

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of May 13, 2004**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, May 13, 2004, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Barbara Bintliff, Deb Coffin, Noel Cummings, Bill Deno, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Jeff Lipton, Lisa Lucio, Robin Newsome-Suitts, Joyce Nielsen, Suzanne Tegen, and Steve Thweatt.

Members absent were: Robert DuRay, Chris Hemphill, Jud Hurd, Terry Kleeman, Jana Milford, Richard Murray, Mary Ann Myer, Richard Wobbekind and William Arndt.

Guest present was: Ann Mullins, Facilities Planning; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning Jim Baily, Facilities Planning; Bill Fox, Fox-Higgins Transportation Group; Greg Fisher, Parking & Transportation Services, Will Toor, CU-Environmental Center; and Marilyn Hayes, Registrar.

1. **MINUTES** -- Simpson noted that he had received several comments from Coffin on the minutes from April 8, 2004. These were read for the other members. On a motion by Coffin, seconded by Lipton, the minutes were approved as corrected.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Kaempfer reported that the student fee for capital construction passed 15-2. There was much input from the student legislature into the process and into the language of the final bill. The Student Fee Board has recommended approval and it is on the Board of Regents agenda for either June or August. There are other hurdles that still have to be cleared such as a spending restriction imposed by the Governor. Lipton noted that we are breaking new political ground with the State and that many in the State government are supportive of the fee. Kaempfer concluded by stating that most of the plans won't come back to BCPC for review with the exception of the Visual Arts Complex, which may need a programmatic update.
3. **EAST-WEST BIKEPATH IMPROVEMENTS:** -- Baily introduced the proposed bikeway project. The plan is to construct via bike lanes and paths, a connection from Broadway and Pleasant St. to Colorado Blvd. and Folsom St. where other City of Boulder bike paths exist. The plan is identified and in conformance with the Campus Master Plan. Fox then described the details of the project. Fisher noted that there is a loss of eight parking spaces and that attrition has freed 12 parking spaces, therefore there should be no parking impact. Bus stops along Colorado Blvd. for Geology will have to be relocated further east. This is a pilot program that will be adjusted over time. Once the path is permanent, paving will be provided to upgrade the streets. Signage will be enhanced using the Campus vocabulary of materials. Baily noted that the parking in front of Macky Auditorium for special events will remain the same, that is, there will still be parking on both sides of the street and the bike path will be closed. Kaempfer suggested that signage is needed to state that the path is subject to closure. Fisher agreed and stated that this could be added to existing Macky event signage. Bintliff asked if there were alternate routes when this occurred. Baily said that bikers could dismount and use any other route through campus.

Lipton noted that there is a shortage of service vehicle parking spaces in the area and wondered if any of the lost spaces were red meter spaces. Fisher responded that most of the loss occurred around Macky, where spaces along the south cannot be replaced along the north walk. There will not be any reduction in the number of service spaces. Lipton noted that there are many conflicts between pedestrians and bikes where it is congested at Carlson and Porter Biosciences. Fisher agreed and said that flashing signs and other warnings were considered but that pavement striping was ultimately settled on during the pilot phase. Thweatt asked if this path would increase the number of bike riders through campus. Fisher responded that it may, but that most of the increase should be by campus users. Bintliff asked if the sidewalks used in the path could be widened. Baily responded that a second improvement phase that includes widening some sidewalks and streets may occur once the pilot phase is over. Newsome-Suitts asked if alternative routes, such as along the north side of Sewell Hall and Clare-Small were considered. Baily stated that the *Campus Master Plan* calls for this route, primarily because it connects to existing paths on Colorado Blvd, and any alternative path would be more expensive to construct. Toor added that it is hoped that this path will take some riders off of Engine Alley and this is a desired route by bicycle riders.

Neilson asked if the path would promote bikes dashing out into Broadway at the west end. Baily responded that the City is considering a full signal at this intersection and the physical barriers presently exist. Kaempfer suggested that Pleasant St. should perhaps be reversed. He suggested that cars accelerating into Broadway may be responsible for the accidents that now occur there. Baily responded that historically Pleasant St. ran east, but was reversed to provide multiple exits out of Parking Lot 380. Toor added that it would be expensive to add the turn lanes required along Broadway for such a scheme. Jones noted that in his experience, service vehicle traffic would need to be reduced because they frequently violate the one-way condition on Pleasant St.

Lucio suggested that bike racks should be added along the path route. Fisher responded that racks are being replaced at nodes but that along the route, enhancement will be negligible.

Tegen noted that students bike this route and it will be a tremendous improvement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Philip Simpson.