

Meeting Summary – Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) Stakeholder Meeting #11

Meeting date: July 28, 2022, 3:15 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Clarissa Easton (DES), Anneliese Irby (DES), Ginny Streeter (DES), Sharon Case, Rachel Newmann, Bob Jacobs, Cristine Traber, Matt Aalfs, Cynthia Barrett (DES), Kevin Pierce, Lisa Bono, Sarian Scott, Holly Gadbow, Greg Griffith, Senator Sam Hunt, Kris Tucker, John Lyons (DES), Chris Ferguson, Kim Jorgenson, Nicholas Vann, John Saunders, Craig Mckissick, Colleen Rust, Sarah Bannister, Allyson Brooks, Amy Kim (DES), Anne Knight, Brent Chapman (DES), Debbie Ramos, Eilean Davis, Kyle Overmiller, Linda Kent (DES), Sidney Hunt (DES), Bill Robinson, Gordon White, Ruth Baleiko, Bill Frare (DES), Leonard Bauer, Mark Tilbe

Presenters:

- Clarissa Easton, AIA, LCM Project Director
- Christine Traber, AIA, Miller Hull
- Ruth Baleiko, FAIA, Miller Hull

MEETING SUMMARY

- Two highly respected landscape architects have agreed to serve on the Newhouse Landscape Review Panel. The Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM) team is working with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to recruit additional members for the panel. The panel will review landscape plans including how the LCM landscaping stays true to the Olmstead plan and ties into the rest of the campus and surrounding neighborhood.
- DES continues to work with ArtsWA to select an artist to create public art for the Newhouse Building. Over the next few weeks, the team will narrow the field down to 2-3 artists to progress to the next round of the selection process.
- The Design Development (DD) phase of Newhouse has achieved 50% completion and is on track for a final completion date of Sept. 2, 2022.
- LCM will release three separate SEPA checklists for public comment in Aug. and Sept. The Legislative Modular Building SEPA Checklist will be released first followed by LCM Non-Project SEPA Checklist and the Newhouse Replacement Project SEPA Checklist.
- Three firms are being interviewed for the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) role for the Pritchard/O'Brien Project.
- The next Project Executive Team (PET) meeting is scheduled for Aug. 11, 2022.
- The LCM team is working with an independent consultant to interview several previous members of the Capitol Press Corps to record the Oral History of the Press House structures (Carlyon House and Ayer House) as part of the historic mitigation work on the Newhouse Building Replacement. Interviews will take place Aug. 11, 2022 at the TVW studios in Olympia and will subsequently be aired and archived.
- Excavation and site development work continues for the Legislative Modular Building project. The project is still on track to finish in Dec. 2022.

View the meeting presentation [here](#).

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

- Opportunities for public input
 - Several stakeholders expressed a desire to have more opportunity for public input in the LCM process, specifically around design decisions such as building orientation, landscape considerations and parking.
 - Members of the LCM team shared the various ways that stakeholders can influence the decision-making process.
 - There was discussion about what meetings are open to the public and when those meetings are held. The LCM team clarified that State Capitol Committee (SCC) and Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC) meetings are open to the public as well as external Stakeholder meetings. Project Executive Team (PET) and Project Management Team (PMT) are working meetings that are not open to the public.
- Newhouse landscape considerations and opportunities for input
- Parking including the site plan for parking lots, public parking along Water Street and when final decisions will be made regarding parking around Newhouse.
- Newhouse design considerations and stakeholders' desire to see site designs for all floors of Newhouse.
- SEPA Checklist public comment period
 - Discussed concerns that the SEPA public comment period for both the Non-Project and Newhouse SEPA checklists will extend beyond the DD phase.
 - LCM leadership explained that SEPA is very specific regarding environmental impacts, not design decisions.
- Press House structures
 - DES and Hoffman Construction are in talks with a private party for the relocation of the Press House structures.
 - Removal or demolition of the Press Houses is scheduled for late 2022.

Useful links for additional information

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

Contact information

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