

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of March 11, 2004**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 10, 2005, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Deb Coffin, Noel Cummings, Jud Hurd, Steve Jones, Terry Kleeman, Lisa Lucio, Tate McMillin, Mary Ann Myer, Robin Newsome-Suits, Joyce Nielsen, Suzanne Tegen, Steve Thweatt, Richard Wobbekind, and William Arndt.

Members absent were: Maren Additon, Barbara Bintliff, Bill Deno, Bill Kaempfer, Jeff Lipton, Jana Milford, Carina Molnar, Kathy Rowlen, and Garrett Stanton.

Guests present were: Alicia Anderson, Colorado Creed; Lisa Tamaris Becker, CU Art Museum; Christopher Deardorff, Colorado Creed; Renaud des Rosiers, Environmental Center; Jeff Dodge, *Silver & Gold Record*; Marilyn Hayes, Academic Scheduling; Deborah Haynes, Art/Art History; Sarah Miller, Colorado Creed; Bridget Mullen, CU System Budget Office; Ann Mullins, Facilities Planning; Jerry Ogg, Stanley Consultants; Emily Patterson, Design Concepts; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; Matt Williams, *Colorado Daily*; and Kent Zimmerman, Alumni Association.

Vice Chair Coffin presided, in the absence of William Kaempfer. As the BCPC had not met since May 2004, everyone in the room introduced themselves.

1. **MINUTES** -- On a motion by Lucio, seconded by Jones, the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2004 were approved.
2. **COLORADO CREED STUDENT INITIATIVE** -- Coffin introduced three members of the Colorado Creed Committee, Alicia Anderson, Christopher Deardorff, and Sarah Miller, who explained their project. The Colorado Creed is envisioned as a social code they are trying to instill into the student culture.

The Creed encourages members of the Boulder community to act with honor, integrity, and accountability in interactions with students, faculty, staff, and neighbors; respect the rights of others and accept their differences; and contribute to the greater good of the community. [Further information can be found at their website at: [www.colorado.edu/creed](http://www.colorado.edu/creed).]

The students explained that the project started in response to the *Princeton Review* article touting CU-Boulder as a party school. This evolved into the Colorado Creed, and an attempt to change the campus culture. The Creed is not an honor code, but is instead entirely voluntary. The Committee is seeking support from campus groups such as the Chancellor's Executive Committee, Staff Council, the UCSU Tri-Executives, and others.

The Creed also wants to mount plaques containing the creed at entrances to major buildings. One for the UMC is in the works. They also want to engrave stone slabs on heavily used sidewalks with words of inspiration from the creed. They are working with Thweatt and Mullins on the placement of the slabs.

Cummings asked how the group was tracking participation. They responded that there was no formal tracking; participation is entirely voluntary. Tegen asked about funding for the plaques and slabs; the Chancellor has provided a budget. Hurd and Wobbekind urged the group to get formal adoption of the creed in writing from the Chancellor and/or the Regents.

3. **KOENIG PARKING LOT RECONFIGURATION** -- Mullins noted that Koenig is one of the most visible public buildings on campus. The surfaces around the building need improvement, especially the parking lot. Not only are there aesthetic problems, but there is a need for better safety, service access, and access to the trash dumpster. A proposal has been prepared by Design Concepts Landscape Architects to reconfigure the parking lot. There would be no net gain in the number of spaces, but the space would be used more efficiently.

The largest change to the current conditions would be the expansion of the parking to the south side of the garage and garden. This is the area where an addition to the Center was proposed. A retaining wall would be required, and landscape screening would make the area unobtrusive. A new dumpster pad would be provided away from view from Broadway. Alumni Director Zimmerman noted that this area is out of view. It is often a spot where homeless people sleep.

On the north side of Koenig, the driveway would be moved east, to align with 13th Street. This would mitigate the problems of cars crossing two pedestrian ways in quick succession. Raised crosswalks would provide further safety.

On the west, an area would be developed for a new buffalo sculpture, for which the Alumni Association is raising money.

Myers asked about changes to the front entrance of Koenig. Zimmerman said that there has been a plan for some time to restore the original configuration of the door, i.e., opening directly to the north. Tegen asked how high the dumpster screening would be; Mullins said about three feet. Hurd asked if there was enough space for the truck that empties the dumpster; Mullins said that had been taken into account. Kleeman asked about the planned addition in this area. Zimmerman said that the addition is no longer a top priority, as other conference, dining, and event spaces are now available in the Stadium addition. Arndt noted that the Historic Resources Advisory Committee had seen the plans and were satisfied with the historical integrity. Wobbekind recommended adding warning signs to the pedestrian/vehicular crossings. Zimmerman concurred and noted that the re-alignment in itself will be an improvement.

4. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL FEEDER PROJECT** -- Thweatt reminded the group that in 2003 a study had been put forth to the BCPC regarding a new electrical substation. The need for more reliable electrical service and larger capacity is still there. Further studies, however, have determined that the needs can be met by the development of a third feed from Xcel Energy, rather than a full sub-station.

Adding a third feeder to the existing two would be cheaper and faster to install. Most of the equipment would be underground. Thweatt showed a map of the proposed new route. It would access the campus from the north, under Folsom Street, then would either go east

at Colorado and around the Engineering Center, or between the Center and the Mathematics Building to the new site, which is under the bike racks at the west entrance to the Center. The existing switchgear can only handle two feeders. The improvements would allow for up to four feeders. One would be installed now, and the other would be available for development in the distant future. Thweatt noted that the installation would be done by Xcel.

Cummings asked about the route; Thweatt said it would be coordinated with the City of Boulder and Xcel. Hurd asked about future capacity; Thweatt said there would be a 40% increase, which would probably be sufficient for 40 to 50 years, which would be similar to the capacity proposed in the substation. Jones asked about access to the Engineering Center during construction; Thweatt said that every care would be taken to mitigate inconvenience, though the project likely could not be accomplished over a summer. Jones asked if this would also provide for development in Grandview. Thweatt said that Grandview was not involved; it is fed directly as part of the City grid.

5. **FY 2006-2007 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIZATION LIST** -- Thweatt handed out copies of the proposed list. He noted that since last year, the student fee had allowed construction to proceed on the ATLAS, Law, and Business projects. The current proposal is unchanged from last year, minus the three funded projects. The proposed prioritization is Visual Arts Complex, Ekeley Sciences Renovation, Ketchum Arts and Sciences Capital Renewal, and Hellems Arts and Sciences Capital Renewal.

On a motion by Jones, seconded by Lucio, the list was approved.

6. **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES** -- Thweatt reported that ATLAS is underway with a deep hole in the ground, which will provide for two floors below grade. A tower crane will be installed soon. The crane is electric, so it will be quieter and cleaner. There are some noise and dust issues with Sibell Wolle and Ketchum, which are being dealt with. Most of ATLAS should be up and enclosed by late fall. The interior finish will occur in winter and spring. Pedestrians are being encouraged to cross 18th Street and walk on the east side. There is a lot of truck activity and the access is mostly from Colorado Avenue.

The Law Building project is also underway with a large excavation. There has been some site work to relocate water lines. The access to the site is easier than ATLAS, but the building is bigger. Nevertheless, both projects are expected to be done by June 2006. A month will be needed for LEED commissioning, then occupancy can begin in the fall of 2006.

The addition to the LASP Space Technology Research Center is well underway in the Research Park. The structure is well out of the ground. The project is on fast track and is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.

Thweatt noted that the Business addition had been higher on last year's priority list, but the student fee changed everything. ATLAS began construction sooner because its construction documents were fully complete. Also, the Business addition will require displacement of people and programs, while ATLAS and Law are being built as new stand-alone structures. In addition, cash flow would not allow all three projects to start at once. The Business project is scheduled to in 2007, however the school and Facilities Management are studying ways to accelerate the project by at least one year.

7. **QUARTERLY REPORT OF PLANNING PROJECTS** -- Simpson noted that the last year was fairly quiet, due to the budget freeze, but new projects are now coming on line. He mentioned that a feasibility study for Libraries (which now involves only the Norlin Building) would be brought to the BCPC in May. McMillin asked if the library plan would include 24-hour access; Simpson said that there would likely be 24-hour access to the IT Commons area, proposed to be placed where the Reference Library is now.

The Transportation Micro-Master Plan is expected to be presented in April. A feasibility study for improvements to the food service area in the UMC will be done this summer. Hurd asked about “marketing” for the food service area. Simpson said that meant finding out what the students wanted -- types of food, branding, in-house or leased concessions, etc. In other projects, marketing also means providing material for fundraising.

The Outdoor Recreation Plan, funded by a student referendum, is in program planning and will be ready for BCPC consideration this spring. Kleeman asked if any part of it were at CU-Boulder South; Simpson said no. Tegen asked who decides the details in the planning of the facilities; Simpson said they would be determined in the design phase; there are technical requirements for recreation facilities. Farrand Field, for instance, was originally laid out for flood irrigation, and therefore slopes to the north. Reconstruction of the field would make it more even. Lucio asked why this project had been delayed. Simpson said it was because the student fee had been reduced. Lucio asked about the timeline; Simpson said approvals would be sought this fall, and construction would occur in 2006 and 2007.

Jones asked about the Overlook Plaza between Macky and McKenna. Mullins said that work had been done to the sidewalk to the west, partly for aesthetic improvement, but mostly to correct drainage problems. A plaque has been ordered for the Plaza and funding is being sought for a bench and to complete the railing along the north side.

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