

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of UWAC  
Monday, December 14, 2020  
Virtual – Zoom Meeting

**Architectural Commission**

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X	Renee Cheng, Chair	Dean, College of Built Environments	Voting
X	AnnMarie Borys, Vice Chair	Associate Professor, College of Built Environments	Voting
X	Linda Jewell	Partner, Freeman & Jewell	Voting
X	Andrea Leers	Principal, Leers Wienzapfel Associates	Voting
X	Cathy Simon	Design Principal	Voting
X	John Syvertsen	Chairman, Board of Regents, American Architectural Foundation	Voting
	Bea Badipe	Student Representative, Architecture	Voting
X	Kristine Kenney	University Landscape Architect, UW Facilities	Ex Officio
X	Mike McCormick	Associate Vice President, UW Facilities	Ex Officio
X	Lou Cariello	Vice President, UW Facilities	Ex Officio

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Minutes by Stephanie Parker

**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 October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and current agenda were approved.

**Interdisciplinary Engineering Building Architect Selection Interviews**

Jennifer Reynolds – UW Project Manager

Jennifer Reynolds gave a brief overview of the project and project goals, as established by the College of Engineering.

- The building will be approx. 75Ksqft, with a budget of approximately \$75M.
- Targeted occupancy is anticipated for April 2024.

The Commission conducted Architect Selection Interviews which included the following candidate firms:

- Kieran Timberlake
- Lake | Flato Architects
- Payette Associates

After deliberation, the Commission selected Kieran Timberlake as the recommended Architect for this project. The Commission felt that Kieran Timberlake best represented the overall campus in their presentation and provided a thoughtful and engaging understanding of the east slope challenges and potential.

## UW Bothell Husky Village

Tracey Andres – UW Account Manager

Harry Fuller – UW Project Manager

UW Bothell Husky Village redevelopment was presented as an information item at the December Board of Regents meeting, and will be presented again as an action item in February 2021 seeking final approval. The project provides student residence and dining facilities, as well as a social hub, and gateway to the Bothell Campus.

### Project Updates

- Capstone's primary project priorities include:
  - Student Affordability
  - Campus Character
  - Quality of Facilities
  
- Landscape
  - Design work intends to bring the landscape experience into the heart of campus, celebrating the layered aspects of meadow, wetland and forest.
    - Landscape Character and existing structure of buildings helps influence design elements focusing on the natural environment
  
- Structures on Campus w ( AUDIO STARTS HERE)
  - Masonry and strong stone bases across campus buildings were used while considering design elements in the Husky Village project.
  - Husky Village Structures
    - The team is currently in the beginning stages of how to articulate the façade.
      - Hope to create a feeling of a heart center at the dining hall, with elements extending from each surrounding building which draw attention toward the heart. Considering a wood connection at the base instead of stone.
    - Floor Plans and Building types identify 3 base functions:
      - First year tradition housing
      - Sophomore/upper classman housing
      - Traditional apartment style housing
    - Activity Zones
      - Dining Space
        - Siting for the promenade in relation to the dining area was intentional, with the thought to draw in diners as they move through campus.
      - Student Support Spaces
        - Stretched thought-out the building.
        - Planned in ways that mimic efficiency, with transit focused services closer to Beardsley Ave and dining and student academic services closer to the heart of campus.
      - Residential Community Spaces
        - Indoor and outdoor spaces are developed adjacently to provide a window through campus, reinforcing a sense of community and belonging, by connecting the largest community spaces inside to open landscaped areas outside.

- Campus Gateway
  - Includes the Beardsley intersection and promenade entrance.
    - Hope to activate the entire urban edge along Beardsley Ave, by housing many program and service platforms.
      - Includes a proposed café and welcome center.
- Campus Growth
  - Removal of through street access firmly establishes pedestrian/bicycle purpose

*Comments-*

- *How is trail slope being considered relative to area access? Will the promenade need railings?*
  - *Accessibility and likely paths of travel is being reviewed closes to ensure logical and accessible routes*
  - *The team feels that the promenade will not require railings based on the trajectory of the design.*
- *From the upper floors of the buildings, are their views to the north or south?*
  - *Since the dining hall is low all of the views look over the wetlands toward the cascades.*
- *With the development of the exterior space, could there be opportunity for a rooftop experiential space or even terraces?*
  - *Height limitations negate the ability to add a rooftop terrace without impacting the bed count needed for project viability.*
  - *Efficiency layouts need by the resident rooms have required hard decisions, and to let go of some of the more experiential elements like this. Hope to use ground floor layouts and landscaping to create these experiences.*
    - *This assumes priority number 1 – Student Affordability*
- *Has consideration been given to different pricing points for different experiences (closer to street noise, lack of view, etc)?*
  - *Currently there is no differentiation between view and non- view unit price points.*
- *Focus on the detailing to keep the buildings from feeling homogenous or monolithic.*
- *Don't let Student Affordability overshadow the importance of experience through quality design. Ensure that design quality is maximized as much as possible while staying within the budget.*
  - *Don't sacrifice a sense of wonder. Keep working on how to do more with less.*
- *The site plan has evolved well. The idea of articulating the ground floor is smart.*
  - *Materiality – consider the notion that the 3 buildings are all different in material. Make them familial rather than identical.*
    - *Perhaps consider a terracotta colored metal siding, or metal siding mixed with the masonry or maybe varied coloration in the masonry between the buildings.*
  - *Wood at lower levels seems an odd choice - putting the lighter material underneath a heavier masonry façade.*
    - *Bear in mind that wood exterior elements will be expensive and will be subject to ongoing expense to maintain correctly.*
- *The way the building meets the sky is very austere and diagrammatic looking. Perhaps incorporate some shadow to better define the top.*
- *The trees on Beardsley Ave are very established and linear vs the interior area as open expansive, irregular wetland.*
  - *Will the boulevard be only in front of the UW, or will the masterplan at some point extend further up Beardsley?*
- *Are there public accessible retail spaces along the ground level of the street? This is a very long and symmetrical area.*
- *Site plan – general consensus and approval by Commission.*

## **Closing Comments/Discussion**

- Hansel Phelps Pre-Architect Interviews UWAC Introduction
  - *The commission provided a general consensus that this kind of pre-meeting was useful, and would find it helpful to continue this process with a revised structure for future projects and selections. Having this meeting virtually seems to be an appropriate format.*
  - *The commission discussed weather adding perspective from UWAC for the contractor selection would add value as well.*
  
- UWB Husky Village Student Housing Project
  - *General concern provided about the overemphasis on “connection” to the rest of campus.*
    - *Much will depend on city requirements as far as how differentiation can be developed.*
  - *Rendering styles are a hindrance to process. They are too diagrammatic. Hopeto see more about the character of planting, circulation, topography, etc.*
  
- UWB/CC STEM Building
  - *Clarity about what will be dug into the hill on the west side would be helpful.*
  
- Feedback to Firms Not Selected
  - The commission discussed ways in which information related to the selection process could be made available to the public, via the website, with a goal of expanding the engaged architect pool for UW Projects. Information might show a recap of the process and who was considered for specific projects. The hope would be that this helps the local community better understand the UW’s aspirations.
    - The general consensus from commissioners was that this was a good idea.
      - Thoughts on this process, specific to the IEB Project Interviews, included a draft of memo with the above detail to be put out to the public via the website shortly after Lou’s announcement. The Commissioners should review ahead of posting on website. Mike to work on this.

Schedule for 2021 meeting was reviewed.

- The commission is considering breaking up project reviews and architect selection processes at for the Q1 session into two dates. A final decision will be communicated ahead of the meeting dates.
  - 1/25 – 8:30-2PM – Design Reviews - TBD will be confirmed.
  - 2/1 W27 Architect selection and possible Design Reviews.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:30PM**