

Meeting Summary – Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) Stakeholder Meeting #8:  
Newhouse

**Meeting date: Thursday, Feb. 24, 2020, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Attendees:

Ann Larson (DES), Marni Heffron, Rachel Newmann, Kris Tucker, Matt Aalfs, Paul Neal, Kevin Pierce, Michael Sullivan, Greg Griffith (Olympia Historical), Anne Knight, Nick Clesi, Lorie Hewitt, Eliza Davidson, Holly Gadbow, Craig Mckissick (LSS), Brent Chapman (DES), Linda Kent (DES), Cristine Taber, AT Miller, Ashley Howard (DES), Amy Kim (DES), Kasey Schiewe, Kim Jorgenson (LEG), Lisa Bona, Drew Phillips, Nicholas Vann, Eilean Davis, Dallas Roberts, Walter Schacht, Bill Robinson, Majid Jamali (DES), Kathleen Buchli, Randy Bolerjack, Cynthia Barrett (DES), Mark Tilbe, Leonard Bauer, Karen Fraser, Colleen Rust, Allyson Brooks, Bill Robinson, James Troyer, Courtney Speer, Sharon Case, Drew Phillips.

Presenters:

- **Clarissa Easton AIA, DES, LCM Project Director**
- **Matt Aalfs AIA, BuildingWork**
- **Ruth Baleiko FAIA, Miller Hull**
- **Mark Tilbe, Murase Associates**

LCM Project Director Clarissa Easton presented information on what the project team and consultants have been hearing during stakeholder meetings, and asked attendees to weigh in on whether DES is capturing this correctly.

Landscape updates: Mark Tilbe of Murase Associates presented information on proposed landscape design plans for the Newhouse site, including types of trees and a list of plants that are proposed as well as information on campus landscape master plans.

Architecture updates:

Matt Aalfs of BuildingWork presented information on goals for Site 6 and information on mitigation plan development for removing the three existing buildings on the site (Newhouse, Ayer, Carlyon).

Ruth Baleiko presented updates on the schematic design progress for the Newhouse building, including information on the American Neoclassical style, the types of materials that can be used, and considerations in making new buildings compatible with those existing on the campus such as height. She also shared information on how entries may be situated and concepts for floor plans.

View the [meeting presentation here](#).

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

- Types of trees in landscape plans including maintenance needs and placement of various types of trees and tree variety options

- Plans for shrub layers
- Thoughts about specific types of plants
- Plans for the transitional edge between the campus and neighborhoods along 15<sup>th</sup>
- Pedestrian pathways and as well as pedestrian access
- The Water Street streetscape and sidewalk dimensions along the street
- How Olmsted plans and the backdrop of the native landscape should fit in
- Building design and considerations around routes of travel to the building
- Design opportunities related to the northwest corner of the building
- How classical design considerations fit in
- Possibility of using renewable materials and cross-laminated timber
- How neoclassical style influences entry placement
- The South Capital Neighborhood Association's hope that the Newhouse design will include a peer review panel.
- The importance of looking at Olmsted plans which include features like identifiable gateways and soft buffers
- A campus access plan that includes aspects like safe and accessible parking for visitors and employees and aligns with environmental sustainability and climate priorities.
- Examples of landscape design for the St. Peter Hospital Parking lot and pedestrian walkways were shared by the South Capitol Neighborhood Association.

### **Useful links for additional information**

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

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