

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2004**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, February 12, 2004, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Deb Coffin, Noel Cummings, Bill Deno, Chris Hemphill, Bill Herbstreit, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Terry Kleeman, Jeff Lipton, Lisa Lucio, Jana Milford, Richard Murray, Mary Ann Myer, Robin Newsome-Suitts, Joyce Nielsen, Suzanne Tegen, Steve Thweatt, Richard Wobbekind, and William Arndt.

Members absent were: Barbara Bintliff, and Robert DuRay.

Guests present were: Jack DeBell, Recycling; Luke Eisenhauser, Department of Housing; Curt Huetson, Department of Housing; Rob Kohrman, Central Administration; Ann Mullins, Facilities Planning; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; and Sue Wallace, Department of Housing.

1. **MINUTES** -- On a motion by Jones, seconded by Lucio, the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2003, were unanimously approved. There were no meetings in December or January.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Kaempfer reported that the proposal to move the Alumni Association to the University Club Building has fallen through, for financial reasons. In October the BCPC forwarded a recommendation to the Provost that he initiate a review of on-campus space with the intent of relocating full-time research personnel off the main campus. Kaempfer reported that progress is being made, and that some space has been reallocated in Duane Physics in response to this recommendation. In response to Kleeman, Kaempfer said that a resolution from the Arts and Sciences Council for BCPC consideration was shown to the Provost, who said it was inappropriate for consideration by the BCPC; it should instead be forwarded directly to the Chancellor.
3. **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOOD COMPOSTING PILOT PROJECT** -- Simpson introduced Sue Wallace, Environmental Project Manager for Housing, who explained that Housing had been working on a two-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to study the diversion of food waste to composting. She said this is the largest portion of unrecovered waste, amounting to about 60 tons a year. Under consideration for composting are both pre- and post-consumer wastes. Composting this waste would be less expensive than landfilling. The project itself uses a controlled technology in which the composting containers are fully monitored. The process is quiet, efficient, and clean.

Jack DeBell of the Environmental Center said estimates indicate that \$175,000 a year could be saved. Tipping fees and landfill charges have gone up 64% in the last year. DeBell also noted that this program has educational benefits and could be integrated into academic programs. Other on-campus partners are the UCSU, the Department of Housing, and Facilities Management.

Nine sites for the installation were considered. Simpson said that there needed to be adequate space, easy access, and available power to support the equipment. The site also needs to be out of the floodway. The site deemed most suitable is on the East Campus between the Nuclear Physics Laboratory (NPL) and the Housing Maintenance Center.

Neighboring programs were consulted and their concerns have been addressed. DeBell noted that the state standards for this sort of operation are very high but can be easily met. The equipment will be in an existing service area. Vans will deliver waste once or twice a day, and a buyer will come about once a month to removed the finished product.

Myer asked about storage of the finished product. Wallace said that a quick turnaround is expected and there would be little need for storage. Herbstreit asked about the demand for the product. DeBell said Business students are working on a marketing plan, but that there is a large demand and CU could charge less than the market price. Nielsen asked about the power source; Wallace said it would be from existing circuits in the NPL. Thweatt asked what would happen if there were no demand for the product; Wallace said that the Athletics Department or Facilities Management could use it -- or it could be given away. Nielsen asked if the tenants of the NPL supported the project; Wallace said that they did. She emphasized that this was a test program, and would be re-evaluated in two years.

No vote was required, but Kaempfer asked the members if they were in general agreement with the project, and they indicated that they were.

4. **CONSTRUCTION COST PRESENTATION** -- Thweatt offered a presentation entitled "Why do University Buildings Cost so Much?" He stressed the difference in costs between commercial construction and institutional construction, and between CU-Boulder and similar institutions. Factors to consider include gross square footage compared to assignable square footage, inflation, location, and construction cost vs. full project cost. He said that with all these factors taken into account, the cost of building buildings at CU is not inappropriate.
5. **THANK YOU TO BILL HERBSTREIT** -- Kaempfer announced that Vice Chair Bill Herbstreit is retiring, after more than 30 years service to the university. The members unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bill Herbstreit, a CU-Boulder alumnus, served the University for 33 years in various capacities, including Bursar, Director of Financial and Business Services, Acting Vice Chancellor for Administration (twice), and Executive Director of Budget and Finance, and

WHEREAS, Bill has been a member of the BCPC since March 1999, and has served as Vice Chair since January 2002,

THEREFORE, the BCPC congratulates Bill upon his retirement and extends its thanks and appreciation to him for his ongoing service to the BCPC, the Boulder Campus, the University, and the community at large.

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