

Meeting Summary – Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) Stakeholder Meeting #2:
Irving R. Newhouse Replacement Project

Meeting date: Wednesday, Sept. 29, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Kim (DES), Andy Staubitz, Ann Larson (DES), Anne Knight, Brad Hendrickson, Ashley Howard (DES), AT Miller, Brent Chapman (DES), Cristine Traber, Cynthia Barrett (DES), Clarissa Easton (DES), Collum Liska, Craig McKissick, Dave Smith, Dan Miles, Deanna Price (DES), Stevin Ellis, Holly Davies, Jack Rice, Jason Marquiss (DES), Jean Leonard, Jeff MacDonald (DES), John Saunders, Justin Rogers (DES) Kasey Schiewe, Kelci Karl-Robinson, Kevin Pierce, Kris Tucker, Lana Lisitsa, Leonard Bauer, Linda Kent (DES), Lorie Hewitt, Majid Jamali (DES), Marni Heffron, Marygrace Goddu, Mathew Albores (Miller Hull), Mike Chapman, Michael Sullivan, Mike McCormick, Olympia History, Rachel Newmann, Rich Baldertson, Ruth Baleiko (Miller Hull), Sarah Bannister, Sarah Dettmer (DES), Sarian Scott, Sharon Case, Shannon (Sam) Shula, Sidney Hunt (DES), Sophie Stimson, Steven Ellis, Susy Dix, Valerie Robinson (DES), Walter Schacht

DES and Miller Hull provided an overview of the Irving R. Newhouse Replacement Project. The summary included an introduction of the teams working on the Newhouse project, Legislative Proviso requirements for the Newhouse replacement building, an overview of the project schedule and upcoming public engagement opportunities, project goals, upcoming State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) schedule being developed, context of the new building in the historic Capitol Campus.

DES also provided a brief update on the progress of LCM as a whole and upcoming milestones.

Presenters:

- Clarissa Easton AIA, DES, LCM Project Director
- Ruth Baleiko FAIA, The Miller Hull Partnership
- Mathew Albores AIA, The Miller Hull Partnership

See the [meeting PowerPoint presentation](#).

DES asked stakeholders to provide any initial thoughts, concerns and ideas. The group discussed:

- Recognizing and maintaining the historic value of the Capitol Campus
- Compatibility of and flow between designated historic areas
- Uniformity of campus buildings when considering new building design
- Integration and relationship of the new building into the historic districts of the Capitol Campus and South Capitol Neighborhood
- Need for more Legislative office space in close proximity to the Legislative Building and desire to look at space potential in other buildings to accommodate Senators and staff
- Impact of the ongoing pandemic on employee work patterns and needs since the completion of the LCM predesign; How this impacts Newhouse design considerations
- Transportation considerations, including increased public transportation to the campus from

major metropolitan centers and commute trip reduction measures to decrease need for additional on-campus parking

- Concerns about proposed road closures, particularly a Columbia Street closure on the south edge of the project site
 - South Capitol Neighborhood and City of Olympia recommend leaving Columbia Street SW and Water Street SW open. Public safety, the existing grid system, traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians, and ease of travel in and out of the neighborhood discussed.
- Considerations about parking including:
 - Concerns about proposed parking areas and impact to aesthetics in buffer zone between the campus and the South capitol Neighborhood
 - Underground parking areas vs surface parking lots
- Maintaining existing trees on the Capitol Campus
- Consideration of local, sustainable building materials like cross-laminated timber
- Schematic design schedule for the building's exterior
- Proviso language for demolition of Press House structures
- Upcoming public and stakeholder meetings

Useful links for additional information

- [Legislative Campus Modernization](#) webpage
- [LCM public meetings](#) webpage
- [Irving R. Newhouse](#) webpage
- [Joel M. Pritchard Library](#) webpage

Contact information

- Please email DESLCM@des.wa.gov with any questions or comments