

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

Minutes of the Meeting of December 8, 2005

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, December 8, 2005, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Deb Coffin, Noel Cummings, Mel Cundiff, Robert DuRay, Jud Hurd, Brad Long, Lisa Lucio, Bill Kaempfer, Michael Lightner, Lisa Lucio, Robin Newsome-Suitts, Phil Simpson, Suzanne Tegen, and Steve Thweatt, Richard Wobbekind, and Karen Lorimer. Members absent were: Maren Additon, David DiLaura, Robert DuRay, Kate Flanagan, Gary Gaile, Steve Jones, Brad Long, Mary Ann Myer, and Joyce Nielsen.

Guests present were: Gary Chadwick, Recreation Services; George Galida, Facilities Planning; David Land, Davis Partnership Architects; and Ann Mullins, Facilities Planning.

1. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2005, were unanimously approved as written.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Kaempfer reported that Dave DeLaura offered to be the HRAC member from BCPC. He also announced that since Jeff Lipton is gone and his position was eliminated, Paul Tabolt has recommended that Steve Thweatt become a voting member on BCPC. Lightner noted that this change would require an amendment to the By-Laws. He suggested that a notice of motion be distributed to the membership and voted on at the next two meetings as required by the By-Laws.
3. **QUARTERLY REPORT** – Simpson introduced some updates for the December Quarterly Report. There are now eight active conceptual planning phase projects. Simpson highlighted the following projects:
 - ***Athletics Practice Bubble*** – A seasonal bubble is to be placed over the practice fields from October through April, when the probability of flooding is lowest.
 - ***Coors Events / Center Renovation*** – This project will be under the \$1 million threshold so should move ahead quickly. The Athletics Department is proposing to convert a portion of the conference level into a basketball operations center.
 - ***Kittredge Complex / Arnett Hall*** – A Feasibility Study has been authorized to examine how best to modernize the buildings in the complex. The first phase – Arnett Hall Renovation – is now in the programming phase with early spring (possibly February) projected for completion of the Program Plan.
 - ***Transportation Micro-Master Plan*** – A major planning study to consider parking needs and related access issues for all modes of transportation on campus is being completed. Nelson / Nygaard is conducting the study which should be presented for BCPC approval in January.

Simpson noted several important projects in the program planning phase.

- ***Biotechnology Initiative Research Facility*** – A program plan for a new phased laboratory facility is being prepared and is expected to be presented to the BCPC in April, 2006.
- ***UMC Food Service Renovation*** – A study of the existing food service area has been funded by the UCSU that will examine upgrading areas not renovated in 2000.

Simpson talked about projects for which program plans have been approved and are waiting for funds.

- ***Ekeley Sciences Building Renovation*** – The program plan for the renovation of two floors within the middle portion of Ekeley Sciences was approved by BCPC, CEC, and the Regents and is waiting for funding. CCHE has ranked the project number 7 of 15 “Priority 1” projects.
- ***Visual Arts Complex*** – The program plan to replace the Sibell Wolle Fine Arts building has been approved by BCPC, CEC, and the Regents and is waiting for funding. This project received a portion of its funding from the student capital construction fee. CCHE has ranked this project #14 of 15 “Priority 1” projects.

Simpson mentioned that the Business Addition and Renovation project, which was partially funded by student fees, is in the final stages of design. Construction is projected to begin early in 2006. He also mentioned that ATLAS and the new Law School will be completed in August 2006.

Kaempfer asked about Grandview projects. Simpson said nothing on Grandview has funding and both projects must do fundraising before they can move forward.

Lightner expressed concern that Biotech ICR’s will come from the expected thirty new faculty members.

4. **OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT** – David Land from Davis Partnership with Gary Chadwick from Recreation Services and Ann Mullins from Facilities Planning, presented plans to improve four sites.

- **Franklin Field** – Plans include lighting improvements for scheduled play, fencing improvements to match the existing wrought iron fence along Colorado Avenue, and a wrought iron gate that would limit the size of vehicles that come on the field. Kaempfer suggested that Athletics notify owners of big vehicles who currently use the fields to park their motor homes during athletic events. Chadwick agreed that they will give people ample advanced notice before they close the fields to large vehicles.
- **Farrand Field** – Plans are to create a balance between the playing fields and public area, opening up the north side to create places where people can stop to view the field events. Improved drainage will make it more durable. An entrance archway will enhance the recreation fields and block large vehicles from driving on the playing fields. More parking spaces will be created for the Amphitheater. They will upgrade the current fencing and put pervious paving around trees similar to Commons Park in Denver. They plan to fence the southeast and northwest corner to discourage walking across the field. Lightner pointed out that there was no fence on the Music Building side. Coffin asked how vehicle access will impact field tents that Global Jam participants put up. She also asked if they would still be able to put up the stages for Global Jam. Chadwick answered that tents will be encouraged but tractor trailers will be discouraged from entering the playing field. The archway will only allow for small vehicles to enter. Now they come through by the Music School. A concrete stage with power for amplification will be provided. Lightner asked if the benches could have electrical outlets. Land answered that the cost would prohibit bringing power to every bench.

- Kittredge – Plans are to bring synthetic surface to the field so sports can be played after snow or rain. For rugby there will be a synthetic area with natural greenery next to it – a simple super slab approach. Lighting will change the view from 28th Street. Thweatt asked if there would be lights around the entire perimeter. Chadwick said there would be lights surrounding the field controlled as part of Recreation Center Scheduling. Lightner asked if there would be summer run-off. Mullins answered that it will not be irrigated so the run-off will be controlled. Snow plows can go over it to plow. Lightner wondered if there would be snow build up on the sides of the field. Land said there could be. Land said they are looking at fencing and planting to handle vehicular traffic. Coffin reminded everyone that this is the only outdoor open space area for students to play. Land said they want to encourage folks to come in to use the field but would like to fence to keep people from coming on to the fields with cars to mitigate damage to the field.

- Basketball Courts – Plans include four 75’ X 40’ post tension slabs that will be sunken to mitigate light pollution at the Observatory. There will be a walking area by the Coors Event Center. The courts will have internal drainage collection points. An irrigation line will have to be removed. Coffin asked if they will be open to other events. Mullins said they would. She also said that berms are planned to alleviate sound pollution from 28th Street and to keep balls from going into the street.

Kaempfer asked for any other questions or comments. Simpson said that the Outdoor Recreation Improvements plans now must go to the Design Review Board. Simpson also noted that there could be traffic issues after the New Law building is occupied.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Karen Lorimer.