and up through the building.
5. Think about Kinesiology as more expressive in the design, celebrate movement.
6. Provide more bike parking.
7. Provide a view down the fire lane corridor and see this as an opportunity.
8. Consider how the building presents to north and is considerate of landscape, views, and mounds. Further develop façade.
9. Consider terraces for outdoor use and provide more information on how this building addresses Sustainability.

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NEXT MEETING January 16, 2024 beginning at 9am - Virtual Meeting

Tentative Agenda Items Include:

- Informational Presentation, Department of Psychology, PCC Building Pre-Design