

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 2007

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission (BCPC) met on Thursday, December 13, 2007, in Regent Administration Center, Room 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Deb Coffin, Noel Cummings, Larry Hill, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Paul Leef, Steve McNally, Keith Maskus, Phil Simpson, Robin Suitts, Cindy White, Richard Wobbekind, and Karen Lorimer. Members absent were: Steve Bruns, Charles Gilford, Michael Lightner, Evan Litvin, Gregg Lundgren, Russ Moore, and Joseph Rosse.

Guests present were: Carlos Garcia, University Memorial Center; Thomas Goodhew, Facilities Planning; and Casey Jones, Parking and Transportation Services.

1. **MINUTES** – Kaempfer presided and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2007. Jones moved to approve the October minutes; McNally seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The BCPC did not meet in November.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Kaempfer reported that Deb Coffin had agreed to become the new Chair of BCPC and that Steve Jones had agreed to become the Vice Chair. He asked for a motion for their nominations. McNally moved to nominate Coffin as Chair and Jones as Vice Chair; it was seconded and unanimously approved. Kaempfer said that he would continue to come to the Executive Committee Meetings indefinitely – all agreed. Coffin and Jones will preside over BCPC beginning January, 2008. Karen Lorimer will continue as BCPC Secretary.

Kaempfer introduced new members: Keith Maskus, Professor and Associate Dean-Faculty, Department of Economics, and Cindy White, Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Communications. Kaempfer also introduced Paul Leef, the new Campus Architect and Director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction. Leef presented the accelerated special projects.

3. **ACCELERATED SPECIAL PROJECTS** – Leef gave a brief summary of President Brown's comments about the additional projects that were added to the Capital request. There is a potential for state funds to be available and this effort would give the campus some projects if a bond referendum or some other funding mechanism became available. President Brown worked with the Chancellor and Provost to identify four projects for possible inclusion in this effort: Space Systems Science (S³E) (formerly Aerospace Addition), Physics H Wing Addition, Geosciences, and the Faculty Office Building. President Brown is searching for ways to have additional projects funded through a bond issue or legislative appropriations. Kaempfer asked about funding for the projects. Leef said it is not feasible to complete program plans for four projects by March 2008. The Chancellor and Provost have asked the office of Facilities Planning to submit two program plans for the March 2008 Regents' meeting. The two projects that will have program plans funded for March are S³E and Geosciences. S³E is currently in programming and Geosciences will be forced into concurrent review; it was believed these could be ready by March, 2008. Kaempfer asked that they give some idea how the projects were individually selected. Simpson said that Chancellor Petersen asked that projects summaries of these four projects be submitted for review to the Board of Regents (BOR) and Capital Subcommittee on November 13, 2007. Included were a revised Boulder Campus capital budget request and a five

year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), which was in turn was approved by the BOR on November 28, 2007. Geosciences has elements of projects from the past – it has components of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) and the Institute for Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR). The proposed site has changed from Grandview to the Research Park – Pod D north of the Qwest building. Kaempfer asked about United States Geological Survey (USGS). Simpson said that USGS had expressed a desire to be affiliated with the project, but that they are not in the scope right now. Simpson said that these accelerated projects will go to the BOR in March 2008. A draft of these two program plans will be submitted as soon as possible. Quality control reviews will be done simultaneously with the BCPC review. After BCPC approval, they will go to the BOR in March. Suits added that the S³E building is proposed as a 58,000 GSF project for \$31 million, with a 60/40% state fund / cash fund split. Geosciences is proposed to be 70,000 GSF for \$40 million, with the same state-cash split. Geosciences will be a multi phase project according to Simpson. Cummings asked what the source of cash funds would be. Simpson answered that S³E funds would come from donors. Suits said that S³E is hoping to apply for some Federal funding. Kaempfer asked if the former conceptual plan for S³E was to build the building as just a shell. Simpson clarified that the Energy and Sustainability portion is related to the Geosciences building but they are different – the scope of what they study is different. Geosciences is related to applying science to capture and store energy. Simpson said the program plan would describe the programs in more detail. Suits clarified that both projects are in the *Campus Master Plan* and should not require a Master Plan amendment. Maskus asked how long this would delay the Faculty Office building. Suits answered that it was not believed that a program plan could be finalized in time to submit for March, 2008 BOR approval for the Faculty Office building. Simpson added that the Faculty Office Space Feasibility Study would be initiated through the traditional process and that it could not be ready by March 2008. Suits recounted that VP Robert Moore advised that only program plans that could be submitted as quality products by March should be submitted at that time for consideration of the accelerated funding option. Given the short time frame, that would dictate that some previous planning had already been completed."

Kaempfer asked if INSTAAR and CIRES are eligible for state funding and why. Simpson said that the state is willing to fund academics – which would need to be identified – the State may fund research projects if it has an interest in this area. The faculty members on the BCPC expressed their desire to be included in the decision-making process for selecting projects to go forward.

White asked if there was funding for the Faculty Offices Building. Simpson said we are coming to the end of the *Campus Master Plan* period; it expires in 2008. *Flagship 2030* was approved by the BOR in November 2007. Jones commented that the Regents questioned the 300 new faculty positions mentioned in the *Colorado Daily*. Maskus asked what level BCPC involves faculty. Simpson said it depends on many things; in the case of the Faculty Offices they will get faculty input. It should be a public process – it could come from Arts and Sciences with faculty input. It will come in the Program Planning phase. Jones said the process will go to the Dean and then the Provost. Suits provided some perspective about the periodic nature of higher education capital project funding. She stated that she believed that President Brown was making an effort, by asking the campus to submit these four additional projects, to position the campus to receive funds if they become available late in the legislative session or if his office works to support a bond initiative for additional projects.

4. **QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE** – Simpson gave an update of the Quarterly Report. He noted that the report had many changes since multiple projects are moving forward. He warned that the April 2008 BCPC meeting will be a long one with the push to accelerate projects.

Simpson opened the discussion to questions. Maskus asked how many offices would be relocated in the Fleming re-use project. Simpson said there would be ten interior and four perimeter offices outside the Library. Jones asked if Dan Sher, Dean of Music, was aware that the Performing Arts project has been postponed to study more options. Simpson answered that he didn't think he was aware. Maskus asked if the Power Plant's current building and equipment would be decommissioned. Simpson answered that it will be decommissioned and that future use of the building needs to be studied.

5. **BCPC 101** – Simpson presented BCPC 101 as a review of the purpose BCPC serves and for the new members. Simpson made a presentation designed to introduce the workings of the BCPC to new members. He said that BCPC's main role was to review land use on the Boulder campus. It is advisory to the Chancellor, and uses the *Campus Master Plan* as its guide. The committee reviews program plans and approves the schematic design phase of projects. It is also involved in prioritizing the state capital construction requests every spring.

The Design Review Board (DRB) works in parallel with the BCPC, but the DRB's charge is to monitor architectural design. The DRB is advisory to the president, and reviews projects on all CU campuses. They too have a role in the preparation of the master plan, and sit on architect selection committees.

Simpson outlined the role of the BCPC in the process for a project. BCPC reviews a feasibility study, prepared with the permission of the appropriate Vice Chancellor, and then forwards it to the Chancellor's Executive Committee (CEC) for approval to proceed to the program planning phase. When the program plan is complete, the BCPC similarly reviews it and forwards it to the CEC. After an architect is selected, and conceptual planning is complete, the BCPC reviews the next stage, schematic design. This is the last time a project is formally sent before the BCPC.

Wobbekind asked if there is any function that says to leave room for open space on campus. Simpson answered that the *Campus Master Plan* addresses this. Wobbekind said that he encourages new growth on the East campus.

Kaempfer asked for a motion to adjourn. There was a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and unanimously approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Karen Lorimer.