

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW MEETING / MAY 21, 2015**

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MEETING START TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 MEETING END TIME: 11:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

Maura Donnelly	UW-System Administration	Val Schute	River Architects
Bob Hetzel	UW-La Crosse	Mike Adler	River Architects
Heidi Macpherson	UW-La Crosse	Jeff Kocinski	SmithGroupJJR
Doug Pearson	UW-La Crosse	Bill Patek	SmithGroupJJR
Bruce Riley	UW-La Crosse	Ross Pinski	SmithGroupJJR

**NOTES:**

1. Project Schedule Review:
  - a. Upcoming meetings tentatively scheduled are as follows:
    - Design Development Review Meeting No. 3 to be held May 28, 2015.
    - Executive Committee Review Meeting to be held June 16, 2015.
    - Design Development Review Meeting No. 4 to be held June 18, 2015.
  - b. Design Team expecting the first draft of the construction cost estimate on May 22, 2015.
  - c. Draft Design Report and Appendix to be submitted to DFD, UW-System, and UW-L on May 29, 2015.
  
2. Project Cost Review:
  - a. Design Team using cost reduction strategies previously discussed with the Executive Committee.
  
3. Bill Patek reviewed the proposed site design. The following items were reviewed and discussed:
  - a. A review and recap was presented of the Badger Street development concepts presented at the previous Executive Committee meeting. The linear design was acceptable and the design concept is moving forward.
  - b. Phase 1 site design was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
    - Pedestrian flow from other buildings and other areas of campus were evaluated.
    - Trees are placed along the south side of the Badger Street sidewalk in order to provide shade.
    - Retention areas sized to accommodate a 50 year storm event. Areas are depressed similar to the south side of Centennial, but likely not as deep.
    - The proposed plantings offer color in the spring for commencement activities.
    - A stormwater feature is currently proposed for the northeast retention area.
    - Maura Donnelly expressed concern regarding snow removal at the north end of the campus mall. Provide adequate width between seat walls.

- c. The loading area was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
    - Currently two dumpsters are used at Cowley Hall.
    - Two ADA parking stalls to be provided if possible. Bob Hetzel recommended moving the spaces to the stadium parking lot. SmithGroupJJR to continue to look at the service yard for options.
    - Garbage trucks pull straight in and will have to back out onto East Avenue. SmithGroupJJR to continue to look at the service yard for turn-around options.
    - Maura Donnelly asked if there will be a gate or screen wall provided. Currently these are not included in Phase 1.
  - d. The interface with the New Student Center project was reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
    - Sidewalks to be reconfigured and/or omitted per the proposed design.
    - Staging will occur in Badger Street for this project, just like it is currently being used for the New Student Center.
    - Maura Donnelly noted that if budget becomes an issue, the reworking of Badger Street directly north of the project site could be made a separate project.
  - e. The site utilities were reviewed and discussed. The following items were noted:
    - Existing steam pit at the service yard will need to be reconstructed to accommodate the driveway.
    - Electrical gear located directly west of the site needs to be relocated.
4. Val Schute presented the current exterior design strategies being proposed for the project. The following items were reviewed and discussed:
- a. A slot window has been introduced to the west stair. Design approach was acceptable to the committee.
  - b. The mullions within the curtain wall systems have been modulated and frit glass has been introduced.
  - c. Exterior materials were reviewed and accepted by the committee.
  - d. Maura Donnelly and Bob Hetzel recommend removal of automatic sunshades for maintenance and cost reasons.
  - e. Maura Donnelly noted that there will be a modesty issue from the exterior at the counter area proposed at the north corridor if the sill is not raised.
  - f. UWL to verify color and finish of the Student Center penthouse.
  - g. Bob Hetzel recommended providing a similar window at first floor of the east façade rather than the tall stone still proposed.
  - h. Maura Donnelly cautioned the design of the west stair where the stair structure floats in front of the glass.
5. Jeff Kocinski presented the current interior design strategies being proposed for the project. The following items were reviewed and discussed:
- a. West stair to have metal risers with precast concrete treads. Committee liked the idea of concrete walls.
  - b. Interior views need to show actual glazing condition of the west stair.
  - c. Maura Donnelly commented that there may be a heat gain issue at the west stair due to the amount of glazing.
  - d. Wood panels being considered as an option for the guardrail system.
  - e. Bob Hetzel noted that lockers are an institutional issue that needs to be addressed by the campus.
  - f. Maura Donnelly questioned the degree of locker storage requested by Microbiology.

- g. Maura Donnelly commented on the use of recessed linear fixtures up against wall surfaces and the issue of the finish quality of the walls being expressed when light is in such close proximity.
- h. Maura Donnelly commented that the restroom doors should swing out.

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*Meeting Notes by: River Architects and SmithGroupJJR*

*This constitutes our understanding of the issues presented. Contact River Architects, Inc. via phone at (608) 785-2217, or e-mail [m.adler@river-architects.com](mailto:m.adler@river-architects.com) if there are any discrepancies.*