

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

Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2007

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission (BCPC) met on Thursday, October 11, 2007, in Regent Administration Center, Room 302.

Members present were: Maren Addition, Noel Cummings, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Michael Lightner, Steve McNally, Graham Oddie (sitting in for Keith Maskus), Phil Simpson, Robin Suitts, Moe Tabrizi, Richard Wobbekind, and Karen Lorimer. Members absent were: Andy Aitchison, Steve Bruns, Deb Coffin, Chris Green, Amy Harris, Larry Hill, Evan Litvin, Gregg Lundgren, Russ Moore, and Cindy White.

Guests present were: William Arndt, Planning Retiree; George Galida, Planning; Carlos Garcia, University Memorial Center; Kim Glasscock, *Silver & Gold Record*; Steve Hecht, Housing; Casey Jones, Parking and Transportation Services; Tom McGann, Athletics; and Richelle Reilly, Planning.

1. **MINUTES** – Kaempfer presided and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2007. McNally moved to approve the minutes; Lightner seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Kaempfer announced that there were two new members, Cindy White, Communications, and Joseph Rosse, Leeds School of Business, but that neither could attend today's meeting.
3. **CAMPUS GATEWAYS SCHEMATIC DESIGN** – Reilly presented this project. Currently there is no cohesive signage to identify the Campus, nothing that ties the entryways together. The consultant had the challenge of creating an iconic welcoming entry experience for everyone who comes to Boulder while maintaining the unique and special attributes of the campus. There will be "Gateways" at key entry points to the "Academic Village," presenting secure, safe, informative, and consistent entries to campus with a link to the City of Boulder. With a lot of vehicles coming from Highways 36 and 93 and many pedestrians entering from the BaseMar area, they have chosen the main gateway entry to be at Baseline and Broadway. This is a main focal point of entry to campus and since the Wolf Law Building is finished it would not interfere with up-coming construction. An adaptable low site wall was created with 18" walls at the low end, grading to three feet high; flagstone panels will be etched with the University of Colorado seal. There will be a flagstone pavement threshold which will pass through a canopy of trees to a gathering node that will have flagstone seats. The other locations for the new Campus Gateways will be: Regent and Broadway, Pennsylvania and Broadway, Euclid and Broadway, University and Broadway, Folsom and Colorado, 28th and Colorado, Baseline and 27th Way, Baseline and 30th, Marine and 30th, Colorado and 30th, and 28th at the Frontage Bike Path.

Lightner asked about snow and ice removal. Reilly answered that the existing deciduous cottonwood trees will canopy the walks; the walks will be sized so that snow plows can maintain them. They will try to keep grades consistent. Lightner asked if they would be lighted; Reilly said there will be low up-lights at walls, up-lights at trees, pedestrian lights, and illuminated signage. Lightner asked if the path would be mixed use. Reilly said that they will be mixed use and will have skateboard deterrents, with 13' walk widths. Lightner asked if there was a lot of traffic at the pedestrian crosswalk that has blinking lights about a half block east of Baseline at Broadway. Reilly said since there is a RTD bus stop, there is a fair amount of traffic in the

morning and after school; it does level off throughout the day but it is a major crossing. Kaempfer said it is not a significant problem because the array of paths the pedestrians can use will focus the pedestrians to a point where they can be.

Reilly added that there are other design challenges with walls and landscaping in order to funnel pedestrians in the right direction. Lightner commented that the pedestrians will go where they want to go. Reilly said that they have made it adaptable to get people through the space in a welcoming way to remedy this. McNally asked where the signage would be. Reilly said the signage will be very clear, one wall will show from the street; they will do a mock-up. Tabrizi asked if the 150' arc was scalable – not constant for every location. Reilly said a gentle curve will fit in with the existing trees and they will work with the grades. Arndt commented that the Gateways would be helpful, especially on game days.

Lightner moved to approve the design for Campus Gateways. Tabrizi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. **ARNOLD WEBER NAMING PROPOSAL** – Kaempfer introduced Suitts who presented the proposal to name a Bear Creek Apartment Building 1A in honor of former CU President, Arnold R. Weber. The proposed name is “Weber Hall at Bear Creek Apartments”. Kaempfer said that BCPC has not approved the naming of a building for over a decade. Chancellor Peterson received a proposal letter from President Brown that cited Weber’s “outstanding academic service to the university”. During Weber’s tenure he improved the perception of campus so much that for awhile the campus was ranked above Yale and Harvard in The New York Times Selective Guide to Colleges and Universities in quality of life, social life and academic life. Weber was the 13th president – the 8th to have a building named after him. Deb Coffin, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Executive Director of Housing and Dining Services signed a letter of endorsement of the resolution.

This proposal is in keeping with the Board of Regents Naming Policy (14-J-B-3/a.) which requires an individual to have rendered outstanding academic and/or professional service to the university, and does not permit the proposal until five years after that individual’s retirement. On the CU-Boulder campus it is the policy that stand-alone residential buildings be called “Halls,” and that multiple building residential complexes be called “Courts.” There are no costs associated with this proposal.

Wobbekind moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Lightner, that Building 1A of the Bear Creek Apartments be named “Weber Hall at Bear Creek Apartments” with the condition that the re-naming of the Bear Creek Building as Weber Hall should be noted with an appropriate dedication ceremony.

Kaempfer asked why no buildings have been named after CU’s 12th president, Roland Rautenstrauss. Arndt said that there is no formal policy to name buildings after presidents. He also said that he had prepared a list of Housing buildings without names and presidents that have not had buildings named after them. Lightner said that he thought Rautenstrauss was a good president and that they should consider him as a possible candidate to name a building after. Arndt noted that the Naming Policy allows anyone to propose a name to the Chancellor and that Lightner might wish to do so. Lightner also felt that the Weber proposal made it seem like Weber was personally involved in all of the accomplishments listed. . He asked that it be changed to be more accurate at reflecting his accomplishments. Arndt said there will be a committee to formulate the plaque and

suggested that Lightner volunteer to be on this committee. Lightner said he would be happy to serve on this committee. Jones supported what Lightner said and asked if a public hearing was required. Arndt said that it was up to the BCPC, if deemed necessary. Kaempfer said that the current policy and procedures were written after the highly controversial renaming of Cheyenne Arapahoe Hall. Arndt said that the last time a building was given an honorary (as opposed to donor) name for a former faculty member was Cristol Chemistry. No public hearing was held at that time. Lightner asked to add a friendly amendment to the BCPC recommendation that Rautenstrauss be considered for the next naming.

Wobbekind said that he was unaware BCPC was involved with naming at all. Kaempfer said that was because all of the recent namings were for donors (Wolf Law Building, Koebel Business, and Eaton Humanities). Kaempfer asked that the Planning Office start bringing donor naming proposals to the BCPC as informational items. Suitts noted that Marvin Caruthers has donated a substantial amount of money for the Biotechnology Building, but that a name for the building has not been decided upon.

Wobbekind asked if the CU Foundation is rethinking the threshold of donations for naming the buildings. Simpson said that it is 50% of the fundraising goal of the project, not the total construction cost. Kaempfer asked if the naming of Dal Ward followed this procedure. Arndt said it did, but that the name came with the proposal, and was finalized before anyone noted that it was inconsistent with the policy of using only last names. Suitts added that Dal Ward was named before the current policy was in effect.

Kaempfer called for a vote on the Weber proposal with an additional condition that President Rautenstrauss be considered as a future building name. The motion was approved with two against, all others in favor. Suitts said that the Weber naming is scheduled to go to the Board of Regents for approval in November. Arndt asked if it has to go to the Chancellor's Executive Committee first. Suitts said it did not.

5. **BASKETBALL PRACTICE FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY** – Galida gave a brief history of basketball at CU Boulder. Women first began playing indoor basketball in the late 1800's. The first organized men's team began in 1902. Basketball is a cornerstone in college athletics and is the most watched sport in the country. Athletics is proposing the construction of a basketball practice facility for the men's and women's teams with an option to include seating for women's volleyball games. It would be located just east of the Coors Events / Conference Center (CECC) and has the option of being connected with an all weather enclosure to afford players, coaches, and spectators access to facilities in CECC.

Both the men and women's basketball programs presently lack adequate off-season, indoor practice and support facilities – they share one practice floor between them, which results in limited formal team practices and does not allow for skills development. In order to stay competitive on a national basis to attract and retain quality coaches and student athletes, a new facility is needed. Two NCAA regulation size (50' x 94') practice floors will allow both men and women to practice and improve skills. Also included in the plan are a lobby, small coaches / first aid offices, restrooms, and mechanical space making the building approximately 18,200 gross square feet (GSF). Another option being considered contingent on funding is to construct a larger building with seating for 1,500 to 2,000 spectators to view women's varsity volleyball games.

Tabrizi asked if this plan is to scale compared to CECC; Galida answered yes. Addition asked where the four existing recreation courts will go. Galida said that it has not been determined but that this Feasibility Study includes the cost of relocating the courts and that Athletics is committed to working with Recreation Services. The volleyball option will add another 6,000 square feet. Oddie asked how many students are in the basketball program. Galida said there are 36 students but that it will impact the whole campus because over 130,000 attend the games. The idea for a gymnasium was identified many years ago. For health and safety quality this will eliminate the need for practice on a temporary floor. CECC would gain the use of two gymnasiums. Kaempfer asked if they would be separate rooms with a divider. Galida said there are several options – movable walls, curtains, or dividers. Addition asked if the basketball students use the outdoor courts. Simpson replied they do not use them for practice and that they need the same type of wood floor court that they will play on. Tabrizi asked if it will bring in associated revenue. Galida said that the operating cost will come from the department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Jones asked why the schedule is different. Galida said the schedule changed – it is out of sequence because CEC happened before BCPC this month. Lightner requested the design consider the view from 28th Street – it is important to the whole corridor. He also asked if the project will go forward when funds are available. McGann said whatever the CU Foundation allows will determine the construction. McNally pointed out that they must have secure donors before construction can begin. Lightner commented that there is too much “fluff” around this program – it is a revenue generating program for campus and they should let the people know that. McGann said that the NCAA allows for practice with four students – if they have the practice facilities then they can allow practice when the students are in school.

Jones asked why they need to refer to it as an indoor practice facility. Galida said the basketball season is during the winter months and requires indoor access to locker rooms and coach’s offices. Simpson said the language might come from the site study. Jones asked if they could integrate the language to club sports. McGann said they do not want to promote overuse. Jones said he is concerned about volleyball and restrooms. Galida said they will have a lobby connection to the restrooms and concessions in CECC. He said they will use crowd control gates in CECC at proper locations for facility access. McGann said they are looking at the possibility of utilizing both facilities. Addition asked if the volleyball courts would be built. McGann said they would. Addition asked where they would put the outdoor basketball courts that would be displaced with the new indoor facilities. Simpson said they are looking for a place for the basketball courts – possibly at a parking lot location on campus. Kaempfer said that it is important that the Program Plan states exactly where the courts will be located and includes the finances to move them, and it has a definitive statement about the use of Carlson Gym.

Kaempfer recommended a motion to approve the Feasibility Study for an Indoor Basketball Practice Facility. Jones moved to approve the motion, Lightner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Kaempfer postponed the BCPC 101 presentation and asked for a motion to adjourn. Tabrizi moved to adjourn the meeting, Lightner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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