

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2000

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, October 12, 2000, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, Tom Carson, John Crittenden, Noel Cummings, Archie Demarest, Bill Deno, Kate Fowler, Bill Herbstreit, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Stephen Lester, Michael Lightner, Jeff Lipton, Uriel Nauenberg, Robin Newsome-Suitts, Joyce Nielsen, Brook Stableford, Steve Thweatt, and William Arndt.

Members absent were: Larry Drees and Dan Pabon.

Guests present were: Andy Barnard, Sink Combs Dethlefs Architects; Jon Burianek, Intercollegiate Athletics; Gary Chadwick, Student Recreation Center; David Cook, Parking and Transit Services; Jeff Dodge, *Silver & Gold Record*; Steve Hecht, Facilities Planning; Christine Johnson, UCSU; Rob Kohrman, CU System; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; Richard Tharp, Intercollegiate Athletics; and Michele Van Pelt, Financial and Business Services.

1. **MINUTES** -- Concerning the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2000, Arndt said that a sentence needed to be added at the bottom of page 3, after the sentence about bike parking at the UMC. It should read: "Thweatt said he would look into it." Newsome-Suitts asked that two words be added to a sentence in Item 5, second paragraph: ". . . smaller schools and junior colleges don't have planning offices or full-time planners *and architects*." With these changes, the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Vice Chair Michael Lightner reported that a public hearing had been held by the CCHE concerning the CU-Boulder Campus Master Plan. There was concern expressed about the Grandview situation, CU-Boulder South, and enrollment predictions. The CCHE will vote on approval of the plan on November 2. Also discussed at that hearing was a project to build a "visualization" center in the old Nuclear Physics Laboratory building on the east campus. The project will be funded by a donation from BP Amoco. There were questions about space utilization, as this space was listed as laboratory space but was in fact being used for storage. The CCHE has asked that the campus prepare a Space Utilization Study. Nauenberg asked if such a study was done for the master plan. Baily said it was for certain types of space. Lightner asked that BCPC be kept apprised as this study is prepared. Lightner also noted that the CCHE now wants to be "in the loop" when the campus leases off-campus space.

At the recent meeting of the Chancellor's Executive Committee the Ekeley Renovation Feasibility Study was approved. The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will further study the relative sizes of undergraduate teaching space and research space, and the funding sources may be adjusted accordingly.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** -- Jones reported that the Nominating Committee had polled the membership and received several recommendations. Those persons were contacted and two persons agreed to be nominated: Michael Lightner for Chair and Steve

Jones for Vice Chair. On a motion by Thweatt, seconded by Lipton, this slate was unanimously approved to fill the vacancies until October 2001.

4. **CU-BOULDER SOUTH PLANNING REPORT** -- Lipton said that the flood study on South Boulder Creek has been delayed, so he is unable to give a full report at this time. Nauenberg said he heard there was some citizen interest to have the City of Boulder buy the property. Lipton said that the citizens voted down a proposal to buy the land in 1996, and that some individual City Council members may have supported the idea, but there has been neither formal offer nor action by the City.
5. **FACILITIES MASTER PLAN, DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS** -- Steve Hecht, Facilities Planner, noted that this master plan has been anticipated for some time. He stressed that it is a master plan, and individual program plans will be done for each separate component. He introduced Dick Tharp, Athletic Director. Tharp noted that they waited for the *Campus Master Plan* to be completed before finalizing the Athletics Master Plan, which works as a sub-set of the larger plan. He said that the plan is a "dream list" of projects. One prominent feature of the plan is the shared use of facilities with the community -- both on and off campus. Nauenberg asked if this plan would strain the debt capacity of the campus. Tharp said it would not; certain amounts of campus debt capacity are allocated to athletics.

Tharp introduced Andy Barnard of Sink Combs Dethlefs, the consulting firm who prepared the plan. Barnard noted that this plan outlines the facilities portion of the overall "Vision 2010" strategic plan. He showed maps indicating three areas in which athletics facilities would be located: The Folsom Stadium area, the Coors Events/Conference Center area, and CU-Boulder South. Placing facilities at the latter site would allow Athletics to move out of the Research Park.

In the Folsom Stadium area, upgrades are envisioned in lighting, restrooms, and concessions. New construction would provide luxury boxes and a fieldhouse/parking structure. The northeast corner of the stadium, which is structurally unsound, would be replaced, and renovations would be made to the Dal Ward Center, the Pressbox, and Carlson Gymnasium. The existing recycling and grounds operations would be relocated as part of this plan, and improvements would be made to the practice area north of Boulder Creek, including one new artificial turf outdoor field.

There were several comments concerning parking. Nauenberg asked if the new structure would provide parking for the faculty, and how it would affect existing parking rates. Tharp said it would probably be constructed by Athletics but administered by Parking Services, allowing permit parking during the week and events parking in the evenings and weekends. David Cook of Parking and Transit Services expressed concern about the loss of Lot 169 north of the creek in favor of a new practice field. Carson asked about the financing of the parking structure; Tharp said that would be addressed in the program plan, although there has been some preliminary analysis, using the Euclid Avenue AutoPark as a model. Cummings asked about parking relocation during construction, and Bartlett asked about the impacts of traffic along Folsom Street. Again, Tharp said these issues would be raised in the program plan. Baily noted that a study had been done for the *Campus Master Plan* on traffic on Folsom and it has the capacity to accommodate a parking structure. This structure is in the *Campus Master Plan*, but parking structures are expensive. Lightner added that this structure is only part of the parking plan for the campus. Crittenden asked if there would be a net gain in parking; Barnard said it would be about

300 new spaces. Baily added that having Athletics build this garage as part of a fieldhouse would reduce the cost to the campus.

Stableford expressed concern about moving the Recycling Center from what is a convenient, central location. He asked if Athletics would not only pay for relocation, but would fund compensation for a move to a less convenient location. Barnard said that an alternate site had not been determined, but that language in the plan addressed Stableford's concerns.

Barnard noted that the Coors Events/Conference Center does not work well for "multi-use." Several support facilities need to be added, including an indoor practice court for basketball and volleyball, coach's offices, and training rooms. Also needed are spectator amenities. Carson asked if the facility would be air-conditioned. Barnard it was planned, along with acoustic upgrades and new scoreboards.

For CU-Boulder South, Barnard explained that his map indicated only the kinds of facilities proposed to be located there, but not their specific configuration or location. He noted that this area would allow for greater community use than the other sites. Facilities proposed for CU-Boulder South include baseball, softball, and soccer fields, track, and indoor and outdoor tennis. Support facilities, including surface parking, would be included. Baily said that this was good land use -- moving track from the Research Park and the tennis courts from the new Law School site. Gary Chadwick, Director of the Student Recreation Center, said that new facilities would improve his programs, but that the Center would continue to need space in Carlson. Carson asked about the commitment to community use. Tharp said that it is part of the overall strategic plan, and that the only restrictions would be for security and safety. Lester asked for more detail as to how the community would be involved. He also expressed concern about access. Tharp said that all of these issues would be investigated in program planning of each individual component.

Bartlett said that the Athletics Master Plan should list the university's commitment to non-discrimination and gender equity. Fowler asked about transit and shuttle plans. Baily said that the CU-Boulder South conceptual planning consultants would look at transit. Thweatt noted that part of the purpose of a master plan is general guidance; the important issues need to be listed in a master plan so that they can be dealt with in detail at later stages of planning. Cummings asked about the need to convert any General Fund space, particularly in the Stadium Building, to Athletics' control. He also noted that the plan had no space needs analysis and plan to address deficits. Bartlett expressed concern about the use of Franklin Field for construction staging and subsequent restoration of the field. Nauenberg said that the Boulder Faculty Assembly had not been asked to provide input in the plan.

Several members felt that changes needed to be made to the plan and that they wished to provide further input, as appropriate. It was therefore moved to postpone approval of the Athletics Master Plan until the November meeting. The motion was approved all in favor, one against (Jones). Lipton asked that suggested changes be sent to him at least a week prior to the next meeting.

6. **TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** -- Baily distributed an interim report of the subcommittee. (A copy of that report is attached to these minutes.) Nauenberg asked what bus shelters cost. Baily said it ranged from nothing (if provided by RTD) to over \$100,000.

Fowler noted that plans for a new shelter at 18th and Colorado began as a student initiative. Problems in the planning process, including design costs and unexpected site conditions, had raised the cost to \$135,000. She said that Will Toor, head of the Environmental Center, was negotiating with RTD to share some of these costs. She said that some of the original contributors to the cost would have to be consulted if the design was cut back. Deno said that this was a custom-designed shelter to respond to the specific needs of the student users, a variety of weather conditions, and a difficult sloping site. The design will also serve as a prototype for other campus installations. Nauenberg said that if it was going to be built, "build it right."

Deno asked if the BCPC wanted to endorse the report of the subcommittee, which will continue to meet. It was moved by Bartlett, seconded by Neilsen, to accept the report. The motion was approved.

7. **UPDATE ON THE CCHE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROCESS** -- Due to the time, Thweatt said he could postpone this discussion to the next meeting.
8. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** -- Bartlett distributed copies of a newsletter from the Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College in Ohio. It discusses a project by Oberlin to audit energy use and greenhouse gas emissions with the goal of "climate neutrality by the year 2020."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by William Arndt.

Report of the BCPC Transit Issues Committee

October 12, 2000

1. Future bus stop changes: There is no great urgency (except as noted elsewhere in this recommendation list) and there should be additional consideration of bus stop issues such as:
 - (a) Parking and Transit's objection to removing any parking spaces near the UMC (at least until completion of the addition project) and possibly removing spaces anywhere on the corridor.
 - (b) Lester's suggestion to look at reversing the direction of the Williams Village bus which could change all of those stops.
 - (c) Site specific concerns at almost all proposed stop locations, including several problems that may exist at a potential stop in front of Ketchum.

2. Proposed RTD 209 bus stops for now (starting in January?) should be:
 - (a) Remove the existing stop just west of 28th on Colorado Avenue.
 - (b) Add a stop where the HOP stops on the north side of Colorado Avenue across the street from Mathematics.
 - (c) Add a stop at Fieldhouse Plaza opposite Duane (this would try out this location for stopping buses. The HOP stop in front of Muenzinger cannot accommodate another bus.)
 - (d) Add a 209 stop at the HOP stop just east of Telecom.

3. Problems with bus fumes at the Imig Music Building air intake should be addressed by extending a permanent enclosure upward around the air intake.

4. The subcommittee concurs with the Executive Director of Facilities Management that, for the bus shelter proposed across the street from Muenzinger, the cost is getting out-of-hand and a simpler alternative(s) should be considered. The subcommittee was concerned about establishing an expressive precedent.

5. Benches and trash containers should be placed at every campus bus stop.

6. Consideration should be given to starting an interim shuttle to the East Campus since the "Stampede" is probably two years away or more from getting going.