

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

Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 2008

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, December 11, 2008, in the Provost's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Noel Cummings, Jacob Golding, Anthony Hannagan, Larry Hill, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Kambiz Khalili, Paul Leef, Karen Lorimer, Gregg Lundgren, Keith Maskus, Steve McNally, Phil Simpson, and Richard Wobbekind.

Members absent were: Steve Bruns, Michael Lightner, Russ Moore, Daniel Oxenhandler, Joseph Rosse, Alexis Smith and Cindy White.

Guests present were: Morey Bean, Facilities Planning; Gabrielle Cox, Student; Carlos Garcia, University Memorial Center; Kim Glasscock, *Silver & Gold Record*; Tom Goodhew, Facilities Planning; Curt Huetson, Housing and Dining Services; Tom McGann, Intercollegiate Athletics; Jason Pickel, Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.; Richelle Reilly, Facilities Planning; Mark Schultz, Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.; Robin Suits, Facilities Planning.

1. **MINUTES** – Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008. Maskus moved to approve them, Wobbekind seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Vice Chair, Jones chaired the meeting since Coffin stepped down to assume her new position of Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students. He introduced Kambiz Khalili, the new Director of Housing who will serve on BCPC by virtue of his position. Jones also introduced the nominating committee for the new Chair of BCPC: Bill Kaempfer, Chair, Paul Leef, and Anthony Hannagan. After consulting they came to a consensus and nominated Keith Maskus to chair BCPC until Deb Coffin's term expires in October 2009. Maskus agreed to serve; he will begin serving as chair of BCPC in January 2009.
3. **UNIVERSITY THEATER ADA IMPROVEMENTS SCHEMATIC DESIGN** – Morey Bean, a new Architect/Planner from the Planning department presented the project. The issue of concern is getting disabled visitors into the Theater. Funding is to add a ramp system to the Theater. There are two options; the first is to bring a ramp to the west side of the building and the preferred option is to add a ramp to the east side where the main lobby is located. The east side ramp entrance is a nice understated way to create a processional entrance for disabled visitors so that mobility challenged guests can enter with regular guests. A wall is planned to hide the ramp with a low wall to be used as seating. Arches will create a harmonious addition with round windows. This is a discreet way to make the handicap entrance blend in with upgrades to the secondary entrance. Kaempfer asked if there will be new handicap restrooms. Bean said there would plus a ticket booth would be added later. Hill asked how close the preferred entrance is to the nearest handicap parking spaces. Simpson said there are spaces by the Museum, at Euclid and at Engine Alley. Jones asked if this will cut the size of the building. Bean said there will be very little impact on the building – it will affect half of the student study area somewhat. Golding asked if they had looked at the usage of the study area. Bean said they will make sure the study area is adequate. Kaempfer asked if Disability Services has looked at the plan. Bean said they had not but he will solicit their input. Maskus asked if

the University Theater Chair had been shown the plan. Bean said only the building proctor had seen the plan.

4. **MASTER PLAN PROGRESS REPORT** – Leef gave an update on the Master Plan. He said the current Master Plan is in effect until 2011. It is the strategic plan that says where the campus is going in the next 20 years. The accreditation process is soon to come which will affect campus planning. It is a good time to take advantage of the political process. We anticipate we will not spend much time engaging outside groups as in the past. Planning will consult BCPC for recommendations; they will look at what the design will look like and what issues should be considered. Wobbekind commented that he emphasized moving to East campus in the past; he suggested that all space on main campus should not be filled and East campus should be considered. Jones asked where and how South campus fits in the plan. Leef said they will look at South campus and Grandview in detail. Golding commented that open space is important and should be preserved. Simpson informed everyone that North side of the Research Park is wetlands and flood way and it will not be developed. Kaempfer added that Paul Tabolt, former Vice Chancellor for Administration, had done a micro master plan for East campus; he wondered if that would be a starting point for the new master plan or if it would be scrapped and they would begin anew. Leef said they have looked at that plan as a guiding principle for future development. They want to look at the Research Park as an extension of main campus rather than it being an office research park. The Research Park needs to be studied to determine what would programmatically be there. Wobbekind asked if undergraduate housing is being considered. Simpson said a holistic approach is planned. Maskus asked that Leef expand on what the role of BCPC would be. Leef said it is helpful to have a high level focus of what programs will stay on main campus and what programs will move to East campus. They also want BCPC's input about transportation infrastructure. Wobbekind commented that initially people don't like change but once there is an initial mass out there people will adjust to it.

Huetson reported that Stuart Takeyuchi did a housing study many years ago that was not completed; he asked if it was possible to do a housing study now. Hannagan asked to what extent the BCPC input would be subject to public review. Leef said the plan will be transparent and will have student involvement. Hannagan said it should be a process by which students are notified if there are changes. Simpson said the last Master Plan had a series of task forces that put forth a draft; the draft was presented to the public and was open to anyone. Then the draft went to the Board of Regents. When a project is brought forward it must be shown that it is in alignment with the Master Plan. If it is a new project that is not in the Master Plan it must go through an amendment process. Kaempfer said a lot of data needs are important in putting the Master Plan together – he suggests that the student records be analyzed to see what programs are taken by students, look at programs, and make sure students are geographically close to where they are taking the classes. We must look at optimizing issues of other important items. Wobbekind suggested that lab sciences would be a good candidate to move to East campus. Jones thinks that BCPC would have two functions – to look at overall global issues, and members should sit in on work groups.

5. **FACILITIES TASK FORCE – FLAGSHIP 2030 RESULTS** – Leef and Maskus presented the results of the task force. The task force began meeting in early 2008. They met regularly regarding issues and information gathering of previous plans. They were asked to come up with ideas without considering finances. Information was gathered and

input was synthesized to come up with nine big ideas. Ideas include expanding capital resources, optimizing space and capital planning, establish sustainability as a central value regarding facilities, transportation and parking, and invest in infrastructure and technology. Planning for a new classroom, faculty & administrative office building needs to be accelerated, East Campus needs to be built out as quickly as possible as a second academic campus, establishing CU-Boulder Creek Village north of Boulder Creek in conjunction with a hotel conference center, developing a comprehensive and coordinated business plan for the Colorado Research Diamond and taking advantage of partnerships with the city and private business. Facilities are critical to the success of the Strategic Plan but the aging infrastructure creates many challenges.

Maskus said they have looked around the country to find that integrated campuses tend to work better; having a generalized campus feel would make the campus more attractive. Physical barriers presented by the distance from main campus to East campus needs to be studied and there needs to be better infrastructure to go back and forth. More and frequent dependable transportation from main campus to East campus and Williams Village would be required and engaging the larger community would be necessary. Leef said they have presented their ideas to senior administration for them to make recommendations about how to proceed. He then asked for input and questions.

Huetson questioned whether someone teaching on main campus, East campus and Williams Village would have an office at each location. Maskus said faculty would probably be share offices. McGann commented that transportation must be addressed because cars and pedestrians will battle for space. Maskus said they might ban vehicles and use shuttles to remedy this. Leef said they will pursue a pedestrian friendly campus; they will definitely look at transportation modes and connectivity. McGann emphasized that we need to look at all issues of how we move people around campus. Maskus commented that he hopes these ideas have some informative value. Golding added that he is happy to see sustainability and environmental issues addressed in the plan.

6. **QUARTERLY REPORT UPDATE** – Simpson gave a snapshot of projects, highlighting some of the projects in the Quarterly Report. Feasibility Studies for two new projects, Chemistry and Life Sciences are expected in February or March. A Program Plan for a new Facilities Management building is being considered; the goal is to get off main campus (out of the Stadium) to create more academic space on campus. Printing Services would like to move to the Distribution Center; a Feasibility Study is planned for the spring.

Jones asked when the Visual Arts Complex would be completed. Simpson answered that it should be complete Spring 2009 semester. Golding asked where the Heating and Cooling Plant will be located; Simpson said it will be beside Coors Field, a very expensive location. Golding asked if cogeneration utilities would be used. Simpson said COGEN is not economical and they plan to decommission the turbines. Wobbekind asked if there will be a data center in the Research Park. Hill said that there is a plan for a central campus data center.

7. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** – Jones reported that since Deb Coffin has assumed her position of Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of

Students, her position as Chair on the BCPC must be replaced. The following resolution was offered in Coffin's honor:

WHEREAS, Deb Coffin has served as a member of the BCPC since March, 2002, representing Housing Administration,

AND WHEREAS, Deb has served the campus as BCPC Chair since January of 2008,

THEREFORE, be it resolved the BCPC wishes to thank Deb for her contributions to the Commission and to the campus, and wishes her the best with her new responsibilities as Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

The resolution was unanimously approved. Jones thanked Kaempfer for chairing the nominating committee and for bringing the nomination of Maskus to the table. He also thanked Maskus for agreeing to chair BCPC.

Wobbekind moved to adjourn the meeting, McNally seconded the motion; there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Karen Lorimer, BCPC Secretary.