



Ed Robson Arena - Community Meeting #2

February 16, 2019 | 10:30 a.m. – noon
Cornerstone Arts Center

UPDATED: Public Process Overview

Upcoming meetings:

NOTE: REVISED COMMUNITY MEETING DATE: 10:30 – noon, Saturday, March 23. This meeting will take place in the Kathryn Mohrman Theatre in Armstrong Hall, 14 E. Cache La Poudre St. The meeting will focus on the site plan, parking strategy, architecture, landscape and community input.

April – Community Meeting

July – Downtown Review Board

August – Presentation to City Council

Colorado College has invited the community to engage in a public process to shape the designs and plans for the new Robson Arena on the Colorado College campus as a permanent home for CC Tiger Hockey and one of the venues associated with the City for Champions initiative. The college has been seeking feedback and input on all aspects of the arena project, including design, architecture, parking and traffic. This planning process is strategically designed to provide opportunities for changes and further refinements early in the planning process prior to the development of final plans.

Several community meetings have taken place to date as part of the public process with several hundred citizens participating in each meeting. During these meetings we have received extensive input, ideas, suggestions and reactions that have been helping to shape each next step of the design and plans. The project team, working with the college and the CC Board of Trustees, has been responding to community input by adjusting and adding more refinement to the plans. This has been an iterative process and will continue to be, assuring the final design and plans reflect as much community input and desires as possible.

An extensive amount of work to incorporate community feedback to date needs to happen prior to the next project meeting. Therefore, we are rescheduling the March 2 Robson Arena public meeting. **The next meeting, Community Meeting #3, will be Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at Armstrong Hall, in the Kathryn Mohrman Theatre, 14 E. Cache la Poudre St.** During this meeting, more detailed plans will be presented for community feedback, including the parking strategy. The presentation will, by no means, be a final plan, as we want to continue to encourage and obtain additional input and feedback. A subsequent Robson Arena Community Meeting will be scheduled in April (date yet to be determined). We look forward to your continued participation as we work to make this a positive outcome for the community, neighborhoods, students, faculty, college staff, and CC Tiger Hockey fans and players.

February 16, 2019 Meeting Summary

Approximately 160 citizens attended the Feb. 16 meeting, the second in a series of community meetings for the planning and design of the Robson Arena on the Colorado College campus, as home to CC Tiger Hockey and one of the venues associated with the City for Champions initiative.

Welcome and Introductions given by Lisa Bachman, Bachman pr

Project team includes:

Colorado College: Chris Coulter, Assistant Vice President Facilities Services; Rick Greene/Senior Project Manager: Scott Lowenberg, Associate Athletics Director

Consultant Team: Chris Lieber/N.E.S. Inc., Lisa Bachman/Bachman pr; Todd Frisbie/Felsburg Holt & Ullevig; Kyle Campbell/Classic Engineering; Adam Davidson/JLG Architects

City Representative: Bob Cope/Economic Development and City for Champions initiative

It was noted that there is a project website where all the facts about the project and documents from all the public meetings and workshops are posted. Lisa informed the audience that we are videotaping all the meeting presentations and posting them to the project website. Also, on the website is posted the project Frequently Asked Questions, summaries from all public meeting meetings, PowerPoint presentations from all the meetings, display boards, meeting agendas, comment forms and other materials.

Lisa mentioned there is a lot of misinformation circulating on social media. Accurate information about the project can be found on the Colorado College website <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/robsonarena>. All documents related to today's meeting will be posted there as well. The public may submit additional questions on the comment forms handed out at the sign-in table, or by emailing them to: RobsonArenaDesign@coloradocollege.edu. Through these meetings we are incorporating what we have been hearing from the community into the FAQs, and incorporating aspects of what we hear into the design plans over the course of the project. This is an iterative process of listening to input and then progressing the design. The design is currently in the preliminary conceptual phase. It will be further refined based on public input received during the meetings.

Approach of the arena project

Chris Coulter shared what the college seeks to deliver through the public process of accountability, dignifying those conversations that have taken place and the ones that are yet to come. We will continue to engage and thoughtfully consider the art of compromise. We look forward to your comments to move the project needle to a welcome outcome.

The approach is to elevate Robson Arena as a physical and cultural extension of Colorado Springs and Colorado College

- Establish a gateway to campus that respects the adjacent historic neighborhood
- Connect and consider indoor activities and the outdoor environment
- Be a model of need-based use and sustainability for the nation
- Create a Tiger-branded home-ice venue advantage

Scott Lowenberg discussed the user experience of the arena - We want to consider the fan experience for Division 1 hockey. This includes the experience of walking into the arena, both the team experience and the fan experience. Season ticket holders' access to season tickets is guaranteed. The fan experience will be better than at the World Arena. It will be designed specifically for hockey and will be a smaller, more intimate experience, which will create more excitement. We will designate season ticket holder parking lots. There is a parking control strategy that will include safety around the neighborhood. We will work with Campus Safety and Colorado Springs Police Department on traffic control and the strategy for the plan.

What We've Heard to Date

Approximately 20 minutes of the meeting was spent summarizing for the audience what the project team has heard from the public to date about the project including the summary from the breakout focus groups as they reported out during the January 19 workshop (more than 125 people attended and participated in small group exercises focused on parking and traffic).

The project team presented more than 30 items heard from the public to date that focus primarily on three topics:

- Parking and Traffic
 - Provide parking as close to the arena as possible
 - Provide additional parking on campus (surface and/or garage)
 - On-site, Fine Arts Center, expand existing campus lots, additional on-street parking within campus
 - Minimize on-street parking
 - Minimize parking impacts to existing residents and businesses
 - Consider residential parking permit program
 - Encourage parking in downtown garages, implement shuttle
 - Use nearby available surface lots
 - Minimize traffic in the neighborhoods; maintain the beauty of the neighborhood
 - Minimize traffic congestion at intersections
 - Implement valet parking
 - Encourage multi-modal transportation (bike, pedestrian, etc.)
- User Experience
 - Consider an enhanced customer experience reflective of Division 1 hockey games
 - Direct the season ticket holders to the priority parking areas

- Are current season ticketholders guaranteed access to season tickets in new arena?
- Chair-back seats, cup holders' concessions choices, Wi-Fi access
- Provide easy-access parking to minimize game attendees driving around looking for a parking space
- Minimize safety concerns for individuals walking in the neighborhood
- Ingress and egress before and after games – traffic control and safety
- Have reserved parking lots for season ticket holders

- Aesthetics, Architecture and Neighborhood Context
 - Consider alternative location for arena
 - Make sure any parking garages look nice and fit in with the campus and the neighborhood
 - Assure historic preservation of the neighborhood
 - Concerns about building height
 - Entrance to locations to arena need to be well designed
 - NHL size rink
 - Capacity of arena (too big or too small)
 - Concerns about neighborhood businesses and organizations (yoga studio, All Souls Unitarian Church)

Arena Programs and Events were discussed next (both for Colorado College Hockey and for City for Champions events)

Colorado College Hockey Events

- Colorado College will be responsible for operations, maintenance, and scheduling of Robson Arena
- Colorado College Hockey Games: 18 – 23 per year, Fri. and Sat. nights, Oct. – Mar.
 - CC Hockey Team – Division I ice time
 - Colorado College Hockey Practice
 - Colorado College Daily and Weekly Events and Programs
- Total Attendance: 3,000 to 3,650
- Students: 550 to 650
- Operations Staff: 138

Three Tiers for City for Champions (C4C) Events

- Tier I Event Example: Division III Basketball or hockey championships and events such as collegiate playoffs or Olympic qualifying finals – planning and preparation that includes parking plan and analysis
- Tier II Event Example: Paralympic or non-governing body (NGB) events
- Tier III Event Example: Training camps and amateur sports

Sports Authority

Purpose and Goals

- Formed as a requirement of the state
- Purpose to ensure compliance with resolution for state funding
 - Venues constructed to meet square footage, seating and component requirements
 - Implementation of the business plan
- Sports Authority – Five members
 - Mayor appointee
 - Colorado College appointee
 - Switchbacks appointee
 - City Council appointee
 - County Commissioner appointee

Roles and Responsibilities of the Sports Authority

- Coordinate the programming of events with the Colorado Springs sports ecosystem
 - Sports Corp
 - Convention and Visitors Bureau
 - United State Olympic Committee
 - Others

The Robson Arena is an indoor venue as part of C4C.

The Switchbacks soccer stadium will have a single point of contact for booking.

Colorado College will make decisions on the programs/scheduling.

Potential Events / Partnerships

- Curling
- SCAA Basketball Championships
- SCAC Volleyball Championships
- Ice Shows
- Martial Arts
- NCAA Div. III National Basketball Championship
- National Roller Hockey
- Club and Youth Hockey
- Hockey Camps
- National Sports Organizations
- National Governing Body (NGB) Events
- Paralympic Events (Indoor)
- Colorado College Pro Preparedness Camp
- NHL Team Training Camp
- Club Figure Skating

These venues lend themselves to community events. Events occur over multiple days and neither participants nor spectators are expected to attend all day and/or every day of the event. Given the nature of the sporting competitions, the athletes and spectators cycle through based on lineup of their match. Participants, coaches, trainers, and close family are anticipated to comprise 30% of total attendees and will utilize group transportation.

- Peak time attendance will be significantly less than total attendance
- Events only during summer and block breaks, holidays and most frequently on weekends

Architect Adam Davidson presented details of the building architecture concepts to date

Program Opportunities - Scope and schedule

The goals are to elevate the CC Tigers hockey program, and build an efficient building and a greater sense of place. Over the course of further developing what are preliminary concepts at this point, we will focus on the narrative of the identity of the building, topography and site; the image of layers of the mountains is being explored with the design.

Site selection: We are conceptualizing what the entry should look like. How will the facility be used by all? How will the event level, concourse level and suite and club level function? Entry sequence is very important. The lobby and entrance will be an extension of the campus. It needs to function for other events, have a multiple purpose space, with a team store that is highly visible. There needs to be easy access to the ice level going by the team shop, engaging and bringing people in a very easy, secure way.

Business administration offices will be directly off Tejon Street. There will be an additional retail component that will activate the site to draw people in, addressing ongoing neighborhood and community activity, not just on game days. There needs to be a sense of place for the hockey program, a team suite, a space just for hockey. It will be heavily branded because this is a big deal from a recruiting advantage. The team administrative office will be off the lobby as this will serve as a recruitment path. We want to make this a “wow factor” for recruits. We are including a training room, hydro, video room, open lounge, wet locker and dry locker. The wet locker will be heavily branded. There will be a room for equipment storage and laundry. There will be a training area at the far end that is completely separate, but branded to get to that space. There will also be storage space and a visiting team locker room. This building will be built at grade and not sunk below grade level.

CONCOURSE LEVEL: There will be an open concourse. If you keep it open in the facility you have a view of the game. In the bowl we increase the angle of the seating, which gives an effect that you are on top of the ice and part of the action. This is an advantage and builds energy. In addition, we are trying to create a dynamic entrance space and a multi-function space. As an extension of the lobby there will be space for the social club area that spills out to the open patio that provides views of Pikes Peak. It could be a student study space during the week. It will not be exclusive to just the hockey program. There will be plenty restrooms (especially women’s) that are code-driven and conveniently located. There are areas for concessions, guest services and possible mobile food carts and

team sales. Views are very important to the west. There is a lot more daylight in the newer hockey facilities. We have a huge opportunity to bring those views and daylight in.

THIRD LEVEL – There will be six suites and a press area at center ice. There will be two club spaces with club seating and support spaces for the club area and elevated area. Suites and clubs provide more variety to sell those spaces at premium ticket spaces.

There is not just bowl seating on the concourse; we have rail seating as well. The rail seating provides the best sight lines and easy access, and is highly valued. We will provide a variety of seating options.

WHAT THE BUILDING LOOKS LIKE:

We don't want the facility to be just a box. It helps to adjust the scale and celebrate the topology. We want to develop the corners, to reduce the scale, celebrate the entrance and spaces that make the lobby a grand feature. The idea is to activate Tejon Street to break the scale of the building and carve a way to make it more intimate and support the program features and provide landscape features. We always go back to the design narrative of the layered mountain look.

Southeast Side: we are looking at utilizing the building as a gateway to the Colorado College campus. Great spot for graduation, where people could take a photo. There will also be a secondary entrance / exiting.

Lobby Shot: This would provide a "wow" factor for CC Tigers hockey, but it can also be flexible. Having an inviting feature. Integrate what happens on the outside with happens on the inside. It will be a grand space but will feel comfortable.

Truss Option: Hybrid truss options to enhance the game day experience.

Energy goals: Developing a path to net-zero energy high efficiency. The idea is to consume less. We start on the exterior walls with geothermal solutions, etc. and move inward with all materials and design contributing to the net-zero energy goal.

Aesthetics: Hockey has its sense of place. We are looking at how we address other areas of the building, a variety of activities/uses for the building lend to having pop-up and outdoor spaces. We will want to make that space highly visible. Celebrate the space, but to also function to support other activities.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/INPUT AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How does the new arena fit into the mission of the college?

A: Robson Arena will help us further the CC mission because it will enable our student-athletes to train and compete on campus, allowing them more time to focus on academics. An on-campus arena will be more accessible to students and provide much improved facilities for our intramurals and club teams, as well as for student-life and academic activities. In addition, it will be the first building that can seat the entire campus community of faculty, staff, and students; we currently can't have an all-campus lecture, meeting, or event indoors and accommodate everyone. In addition, City for Champions events may provide opportunities for student work, internships, and professional development, as well as broaden students' engagement with the community and national sports organizations. All of these things help us provide an excellent education.

TRAFFIC

Q: With a natatorium already on the site, what will another building do regarding traffic?

A: The current master plan does have a natatorium on the block. As we look at that master plan we need to understand the overall projection as part of the forward-looking approach. Natatorium capacity: 50-meter type of pool – assumes only 500 people.

Q: Does the college want to close Cascade Avenue through the college?

A: There are a lot of rumors being circulated on social media. Closing Cascade Avenue is not under discussion.

Q: Does the college want to close Glen Avenue?

A: Closing Glen Avenue is not under discussion.

PARKING

Q: What parking lots will be used?

A: A suggestion to find a way to increase parking at the Fine Arts Center came from the participants at the Jan. 19 workshop. As we hear more from the public and the neighborhood of what they'd like to see we are exploring those ideas.

We are exploring additional parking locations, parking options as well as having conversations with people who own other nearby lots that aren't always in use.

The parking/traffic conversation is not complete yet. We discussed it at the Jan. 5 Community Meeting, then in-depth with breakout focus groups at the Jan. 19 Workshop. We heard a lot of input and we have a lot to analyze, consider and incorporate based on all the ideas, suggestions and input. We've always promoted that today's meeting would focus on the architecture which we are doing. The next meeting will focus more on parking.

We are not at all finalized with regard to parking. We are still looking at a number of different aspects that factor into parking. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

Q: As a hockey fan, you want this arena. If you live or have a business in the area, then you may not want this. What is our recourse if we just don't want the arena at all?

A: The process includes a Downtown Review Board public hearing and City Council public hearing where members of the public have the opportunity to voice their opinions. From a project team perspective, we are not debating whether it is appropriate for the arena to be built or not on campus. As a project team we are to look at how to build the arena in the most responsible way possible. We are asking for the public to participate and contribute to the plans.

BUILDING DESIGN/ARCHITECTURE

Q: Can there be a covering over the ticket sales area, especially with only two entrances into/out of the building?

A: The main lobby will be a larger entrance with a large lobby. Also, we will do ticket scanning through the concourse. We will look at exterior canopies.

Q: Will there be enough elevators and escalators for those with disabilities?

A: Two elevators (main lobby and back side). For accessibility, everything is based on the 2010 ADA code for parking, seating, access, restrooms, etc. (required handicapped seating is code-driven).

Q: Will there be a large number of restrooms?

A: The design will include restrooms driven by code. We are planning two large banks of restrooms as well as additional family restrooms dispersed around the concourse.

Q: Long wall along Dale Street doesn't maintain the beauty of the neighborhood. A Downtown Partnership and City of Colorado Springs meeting about good urban planning design warned about long, large walls. Can the wall have a better design?

A: The wall currently shown along Dale Street is a preliminary and has not yet been designed. We are in the very early phase of the design effort. Some early thoughts include layering of landscaping and lighting, and wall treatments and glazing. We can use a combination of treatments and streetscapes to break down the scale. We are sharing the program from the inside conceptually at this point. There is a lot more to come.

Q: Is an arena prohibited by the city's Form-Based Code?

A: No, it is not a prohibited use. The arena is allowed as a conditional use within the Form-Based Code.

Q: Acknowledge the rich history of the architecture on Colorado College and of the surrounding neighborhoods with the stones, brick and Victorian homes that have been restored. Can the design be in a manner that fits with the area churches, neighborhoods and Colorado College and not use metal and cement or other modern materials that don't fit into the majority of the CC campus?

A: There is a lot to consider along with the nature of the building as a sports arena and the goal to be highly sustainable and energy efficient. To mimic a Victorian look might not work, but we agree on how to best respect the history. Tutt Library is good example where the design fits with the surrounding elements but is highly sustainable and reflects an appropriate design for the building use. There is still a lot of design work to be done.

COMMENTS

- Organize a meeting between the city and residents to discuss a Residential Parking Permit program.
- Not a good idea to use Glen Avenue to bring people in/out of neighborhood since it is a park.

- Address snow piling up and falling off the slope of the roof
- Sound system – make certain it's good so that we can hear
- Impressed with the design; concerned about number of locker rooms and parking during the day.
- What will happen to Honnen Rink, which is a great venue for youth sports?
- Corporate boxes would be great.
- Don't let a small rink hurt Colorado College when it comes to hockey team recruitment. Recruits like big beautiful rinks.
- The public process is addressing a lot about the experience of people who attend the arena; would like to see more about safety of people who live in the neighborhood, including who will pick up the trash that will blow into the neighborhood and who will pay for doing so.
- Think about the orientation of the arena located on the block to better take advantage of the southern exposure. It would be less visible on Dale Street. In its current configuration, even with a nice patio, you will be looking at the roof of Cornerstone Arts Center building.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE MEETING:

TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION/ACCESS

- The fan of the future is more an urban dweller, less dependent on the car. The next 5-10 years we will have more people living downtown walking/biking to events at the arena and Wiedner Soccer Stadium.
- Look at the intersections of Cascade and Nevada for left-hand turns. Both intersections get congested with people turning on Uintah to get on I-25 north. With growth to our north, more people will be coming/going from I-25 on Uintah.
- Put the arena in a less congested place.
- Future at the arena is less about the car and more about shuttle, biking and walking. Get the viewpoint of younger people who will come to the games.
- Wood Avenue's two lane divided road at one time continued across Uintah onto CC property. A traffic signal could be placed at Wood and Uintah to facilitate traffic flow back onto Uintah (a few hundred feet from freeway entrances) or, flow north along Wood. Some extra vehicular impact would be transferred to Wood in the first few blocks, but CC already owns property in these blocks.
- The two-lane Wood Ave could go directly west to the arena entrance between Hamlin House and El Diente Apartments.
- The traffic circle at the end of new Wood Ave extension already connects to Cascade via a convoluted path through several parking lots. This path could be upgraded and improved to provide traffic capacity between the arena and southbound Cascade. These are pre-existing, grandfathered driveways and access points to Colorado Springs city streets.
- The area south of Stewart Field (now occupied by tennis courts and rounding Washburn on the north) could be developed into an access road and connect directly to Cache using an existing driveway permit. This would also be the south entrance to the new Robson Arena parking structure and ice arena.

PARKING

- Consider providing a credit for those attending the game to take Uber to/from their homes.
- Consider efficiencies to integrate construction of the north part of block with the arena. Good location for a combination parking ramp and retail space on ground level.
- Build the new arena above a suitable parking garage on the site now covered with grass directly north of the soccer field (Stewart Field). The parking facility will be mostly below ground. Stewart Field is in the heart of CC's athletic and training facilities, nearby Honnen Arena, El Pomar Sports, etc. It will not displace existing businesses or negatively impact commerce along Dale and Tejon.
- Build a parking structure at FAC lot and make it beautiful like the one on Cascade between Platte and Bijou.
- Build a parking structure on Uintah, by the creek, across from Van Briggie, where the tennis courts are. Put the tennis courts on top.
- Build a parking facility next to the library (north); build next to pickle ball courts.
- Address parking and trash on our church property.
- Concerned about safety when walking to and from parking.
- Prevent people from parking in neighborhoods.
- Move the arena to the soccer/football field and build a parking garage with parking access from Uintah.
- Parking needs to be close enough that people will use it.

- Don't rely on street parking except on campus. Residents need that parking. Put parking on Cascade Avenue through campus. Safety is no longer a factor due to lane reductions.
- Would like to see a garage of any capacity.
- The orientation of the proposed building does not connect to where attendees will be coming from.
- Move the 3D Arts building. Leave the natatorium where it is, and just remodel it. Take the space/area from the current 3D Arts building and projected parking at site; build a parking structure there to accommodate a minimum of 600 spots with overflow at nearby parking lots.
- Not a fan of taking a shuttle to and from games.
- The baseline for anticipation of parking requests and/or traffic volume increase is the Veteran's Day and Festival of Lights parades. Each year those events cause loss of parking spots and increase in traffic density on Monument Street.
- Do not take away existing parking from established neighborhoods, churches and businesses.
- The cost of a parking structure is CC's responsibility, not the neighborhood's.
- Think more about the north portion of the block as parking and retail.
- Improve parking options relative to the current situation at Honnen. Prefer to not walk more than a block from parking spot to the arena while carrying my hockey equipment. Keep parking free for day-to-day activities.
- Four or five levels of below-grade parking would cause the arena to be taller and larger than it is currently planned for. Make it big enough to accommodate the robust dream of a grand Colorado College Hockey experience for years to come.
- Curious about the C2 lot directly north across the street from the arena. Surface spaces. Nearly 100 cars in the C2 lot? Could anything be done underneath the park/ground west of Shove Chapel, especially the parts with no building structures above? Evaluate either an underground or aboveground (or hybrid 2 above/2 below) structure for that location.
- Full/Half Armstrong parking garage under extended Armstrong Quad. Access via C2 lot or Cascade Ave (in tunnel turn entry/exit lanes - 'T' intersection)
- Residents need to be able to park on the street. Once all the parking is taken on the block around the proposed arena, it is just natural that visitors will try to park on the west side of Nevada Avenue.
- Metered parking on Tejon and parts of Dale Street will encourage visitors to try to find free parking nearby on the west side of Nevada.
- EconoLodge at 714 N. Nevada has more rooms than parking spaces. During the peak tourist periods many of the guests must park on the west side of Nevada. The Econo Lodge has 38 rooms for rent BUT ONLY HAS 25 full-size parking spots and two smaller spots for motorcycles. So, during the high season they may have as many as 13 motel guests that need to park on Nevada and the nearby streets.
- We support the idea of shuttles (the expanded parking solution), to help reduce the traffic on Uintah and Nevada, while also utilizing the existing downtown parking garages, for the bigger and near-capacity events.
- Concerns about the many smaller events and at what point will CC implement shuttles.
- How is CC going to communicate the parking / shuttle information to the attendees of the various events, especially the non-CC hockey events, where there will be out-of-town visitors not familiar with the parking and shuttle plans.
- Expand the neighborhood parking permit program to the west side of N. Nevada (700 and 600 Block).
- Consider issuing parking passes to the neighbors of the 700 block of N. Nevada, to be able to use the CC parking lots and / or the private Tejon Commons parking lot.
- Consider eliminating the metered parking on Dale Street.
- Limit the use of the private parking lot behind the Tejon Commons and CC parking lot at 730 N. Nevada, to CC staff or employees of the arena vendors.
- Consider buying the distressed properties at 724 N. Nevada Ave, and demo these previously condemned buildings, and convert to a parking lot (which could be linked to the existing parking lot behind the CC building at 730 N. Nevada Ave. The buildings at 724 N. Nevada are beyond repair, have no historical value, and are an eyesore.
- Consider buying 119 E. Dale Street, demo these buildings, and convert to a parking lot (could be linked to existing parking lot behind the CC building at 730 N. Nevada Ave.). This building and the outbuilding have no historical value.
- Consider adding underground parking to the area under the proposed pedestrian plaza at (Tejon and Cache La Poudre).
- Consider adding some parking under the grandstands of the arena, or underground.
- During construction, prefer the worker parking and materials staging take place on CC property.
- Convert some of the bike lanes on Cascade to diagonal parking during the Robson Arena Events.

DESIGN/ARCHITECTURE

- A vintage look would fit in with the neighborhood. The proposed ultra modern look of this stadium clashes with the downtown look.
- The building brings out the value of Colorado College that they are a great small college that is a personal and intimate experience. The design does a great job of picking up the same design features of the Cornerstone Arts building and Olympic Museum. The arena and Cornerstone would create a great gateway to Colorado Springs and downtown.
- Increase the arena to hold 4,000 or at the lowest 3,500. The “better” hockey games are currently at or above 3,000.
- The arena does a great job of creating flexible space for events at CC and pop-up space, which will provide important new space similar to Cornerstone and the renovated/expanded library. The entrance draws in the rest of the campus in many similar ways to Cornerstone.
- The arena design would create a wonderful experience for the fans attending a hockey game and the smallness would add to this experience.
- Architectural: Sink the first level and have the spectator concourse at ground level to eliminate the staircase. That would provide more floor space to take tickets.
- Move (flip/flop) the building to north side of the block and/or rotate the building so the entrance is on the south side and plaza is on the neighborhood side.
- Inside: more bathrooms/stalls on each side, more elevators (can be eliminated if building is dropped down, more entrance/exits, outside overhead coverings for waiting in line.
- I like that you are allowing for alternate uses.
- Lower the overall elevation. Put half in the ground
- The outside must be period-appropriate (similar to Penrose Hospital).
- The building is attractive and functional. I like how it picks up the lines at Cornerstone. The building provides some excellent space for college events and other uses. It would be an enjoyable place.
- I like the concept but this needs to be located close to I-25 on the fields.
- The 60-foot wall will change the neighborhood climate; will take the morning sun away from the neighborhood to the SW.
- Will one elevator be enough?
- It appears that the angle of the seating will be steep. Assure that space between walking to seats will be wide enough that people won't topple over the edge.
- Moving the building to the north side of the block will help with concerns some have with the neighbors and business to the south. I like the initial design concept with windows bringing in light; the open concept is great. Be sensitive for those who are physically challenged and for whom stairs may prove to be a difficulty.
- Make sure the sound system works, unlike the World Arena.
- Views of Pikes Peak are a great idea; move the building so you can see it. Current proposed location would be blocked by Cornerstone.
- I love the fact that CC is getting an on-campus NHL-sized ice arena; long overdue. I love the preliminary design, interior in particular. The biggest thing is branding. When visiting team fans come I want them to walk around and know that they are in CC's home. Lots of honor and tradition of the CC program is a must.
- Will there be more than one ice sheet to better facilitate youth tournaments and such?
- Mitigate the intrusiveness of the arena 1) do not plan a natatorium in the same area, 2) re-orient to north side and put the arena in the center of the block, 3) Number 2 allows a more gradual rise and space for a surrounding ring of neighborhood-friendly business and/or even more multi-use space and 4) Even if only symbolic, include Victorian elements here and there as homage to neighbors and school history.
- We live on Corona and Dale; we are excited about this project. Would love to see first-floor street facing retail/community space. This has an opportunity to be another urban center.
- I am very impressed with the actual design of Robson Arena.
- I like the new facilities, new ice; regulation sized sheet (NHL) and new events.
- A staircase like that is not possible with so many people, many with young children, trying to get to the higher levels.
- Need careful planning for handicapped, including elevators and seating.
- Staffing plan: The numbers of people require a different level of personnel -- box office and ticket handlers; gates and access, and individual screening; programs and printing; alcohol sales and IDs (especially with the corporate boxes on the top level); many concessions stands and food preparation areas, along with the staff to handle all of those; maintenance and operations staff, and trained emergency staff.

- Parking for staff and deliveries will be needed all day, every day.
- Have many more dressing rooms than just the one for CC.
- The Rockies stadium in Denver has a nice vintage look... let's go more in that direction
- Consider Long Span Aluminum as a replacement for traditional precast concrete.
- Just the arena being "Colorado College" branded and the intimacy of the arena, like the old Broadmoor World Arena being about 3,000 seats. Approach Robson Arena as a "retro" arena with modern amenities. Scale it down in the mold of Camden Yards and Coors Field, mimic some of the nuances of the old Broadmoor World Arena.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- I do hope it works out to the benefit of the hockey program! The idea of "fan experience" – it is a real winner, and I'd add "neighborhood experience."
- If CC doesn't get a band, work with local high schools to let them audition and play at a few CC games. It would enhance the intimate collegiate experience and expose local kids to CC and encourage them to attend.
- We appreciate CC's efforts to reach out to the neighboring community and hopefully show a willingness to partner with all the stakeholders to find solutions that work for all.
- It will provide an economic boost to the near north-end business corridor (Mainly Tejon Street). It will encourage increased pedestrian traffic in the area. It will help encourage out-of-town visitors to visit the downtown area. Should help CC be more competitive with the other major hockey programs. Should help school spirit and pride.
- The thoughtfulness that the college uses in every project has been very much appreciated by our family. We have witnessed a transformation of the campus over the years and feel only that what has occurred has made not only our neighborhood better but also our entire community. We have full confidence that the new arena will be a wonderful addition to your campus and to the city of Colorado Springs.
- We are truly excited to see this happen and fully support Colorado College in the endeavor. I feel the vast majority of ONEN feel the same as we do that the school will do a fantastic job building a building that will reflect the efforts that we have seen over the years in making the campus a beautiful place.
- What I like best is CC's passion for the project.
- I think you are to be commended for welcoming so much community input.
- I like the net-zero capabilities and commitment to sustainability.
- This will raise property values and prices for neighborhoods. There's a reason families don't like to live near sports arenas. Colorado Springs already has a growing homelessness problem and raising housing prices would only exacerbate that.
- I love the design ideas for the Robson Arena.
- Is the campus master plan being reevaluated for Robson parking needs?
- Don't let visiting fan issues drop off the radar screen including bus unloading.
- The Robson Arena will be the home of CC hockey and provide a wonderful venue for CC and the Colorado Springs Community if done correctly. Size, design, parking, etc.
- My 100% full support behind the Robson CC Tiger hockey arena!
- The architect spoke too quickly even when asked to slow down. Next meeting please be aware of this.
- Will the CC security and CSPD patrols/response actions ensure the pre-/post-game parties do not disrupt life in the neighborhoods? Parties during the football season were a problem when CC had a football team.
- We don't want this arena in this location AT ALL.
- Why is CC looking to become this world-renowned hockey school?
- I like the removal of old buildings.
- I love living near CC. The new arena will allow the community to grow and it will allow the students a wonderful experience.
- I think it will provide an economic boost to the Near North-End business corridor (mainly Tejon Street).
- It will encourage increased pedestrian traffic in the area.
- It will help encourage out-of-town visitors to visit the downtown area.
- Should help CC be more competitive with the other major hockey programs.
- Should help school spirit and pride.

Wrap up and Next Steps

- **Community Meeting #3:** Saturday, March 23, 10:30 am – noon **(NOTE: THIS IS A REVISED DATE)**
Kathryn Morhman Theatre, Armstrong Hall, 14 E. Cache La Poudre St.
Meeting Focus Subject(s): Site plan, parking, architecture, landscaping, community input
- **Community Meeting #4:** April, date/time to be determined

Requirements - opportunities for community input and feedback

- Conditional Use Development Plan – Zone
- Update to Colorado College Master Plan
- Alley Vacation – vacating an alley previously platted for use as public right-of-way
- Final Plat – Combine all the single lots into one lot

Planning/Public Input Process/Schedule

- Design and planning process through to late April 2019
- Public meeting process through late April 2019
- Formal submittal to the City of Colorado Springs in the summer
- Public Hearings with City Council – June-August 2019 (note: these are new dates that have been extended a month from what was previously estimated)
- Groundbreaking anticipated for late 2019.

Website is being updated with more about the Robson Arena design and planning process as it progresses.

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For project updates by email, as well as times/dates of future community meetings and workshops, send an email asking to be added to the database: RobsonArenaDesign@coloradocollege.edu