

Meeting Summary – Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM)
Stakeholder Meeting #6: Newhouse

Meeting date: Thursday, Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Allyson Brooks (DAHP), Amy Kim (DES), Ann Larson (DES), Anne Knight, Ashley Howard (DES), Bill Frare (DES), Bill Robinson, Brent Anderson, Brent Chapman (DES), Clarissa Easton (DES), Colleen Rust, Cristine Traber (Miller Hull), Cynthia Barrett (DES), Dan Say, Drew (no last name provided), Eilean Davis (PACE Engineers), Eliza Davidson, Greg Griffith, Harold Spencer, Holly Davies, Holly Gadbow, Huy Pham, Janae Huber, Jason Marquiss (DES), Jeff MacDonald (DES), John Saunders, Julie Nakahara (DES), Justin Rogers (DES), Kasey Schiewe, Kathleen Buchli, Kelci Karl-Robinson, Kevin Pierce, Kim Jorgenson, Kris Tucker, Kyle Capizzi, Kyle Overmiller, Larisa John, Lauren Danner, Leonard Bauer, Linda Kent (DES), Lisa Bona, Lorie Hewitt, Majid Jamali (DES), Marjorie Lund, Mark Tilbe, Marygrace Goddu, Matt Aalfs (BuildingWork), Matt Jones (DES), Craig McKissic, Michael Sullivan, Michelle Thompson, Mike Sweney, Nicholas Vann (DAHP), Nick Clesi, Paul Parker, Sen. Phil Fortunato, Rachel Newmann, Randy Bolerjack, Ruth Baleiko (Miller Hull), Sarah Bannister, Sarah Dettmer (DES), Shelby Lubchuck, Sidney Hunt (DES), Steven Ellis, Sue Hedrick, Tonia Sorrell-Neal, Valerie Hammett, Walter Schacht (Mithun), Wanda Hedrick

Presenters:

- Clarissa Easton AIA, DES, LCM Project Director
- Matt Aalfs AIA, BuildingWork, third-party historic preservation consultant
- Ruth Baleiko FAIA, Miller Hull
- Mark Tilbe, Murase Associates
- Debbie Ramos, Murase Associates

Clarissa Easton presented information about non-project SEPA checklist development for the LCM project. The SEPA checklist examines the environmental elements and assesses potential impacts and mitigation measures or strategies available to offset impacts, where possible. DES is continuing a proactive approach to gathering information in support of the SEPA checklist and asked for stakeholders to continue to share their thoughts at the next stakeholder meeting and via email to DESLCM@des.wa.gov. Easton also noted that DES is developing a workgroup separate from the LCM process to address parking issues on the Capitol Campus.

Additionally, Easton presented an update on recent LCM progress to include the DES' recommendation to the Project Executive Team (PET) and State Capitol Committee (SCC) to keep Columbia Street open and close off Water Street between Sid Snyder Ave. SW and 15th Ave. SW. Easton also informed the group that draft cost estimates for the Pritchard Building project are being reviewed for three options: Replacement (original to predesign report); Option A (renovation and expansion of existing Pritchard Building); and Option B (renovation of existing building and construction of new stand-alone building). More updates and information about the Pritchard project will be presented at LCM Stakeholder Meeting #7: Pritchard on Jan. 19.

Matt Aalfs provided an update on historic preservation mitigation. DES is actively seeking input from historic preservation community stakeholders to identify meaningful mitigation strategies, specifically mitigations focused on the social and cultural histories associated with the buildings and the site and

mitigations focused on physical characteristics of the buildings. DES is also consulting with Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the local tribal community to determine potential impacts to cultural resources.

Ruth Baleiko presented updates on the schematic design progress for the Newhouse building, including early design considerations for sun path, wind path, building views from several angles, vehicular and pedestrian access, topography and parking. Baleiko was assisted by Mark Tilbe and Debbie Ramos to discuss preliminary landscaping discussions and considerations for the site.

View the [meeting presentation here](#).

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

- Timeline for recommended closure of Water Street
- Security standards and considerations for campus planning and development
- Early work to form a parking workgroup to address long-term parking issues on the Capitol Campus
- Parking assumptions and proposed options at the Newhouse site
- Options for the future of the Press House structures
- Deconstruction vs. demolition of Newhouse building and the Press House structures
- Newhouse landscaping site plan concepts
- Integration of more native plants and trees into the site design
- Timeline of decisions and decision-making authority throughout the course of the project
- Building aesthetics from main points of entry into the Capitol Campus
- Coordination with the South Capitol Neighborhood

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