

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of UWAC  
Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
In-person Meeting

## Architectural Commission

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X	Renee Cheng, Chair	Dean, College of Built Environments	Voting
X	Gundula Proksch, Vice Chair	Faculty Council on Campus Planning and Stewardship	Voting
X	Cathy Simon	Professional Member	Voting
X	John Syvertsen	Professional Member	Voting
	Andrea Leers	Professional Member	Voting
X	Linda Jewell	Professional Member	Voting
X	Edwin Harris	Professional Member	Voting
X	Valerie Lange	Student Member	Voting
X	Steve Tatge	Associate Vice President, UW Facilities	Ex Officio
X	Lou Cariello	Vice President, UW Facilities	Ex Officio
X	Kristine Kenney	Director of Campus Architecture & Planning, UW Facilities	Ex Officio

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Minutes by Laura Salish, Executive Assistant to the Director of Campus Architecture & Planning

### Call to Order

The Chair of the Architectural Commission and Dean of the College of Built Environments, Renee Cheng, called the meeting to order.

### Approval of Past Minutes and Current Agenda

The March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes and current agenda were approved. Cathy moved to approve, John seconded.

### ICA Basketball

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Recent History and Goals
- Front Entry + Site Development

Where we've been:

- Program & budget evolution:
  - Basketball Training—no change since last meeting
  - Basketball Operations—no change
  - Health to Human Performance – no change
  - Size – no change
  - Design-Build Budget, change from 43.8m to 44.3m
  - Total Project Budget, change from 49.575m to 59.575m

Where we're going:

- Milestone Schedule
- Design/Preconstruction
- 25% Design April 26<sup>th</sup>

- 9/28=95% design complete

### Project Goals

- 1) Provide a 1<sup>st</sup> class training facility for men's and women's basketball that makes training and development of our student athletes a top priority

### Discussion of diagrams

- Inward facing series—branding giving edge
- Had previously felt some asymmetry to this design, want it to feel incorporated with the building

### Site design

- Tree removal
- Pedestrian focus, controlled service and emergency. Stitched into district
- Site framework: concept diagram
  - Gather/porch—passage to gathering space corresponding to courts on both sides
- Understanding the emotional sell of the space when designing the entry space
  - A lot of focus on John's prior comment "feels like entering the ear when trying to go through the nose"
- Path is clearly defined through lobby in passageway

### Landscape

- Rightsized plaza space in order to define entrance to Nordstrom and fix accessibility
- Looking for universal accessibility while stitching space together
- Retaining existing red oaks to frame one side of the passageway
- Introducing red buds at other entrances, additional trees in other areas (Conibear) for continuity
- Evergreen understory, grounds the space, woodland shrubs to provide seasonal interest in character
- Stormwater planting and treatments as well
- Seasonal accent during the athletic calendar, based on school colors of purple and gold

### Recruit arrival diagrams, stitching together athletic village

- Grade difference but lobby still feels intentional and distinct
- Formal architectural response was to put the lobby in the middle, lots of back and forth to come to that decision
- Storm water planting gives a rich sequence for entry way

### Discussion:

- Question about canopy: vestibule is beyond edges of lobby, as is canopy but canopy goes beyond vestibule
  - Idea was to make it more of a statement
  - Looks a bit heavy in rendering, which feels like a false note compared to the rest of the building, which gives a very direct, simple and handsome presentation. Very light looking
  - Also looked at tie-backs, which would match other athletic buildings in the area to make canopy less heavy
- False steps in landscaping, could it maybe be seating instead? Could columns help set up a lighter canopy zone to rethink that area?
  - Have a version where that canopy roof is thinned
  - Could the canopy be a different color? Too many white boxes.
- Building feels like a mediator between campus and athletics department, which is wonderful. Great

space that is now built between the buildings.

- Obvious way to move between the buildings.
- Requested explanation of stormwater situation—will be piped from Husky Stadium—will go underneath planting.
- Not quite seeing the geometry of the casual landscape but we're almost there.
- Paseo—is the skylight (dry wall vs wood depending on bids) open and you can see the whole Hec Ed wall? Yes.
- Does polygal extend beyond roof? Yes. Discussion of seasons and timing will change view of this space.
- How often is the recruiting room used? Not going to be a hangout space for athletes when not being used. Team meetings, yes and recruiting athletes/families. Makes sense programmatically. What does it look like when its empty? How do we keep that emotional component for the students?
  - Making it into a light fixture at night. Part of the value add log. Commission believes this would really be value added and hopes it makes it in.

## Haggett Hall

Abatement and demo, construction of new building, 800 beds, student wellness and fitness

Just finished design in early August.

Anderson was constructed as builder, GGN is landscape architect, with Malhum and TenBerke functioning as the architect (selected by UWAC at previous meeting)

### Background

- 1) Both complete the puzzle and standing out
- 2) Develop a strong relation of building and site land landscape

### Value proposition and Design strategies

- 1) Residence hall that supports a student community
- 2) Facilities that support campus fitness and wellness
- 3) Site design, landscape design and sustainable construction nurture an ethos of well being

Analysis of existing conditions, site selection—diagrams

Program is 800 beds, in communities of 50 students

Common spaces at points of arrival rather than at ends of halls to liven up spaces

Plans: typical layout—diagrams

### Budget

- Used other projects to set baseline to set spread for what the expectation of cost
- Great pairing with design teams, have been functioning well together
  - Have been helpful at identifying and finding lower cost materials, finding mid cost materials to enhance value
- Structure budget is high because of site value
- \$930/SF total cost, big cost increase in the last decade

\*Can we schedule a meeting around demolition??

Schedule: Permitting critical pathing has slowed down recently in King County, a year from now, team will be

at 90% design

Where are we today:

- 1) Overview: site plan, massing and section
- 2) Plan stack
- 3) Landscape
- 4) Health Fitness, wellness
- 5) Approach to the Exterior

Overview: site plan (diagram)

- Major player in composition is Willow Hall, dining terrace on top that is underused.
  - Entered at 175, town square/Willow entry is at 1 floor above that
- Great flow of students coming from IMA going through to Greek row
  - How do we decant them and bring them through the site?
- Overview: massing (diagrams)
- Providing portals and through ports through massing in order to penetrate through building to town square
- Overview: perspective full building (diagram)
  - View of vertically separated communities
  - Shared porch element, opening up and connecting territorial view of the bay
- Overview: east-west section through courtyard (diagram)  
10 floors + roof
- Plan-massing Stack with minimal parking (level 145)
- Entry happening at 175 level, invitation to Health and Wellness
- Residential Porch is around corner, which connects to dining facilities

Site plan: landscape and connections: key principles and campus identity (diagram)

- Northeast campus already has beautiful landscaping, needs to be sustained and incorporated.
- Be in the forest: trees/habitat/forest floor
- Define and complete the midslope path: circulation
- Connect to the broader landscape

Landscape Identity-ecology health and wellness

- Opportunities to understand where and when you are in the world
- Maximizing native plants
- Connection to intellectual house nearby

What is the nature of the forest courtyard?

Scale

Wild	-----x-----	Tame
Active	-----x-----	Repose
Pass through	-----x-----	Linger
Social	-----x-----	Solitary
Safe by Active use	-----x-----	Safe by Observation

Preliminary plan and site diagram

- Hoping to regrade path that runs parallel
- Managing stormwater in an effective and thoughtful way

## Sectional Datums and identities

- North Campus at 184' to Mason lane at 130'
- Accommodating grade change in a way that is both practical and experiential

## Vertical Connection

### Goals

- Engage with the forest
- Connect circulation
- Include everyone
- (within project budget)

## Vertical Connection Iterations (diagrams)

- Compelling experience and fundamental questions: What is the experience? The joy, the pleasure, who is able to experience it? Accessibility? How does it tie into ethos of fitness and wellbeing?

## Health, Fitness and Wellness: Terrace level at 175'

- Bike storage, main entry, yoga, strength training/weight room (155')
- Believe it is high enough that there is a view of Union Bay
- Public access elevator

## Approach to the exterior: a sequence (diagrams)

- Just diving into this section
- Peek vs shift ideas
- Architectural Character
  - Large field of view, above the trees, dappled light, color change in leaves, bark, etc.
  - What is it we're drawn to in the natural environment?

## Discussion:

- Bridge area that connects the 145', how much of the existing tree composition is able to stay and how much will need to be supplemented? Compared to Lewis & Clarke bridge/tree structure.
  - Yes, will likely need to introduce a lot of new trees. Rubble coated slope to a not too invited pit, the only way to keep existing trees is to keep current conditions, which would isolate building and landscaping becomes leftover.
    - Things tend to grow very fast here as well, one tree can go a long way
    - Looked at every ability to save parts of building or landscaping but its not possible in order to improve the space
  - Concern over temporary space until it builds back up, creative thought needs to be put into initial opening. Potentially have contractors work around already planted landscape.
- Absolutely solving a puzzle—huge slope and team has created such a smart solution.
- Who is using Wellness, fitness spaces?
  - Everyone in dorm areas, not just Haggett Hall.
- Want to make sure that we are not treating the outside of the building on the east wing as an afterthought.
- Is there a way to engage some of the commons in that space?
  - Will provide an incredible view but what about the side that faces the courtyard? Needs more than an exit stair. Potentially focus on vertical connection.
  - Layers of forces: sun, rain, types of trees. Complimenting other spaces on North campus but not replacing them. Don't want to create anything too special on the stairs because not

everyone can use stairs. “What is the experience and who gets to have it?”

- Student feedback—we want social space outside but we want it covered
- Just over 100 feet, pentagonal shape overall (not closed)
- Potential spacial comparison to other buildings on campus? To better understand the massing and scale.

STEM 4 by Mithun & Residential Village by Mahlum Tours conducted in afternoon

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:00PM.**

The next meeting will be held online on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.