

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2007**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission (BCPC) met on Thursday, February 8, 2007, in Regent 302.

Members present: Noel Cummings, Bill Kaempfer, Michael Lightner, Lisa Lucio, Steve McNally, Robin Newsome-Suits, Joyce Nielsen, Phil Simpson, Steve Thweatt, Cindy White for Mel Cundiff, Richard Wobbekind, and Karen Lorimer. Members absent: Maren Additon, Andy Aitchison, Deb Coffin, David DiLaura, Evan Litvin, Gary Gaile, Chris Green, Amy Harris, Steve Jones, Russ Moore, and Mary Ann Myer.

Guests present: Lisa Tamiris Becker, CU Art Museum; Keith Conrad, OZ Architecture; Lindsey Miller, OZ Architecture; Tom McGann, Athletics; Ann Mullins, Design Workshop; Graham Oddie, Dean of Arts & Sciences; Richelle Reilly, Facilities Planning; Casey Jones, Parking Services; David Schafer, OZ Architecture; and Ted Szostkowski, AIA, Principal, Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood Architects.

Kaempfer presided and established that there was not a quorum, so the minutes of January 11, 2007 could not be approved. He introduced Steve McNally, the new Associate Vice Chancellor of Budget & Finance & Campus Controller, who replaced Jud Hurd.

- 1. VISUAL ARTS COMPLEX (VAC) SCHEMATIC DESIGN** – Simpson introduced Keith Conrad from OZ Architecture and the VAC design team. Conrad then introduced Ted Szostkowski, from Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood Architects, who presented the schematic design for the VAC project. He said there are opportunities to enhance the green space access from Engine Alley. The edge of the building on 18<sup>th</sup> Street will be developed; 18<sup>th</sup> Street access will be maintained using curb cut to provide service to the loading dock at the museum. They are also working to upgrade pedestrian passages with a new bridge from the UMC to bring students through the plaza; this is a big change and will extend the plaza level. Additions of service lanes will improve passages for service vehicles. There will be a new passage between Ketchum and the Fine Arts green space. The auditorium (lecture hall) located on the lower level presents challenges due to the desire for increased site density and to provide access for 200 students.

Szostkowski introduced Ann Mullins from Design Workshop. Mullins presented the landscape plans. Mullins said there are some major landscape issues. The primary one is the means of access. The proposed design ensures circulation of all directions. Since the building is strong architecturally the landscape design attempts to soften the surroundings. She proposes to plant a traditional quad type landscape with a signature space that includes more outdoor resting seating. There is an overpass (bridge) planned to enable pedestrians to access the plaza without interacting with service vehicles. Kaempfer asked what the grade for the elevation of the bridge will be. Simpson answered that a 14 foot semi or fire truck will have access; the bridge will be inverted. Thweatt said they will

work with Telecom and Euclid Auto Park to potentially relocate Telecom parking to create a green space. McNally expressed a concern that students would walk on the grass and not on the paved area. Mullins said that the path is 14 feet wide and the majority of circulation will be to the UMC. This will be a minor route on grass and will be convoluted to discourage pedestrian traffic. Lightner commented that they are destroying a northwest path to Norlin Library and the Recreation Center. Mullins said that it will eliminate pedestrian vehicular conflict. Changing circulation will draw more people between there and Ramaley. Thweatt said that the long term plan for campus is to get rid of vehicular traffic. They will widen sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians. Kaempfer said that pedestrians will cut through Ketchum and asked that they keep this in mind as they plan the Ketchum remodel. Newsome-Suitts asked if they could put a needed sidewalk between the two buildings. Simpson said that the space under the arcade is covered but open to air. There will be an ADA grade through there and there will be a 12 foot grade from the UMC to Engine Alley. Newsome-Suitts asked how the snow would be removed and expressed concern about the ice and snow melt. Simpson said that the 14'6" clearance of the bridge would allow for fairly easy snow removal. They will also look at functions and how to handle snow melt. Lightner asked if there was a plan for emergency vehicles and if their heights were known. Simpson said they would verify it but that he thinks the trucks are 14 foot. Mullins added that during construction, bike racks will be relocated to Environmental Design and Cristol Chemistry; when completed, the VAC will provide 440 bike spaces in a different location.

Kaempfer asked if the classrooms would be centrally scheduled. Szostkowski said they would and with the design of the class rooms on the lower level, the media artists will feel more included. Lucio asked Szostkowski to elaborate on the Museum and program space. Szostkowski said there will be sculpture studios on the ground with a wood shop. The entire south and east wing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will be gallery space. Ceramics and classrooms are to be located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The roof will allow for sculpture, paintings, and ceramics displays. Tamiris Becker said that the protected view of the Flatirons will be spectacular; end elevations and corridors open out. Newsome-Suitts asked about the purpose of the structures on the roof. Simpson said they plan to meet LEED Gold standards; they will try to lighten the studios without using artificial light. Lucio asked what the roof material was. Szostkowski said it would be red tile. Newsome-Suitts asked what the other LEED features would be. Schafer answered that they will use the same basics that achieved LEED Gold on ATLAS; recovering heat, capturing heat, and minimizing it with reflective material, maximizing solar use, strategic overhangs, use local people for supplies, recycle material during construction, and use dark sky landscape. Kaempfer asked if it represents an increase in scheduled space. Szostkowski said scheduled space would increase, attracting students of all disciplines.

Lightner asked if space allows for faculty and administration. Roots said the building will allow them to be more integrated. Lightner asked if there would be room to add more classrooms. Roots said classroom space will not grow and that more collections are coming for this building to house. Nielson asked if office space and work space is designed for growth. Roots said there isn't much room for growth and that every current faculty member will have a studio. Roots said that they now have 1,100 majors – they had only 700 in 1998 when the Program Plan was written. They have an abundant program with 60 graduate students.

2. **QUARTERLY REPORT OF PLANNING PROJECTS** – Simpson gave a brief update of the Quarterly Report. The North South Bikeway project is progressing and is in the process of a MOU with the City of Boulder. There will be a grade separated crossing at the Fiske crossing. Speech Language & Hearing Sciences (SLHS) is on hold seeking a funding plan. The new Heating & Cooling Plant is actively in the programming phase. BCPC should see a Program Plan for RBS for IBS within the next two months. The New Dining Center made it to CEC – CEC tabled it to find out if the site could have more densification. If the size increases, it would return to BCPC for approval. The Athletics Practice Bubble will proceed because a donor will pay the bill. Lucio asked when Farrand Field will be finished. Simpson answered that it will be completed in the summer of 2007. Lightner asked if ICR is paying for RBS. Kaempfer answered that there will be no rental costs for RBS and Campus cash fund raising will pay. Lightner asked if they would have ICR when they are finished paying it off and if anything on RBS could modulate prices to be competitive. Kaempfer said that prices are determined by the Research Building System Board. Lightner asked why we would buy back Bear Creek since it did not meet our construction standards. Simpson said it is designed as a 40 year not 100 year building, which is not far from Campus standards.

Abbreviation Legend: ICR – Indirect Cost Recovery  
LEED – Leadership in Energy & Environment Design  
RBS – Research Building System  
IBS – Institute of Behavioral Science  
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding  
CEC – Campus Executive Committee

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