Joe Albi Stadium and Northwest Middle School

1 - Program Review/Collaborative Workshop

July 8, 2020



From:

Design Review Board
Kathy Lang, Chair

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Based on review of the materials submitted by the Applicant and discussion during the July 8, 2020 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following Advisory Actions:

Overall Site

 The Applicants shall consider thoughtful and safe integration of non-motorized transportation through the sites and provide details to the Board at the Recommendation Meeting.

Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies: LU 4.1 Land Use and Transportation, LU 4.4 Connections, TR GOAL A: PROMOTE A SENSE OF PLACE, TR GOAL B: PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES, TR GOAL C: ACCOMMODATE ACCESS TO DAILY NEEDS AND PRIORITY DESTINATIONS, TR GOAL F: ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, TR 1 Transportation Network For All Users, TR 2 Transportation Supporting Land Use, TR 5 Active Transportation, TR 14 Traffic Calming, TR 20 Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordination, DP 1.2 New Development in Established Neighborhoods, DP 2.3 Design Standards for Public Projects and Structures, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, N 2.1 Neighborhood Quality of Life, N 4.5 Multimodal Transportation, N 4.6 Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections, N 5.3 Linkages, BMP 1 Bicycle Mode Share, BMP 2 Bikeways Completion, and BMP 3 Convenient Bike Storage.

2. The Board encourages the Applicants to plan forward to accommodate (or at least not preclude) transit service to and potentially through these key community destinations.

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3. The Applicants shall provide additional details on managing traffic circulation through the site (via gates, etc.) for varying operations and provide details to the Board at the Recommendation Meeting.

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4. The Board appreciates and strongly encourages further exploration of the use of native grasses and low-water plant palette, and applauds the reintroduction of ponderosa pines on the site.

Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies: LU 5.1 Built and Natural Environment, LU 5.2 Environmental Quality Enhancement, LU 6.2 Open Space, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, DP 2.15 Urban Trees and Landscape Areas, and N 5.3 Linkages.

Northwest Middle School (NWMS)

Neighborhood

1. The Applicant is encouraged to continue to work with the City to close any bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure gaps along Wellesley to provide safe access to the school and stadium sites.

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Site

The Parti for the NWMS is intriguing and has a very micro-regional application
within the building itself. The Board encourages the applicant to explore
extrapolating that language to the exterior of the building and how it might radiate
outward toward the access drives, parking areas, and how it interacts with the
public roads.

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3. The bluffs have a verticality that is very dramatic; there is opportunity with the façade of the gymnasium and the common areas to create a dramatic wall with light that punches through. It would seem that there are opportunities for NWMS to insinuate the crevices and undulations that appear along the basalt walls.

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Note: Supplementary information, audio tape and meeting summary are on file with City of Spokane Design Review Board.