

10 April 2024

Olathe Parking Garage
Neighborhood Meeting Summary

A neighborhood meeting for the Olathe Parking Garage was held on Monday, March 23, 2026 from 5pm – 6:30 pm at the Olathe Downtown Library. Letters were sent out to residents/property owners within a 500' radius 10 days before the meeting.

Only one resident, Dean Vakas, attended the meeting. We have attached the meeting sign-in sheet as well as notes/comments received.

Questions included:

1. How does the design related to the adjacent buildings?
 - a. Since the existing buildings have very distinct architectural styles and since this is a very different building type, the style of this building is unique but in keeping with the quality standards of the adjacent buildings.
2. What security measures have been taken?
 - a. We have met with Olathe Police and Johnson County Security. The building follows principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) with clear site lines. Building will be well lit. Efforts have been made to eliminate hiding places. Stairs and elevators are transparent. Efforts have been made to make space less hospitable to homeless people. There are no parking control devices (free and open to park) but provisions will be made to add them at a later date if desired.
3. When is the project going to be complete?
 - a. Before Old Settler's Day 2027 (August 2027). Construction will start Summer 2026.

Other comments included:

1. Gray brick is dated.
2. Screen element should not be white—prefers natural tones.
3. Designate seven (7) reserved spaces for City Council members.
4. Likes the contemporary style of the courthouse more than the architectural style of City Hall.
5. Limestone is a timeless material.
6. Liked dark mullions for our glazing system (like the courthouse)

Sincerely,



Kimball Hales, AIA
FINKLE + WILLIAMS Architecture



March 23rd, 2026

Neighborhood Meeting for Olathe City Hall Parking Garage - PR26-0002

225 N Chestnut ST.

Olathe, KS 66061

Sign In Sheet

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Dean Vakas

(architect taking notes in the meeting)

Comments:

Are you watching the adjacent buildings
Gray brick is dated
Likes dark frames.
Limestone is timeless
Contemporary but tied to nature
Courthouse is better to match - contemporary



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Natalie

(architect taking notes in the meeting)

Comments:

Darken Glass Tower
change curtain wall to structural

No Gray - dated

Like's Beige for screen or sage green

Security?

No parking control arms

Designate 7 spaces for Council close to entry

When is it done - Aug 2027 Start June