Meeting Agenda Summary:
- Landscape Architect Interviews for On-call Services
- UW Arboretum Master Plan
- Molecular Engineering Building - Design Development
- Business School Phase 2 – Balmer Hall Replacement – Schematic Design
- Student Housing – Pre-Design
- HUB Renovation – Pre-Design
- Ethnic Cultural Center – Pre-Design
- Rebecca Griego Memorial

Committee Members

Present
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Consultants Present

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Melanie Davies SvR Design Debra Guenther Mithun
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Brice Maryman SvR Design Marty Chase KPFF
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Jonathan Morley Berger Partnership Tim Williams ZGF
Andy Mitton Berger Partnership Dave Schneider LMN
Barbara Swift Swift Company Jennifer Guthrie GGN
Lisa Corry Swift Company Mark Cork Mahlum
Gareth Loveridge Swift Company Ryan Bussard Perkins + Will
Sam Cameron Rolluda Architects Alex Rolluda Rolluda Architects

Sean Keithly, Kate Lichtenstein, Sue Jenson & Rochelle Lucero (Friends of Rebecca Griego)
Kristine Kenney, Substitute Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 and called for the approval of the December 4, 2008 meeting minutes and acceptance of the day’s agenda.

Committee action: Ann Marie Borys moved to approve the minutes and agenda; a second was heard from Karen Kennedy. Motion passed.

Landscape Architect Interviews
An RFQ for landscape architectural services was advertised in February soliciting proposals from landscape architectural firms interested in providing design services for projects under $1M. A total of 21 proposals were received and reviewed by Kristine Kenney, Maggie Johnson and Fred Hoyt to develop a short list of firms to interview. Four landscape architectural Firms: SvR Design, The Berger Partnership, Swift Company & Mithun were selected for interviews. The selected firm will negotiate a two-year term contract with the option of extending an additional year.

Projects that may be included as part of this contract are: a study of Denny Yard, participation on the West Campus planning study, grounds improvement projects, campus beautification projects and departmental landscape improvement requests.

Committee Comments:
- SvR presented a compelling integrated design team of landscape architects, civil engineers and irrigation specialists. The depth of in-house resources, natural ability to incorporate sustainable strategies into a wide range of built work and inherent commitment to the long-term functionality of projects made them an attractive firm for this contract. However, the Committee questioned the design expertise of the firm given the integrated approach with civil engineering which may overshadow the spirit of design.
- Mithun offered a richness of design experience and intellectual analysis. The proposed project manager, Susan, displayed a lot of personality and thoroughness to her presentation. However, much of the work shown was master planning and not built projects. Technical expertise and the ability to perform well on small-scale, rapidly paced projects that may not require the intellectual analysis Mithun is known was a concern of the Committee.
- The other firms each offered strengths and weaknesses that were debated at length. Past experiences, limited leadership abilities or lack of actual built work made them less favorable.

Committee Action: The Committee debated back and forth between SvR and Mithun and asked Kristine and Jon Hooper to follow-up with both to address some of the Committee’s concerns.

Note: Upon follow-up, SvR was selected and is currently developing a concept plan for the restoration of Denny Yard.
Arboretum Master plan
Fred Hoyt, Manager of CUH
Jason Henry, Berger Partnership

Project Phase: Master Planning
Requested Action: Informational

In May 2001, the Seattle City Council approved the long-range master plan for the Washington Park Arboretum, creating a road map for Arboretum improvements over the next 20 years. Seattle Parks and Recreation, the University of Washington and the Arboretum Foundation developed the plan in consultation with The Berger Partnership.

The master plan ensures the Washington Park Arboretum will effectively fulfill three primary purposes—conservation, recreation and education—for decades to come. Key elements include renovation of 30 existing plant exhibits and creation of 21 new plant exhibits; reorientation of some pedestrian trails; construction of a pedestrian/bicycle trail along Lake Washington Blvd.; renovation and expansion of existing facilities in the vicinity of the Graham Visitors Center; construction of a new pavilion and entrance to the Japanese Garden; addition of two pedestrian overpasses, one across Lake Washington Blvd. and one across Foster Island Dr.; traffic flow improvements; and other minor modifications.

The Pacific Connections Garden will display plants from around the Pacific Rim in an exciting new garden covering 12 acres at the south end of the Arboretum. The garden will feature a central meadow and interpretive shelter surrounded by five preview gardens and eco-geographic forests. The countries represented will be Chile, China, New Zealand, Australia, and our home region of Cascadia, US. Phase one of the Pacific Connections Garden, representing plants from New Zealand and Cascadia was recently completed. The next phase is currently fundraising.

Committee comments:
- The Committee appreciated the presentation and looks forward to visiting the arboretum in the future.

Committee Action: No action was required.

Molecular Engineering
Steve Tatge, UW Project Manager
Jarvis Payne, Walker Macy
Tim Williams, ZGF

Project Phase: Design Development
Requested Action: Approval

The schedule for phase one was accelerated to meet potential funding from stimulus funds (which it did not receive) and is currently unknown due to initial budget projections generated from the State. The design schedule will continue with the expectation construction will begin in fall 2009. The base scope of the project includes a structure with 3-stories above grade, one-story below grade and a 4-story additive alternate. The site plan has evolved to respond to previous comments, with the greatest change proposed along Stevens Way and further development of the courtyard.
The overall site concept is to wrap the southern portion of the new building in a similar planting language as currently exists in the courtyard and extend this to Stevens Way, providing screening of the proposed parking area and setting the building into the landscape. The grading and proportion of pavement to planting at the Stevens Way entrance has been simplified and more clearly defined, accentuating the proposed street tree planting to match the trees planted across the street at Architecture Hall, Accolade Elm. Moving around the northern end of the building, a temporary landscape of ornamental grasses with an informal pathway is proposed in the location of the future phase two.

The design of the courtyard has taken on greater definition in the proposed paving concept, drainage strategy and planting design. The proposed paving for primary pathways uses concrete as the base material with varying patterns of sawcut joints to define the hierarchy. Secondary pathways are proposed as unit pavers or plank pavers with groundcover between. The proposed trees lining the primary walkway are Gleditsia with a Katsura terminating the end of the walkway and yellow flowering Magnolia or Styrax japonica scattered throughout the planting at the perimeter. A bike shelter is proposed at the southern end of the courtyard in lieu of bicycle lockers.

Committee comments:
- The simplification of the Stevens Way landscape and removal of the mechanical units is a vast improvement to what was previously presented.
- The differentiation of pavement types requires further resolution to provide a better sequencing of circulation, gathering and entry.
- The functionality and terminus of the courtyard promenade still does not seem resolved.
- Planting concept in general seems appropriate with the exception of proposed planting under the building overhang and selection of groundcover plants between the plank pavers.
- Irrigation for planting under the building overhang will need to be provided on a separate zone with the ability to water during rainy season or an integrated storm water system to keep plants moist should be designed.

Committee Action: Jon Hooper made a motion to approve the design development taking into consideration the Committee’s comments. Bob Edmonds seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Balmer Hall Replacement
Brian Berard, UW Project Manager
Barbara Swift, Swift Company
Caitlin Evans, Swift Company
Dave Schneider, LMN

Project Phase: Schematic Design
Requested Action: Approval

The Balmer Hall replacement building will provide additional classroom and office space for the Business School. The building will be a 4-story structure with a third level connection to Paccar Hall and basement connection to Foster Library. The site components include a new and improved loading zone, improved parking east of Mackenzie, new landscape between Mackenzie and the new building, and bicycle parking. Improvements to the rooftop of the Foster Library are currently not included in the project due to limited funding.
The Stevens Way landscape is proposed to be improved by relocating the entrance to the parking lot and loading dock further south to provide a safer pedestrian crossing along Klickitat Lane. The parking lot is proposed to be reorganized to provide parking on both sides of the drive isle. The loading zone includes an area for trucks to turn around without having to back out over the pedestrian pathway.

The landscape between the new facility and Mackenzie is proposed as a courtyard/plaza with bicycle parking, an informal planting of small canopy trees and seating. The intent is to provide an outdoor gathering area that can be used on a day-to-day basis for informal socializing and for larger business school gatherings. The bicycle parking is located on the eastern end of the plaza for ease of access and is proposed between perpendicular rows of shrub planting to visually separate the area. The seating is located at the western end of the plaza, closer to Denny Yard and is designed to be used by Business School students or the general public. The passageway between the new facility and Paccar Hall is more gracious than exists today to facilitate free pedestrian movement in the north-south direction.

Committee comments:
- The space between the new building and MacKenzie currently does not read as a plaza or corridor and requires further development to strengthen both of these aspects. The structure of the tree canopy should relate to the rhythm of the building rather than trying to draw in the informal character of Denny Yard. The placement of benches and differentiation of pavements should take on the same formal character between the buildings.
- The transparent articulation of the inside facades of the phase 1 and 2 buildings puts a significant focus on the Foster Library rooftop landscape, which is currently overgrown and requires renovation. This work is currently not in the scope of the project and the Committee felt strongly this is a missed opportunity and renovation at a later date could be more costly due to limited access in the future.
- The design team will continue to study the following: care of existing red pine, fire truck access, permeable pavement systems with potential for storm water storage beneath, Klickitat Lane connection, views from Mackenzie, green roof potential, re-use of existing trees, maintenance issues, bicycle storage facility, and feasibility of the Foster Library rooftop renovation as part of the project.

Committee Action: Maggie Johnson moved to approve Schematic Design taking into consideration the Committee’s comments. Jennifer Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Student Housing
Paul Brown, CPO Director
Jon Lebo, UW Project Manager
Jennifer Guthrie, GGN
Mark Cork, Mahlum

Project Phase: Pre-Design
Requested Action: Approval

The Student Housing project is planning to develop four sites in west campus, three for student housing and one for apartments that will house approximate 1,600 students. Schematic Design will be completed in May and presented at the June meeting.
The proposed structures will be 65-70 ft. tall in a 5-over-2 construction type (wood over concrete). The presentation included five areas of review: campus context, campus master plan, site analysis, the landscape treatment, and organizational principles.

Three of the sites are located on Campus Parkway with the fourth site one block removed. Campus Parkway has an emphasis on transportation with two lanes of travel in each direction, parking, transit stops and/or layover sites, bicycle travel lanes, and proposed trolley route. The campus master plan identifies the need to enhance the Campus Parkway corridor in order to increase the potential amount of usable open space and improve traffic flow. The site analysis identified the parkway as a failed open space due to the constraints of traffic, poor planting and isolation.

The landscape for the project will primarily focus on the streetscape with some rooftop terraces and courtyard spaces enhancing more private outdoor gathering opportunities. The analysis revealed the existing sidewalks are undersized and in poor condition. The neighborhood scale north and south of Campus Parkway will be respected and enhanced with generous 8 ft sidewalks and 5 ft planting strips. The sidewalks along Campus Parkway will be increased to 12 ft with an 8 ft planting strip.

Committee comments:
- The emphasis on street improvements and the pedestrian experience provide the greatest opportunities for the project and the best means for continuity between each site.
- The lack of resolution at the west end of Campus Parkway leaves it open to discussion for how to improve the entire corridor to make it a more attractive gateway to campus, a connector between the housing sites and potentially a useable, activated space.
- The circulation patterns from the new housing sites to campus should be clarified to understand the impacts to existing entries at NE 41\textsuperscript{st} St, the bridge at the Henry and NE 40\textsuperscript{th} St.

Committee Action: Darlene Zabowski made a motion to approve the Pre-Design. Jon Hooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HUB Renovation
Jon Lebo, UW Project Manager
Jennifer Guthrie, GGN
Ryan Bussard, Perkins + Will

Project Phase: Pre-Design
Requested Action: Approval

The HUB renovation is a student funded project with a budget of $125M. Schematic Design will be completed in June and presented at the June meeting. Construction is slated to begin October 2010 through December 2012. The presentation included 5 areas of review: context, campus master plan, site ideas, challenges, and next steps.

The surrounding site will not change much in function to what exists today with the exception of the exiting turnaround at the southwest entrance. To the north of the building is ADA parking which will remain untouched. The east side is primarily service oriented with the loading dock and trash pick-up. The south side of the building currently serves both pedestrians and vehicles and is a point of conflict that will be resolved as part of this project. The west side is primarily pedestrian and student activity
focused. The campus master plan proposes a major east-west pedestrian connection aligned with the north edge of Frosh Pond.

The proposed north-south organizational spine of the building will make it more open, provide a better relationship to the yard, and connect out into campus in the direction of the quad and the pond. The proposed plaza porch at the west entrance off the HUB Yard will provide direct universal access to the facility. The proposed improvements to the yard include renovation of the lawn to accommodate heavy use and widening of the east-west brick walkway to accommodate student booths. The east side of the building will be planted to provide better screening of the service yard and better connections to the dining use inside. A safe, sheltered gathering space for people waiting for transit will be incorporated into the southern portion of the site.

Design challenges include protection and/or removal of various trees around the building. Protection of the existing Cork Oak, Silk Trees and American Elm will be critical in the development of the site improvements. Opportunities for selectively thinning the planting along the west elevation to open views in and out will be explored. Other challenges include the steep topography at the south end of the site, the need for expanding the functions of the loading dock, and providing universal access at all four major access points.

Committee comments:
- The master planning phase had some wonderful view diagrams that should be referenced when developing the landscape improvements.
- General approach to the landscape character is appropriate and offers great opportunities for expression of storm water runoff.
- Impact to existing trees should be carefully studied.

**Committee Action:** Jennifer Jones made a motion to approve the Pre-Design. Karen Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Ethnic Cultural Center**

*John Wetzel, UW Project Manager*

*Sam Cameron, Rolluda Architects*

*Alex Rolluda, Rolluda Architects*

**Project Phase:** Pre-Design  
**Requested Action:** Approval

Two sites were studied as part of the Pre-Design, the site the existing facility sits on and the site at the corner of Campus Parkway and University Ave. The decision for which site the project will be located on will be made by the Provost. The project will complete Schematic Design in June and present at the June meeting.

The design team reviewed the opportunities and constraints of each site including overall size, service access, and adjacent uses.

Committee comments:
- If the existing site is selected, the development of the architecture should give priority to the urban design characteristics of the site in regard to scale and quality.
• Similar to the Student Housing project, the emphasis of site work should focus on street improvements and the pedestrian experience.

> Committee Action: Jon Hooper made a motion to approve the Pre-Design. Darlene Zabowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rebecca Griego Memorial

Daniel Friedman, Dean, College of Built Environments
Seth Keithly, Alumnus & co-worker of Rebecca
Kate Lichtenstein, first recipient of the Rebecca Griego scholarship
Sue Jensen, Alumnus & landscape designer
Rochelle Lucero, friend of Rebecca and horticulturalist

Project Phase: Schematic Design
Requested Action: Informational

The proposed memorial is to honor Rebecca Griego, a valuable member of the College of Built Environments who was tragically murdered in Gould Hall in April 2008. The group envisions the memorial “as a natural space that symbolizes the spirit of community that Rebecca helped foster, the selfless generosity that guided her work and the quiet strength she exhibited as an individual who supported the aspirations of so many students.”

The site of the memorial is the northwest corner of Gould Hall due to the high visibility, yet somewhat sheltered character of the site. The current design reflects a Japanese influence (something Rebecca was interested in) with a stone water basin and lantern serving as focal elements. Seating, low, native groundcovers and seasonal plantings are proposed.

The project is currently not funded, but Dean Friedman supports the project and will support fundraising activities. The group is also interested in active participation of the construction of the project.

Committee comments:
• Admirable use for an underutilized part of the landscape.
• The design of the garden should be compatible with the architecture of Gould Hall in both form and material selection.
• The materials selected for the garden and the execution of construction should ensure longevity and not focus too much on costs. Kristine will work with the design team and Facilities Services to estimate costs and help procure materials.

> Committee Action: No action was required.

End of meeting minutes

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm
Meeting notes prepared by: Kristine Kenney