

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

Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2009

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, February 12, 2009, in the Provost's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Noel Cummings, Larry Hill, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Kambiz Khalili, Paul Leef, Karen Lorimer, Gregg Lundgren, Steve McNally, Phil Simpson, and Cindy White.

Members absent were: Steve Bruns, Jacob Golding, Anthony Hannagan, Michael Lightner, Keith Maskus, Russ Moore, Daniel Oxenhandler, Joseph Rosse, Alexis Smith, and Richard Wobbekind.

Guests present were: Kim Glasscock, *Silver & Gold Record*; Tom Goodhew, Facilities Planning; Andy Mutz, RTD Fast Tracks; Richelle Reilly, Facilities Planning; Robin Suits, Facilities Planning; and JoAnn Zelasko (for Michael Lightner).

1. **MINUTES** – Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2008. Hill moved to approve them, Lundgren seconded the motion. There was one abstention, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** – Vice Chair, Jones chaired the meeting in Keith Maskus's absence. He did not have a chair's report.
3. **STATE FISCAL IMPACT UPDATE** – Paul Leef, Director of Planning Design & Construction passed out a hand-out that reflects the current projects that are affected by the state budget cuts. He said that most of the projects affected are controlled maintenance projects. The Boulder campus received a \$30M budget cut; a modification of \$23M has been requested. Since the Visual Arts Complex (VAC) project is already under construction, an exemption has been requested. More than 400 other projects in process funded by Indirect Cost Recovery (ICR), have alternate funding or different revenue streams; Center for Community (C4C), Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS) and the New Basketball / Volleyball Practice Facility are included in this list. Zelasko asked if there was a CU prioritized list of projects for the government stimulus package would provide funding. Leef said that part of the state stimulus package designated for renovation and energy could possibly go toward Ketchum and Ekeley. Systems Biotechnology (SBB) is at the top of the CU list for funding from the federal stimulus package since it could potentially create many jobs given that the \$34M requested from the state was taken away. Jones asked Leef to e-mail the BCPC members once he knows the results of which projects will be supported by the stimulus package. He also wanted to know if there was a plan for security issues, etc. regarding the VAC if all construction was stopped. Leef said they are being cautiously optimistic – \$56M is secured for construction and they have not stopped construction. They do not want to speculate and expect the exemption request to be announced in the next few days. Kaempfer asked if completion would be delayed in the best case scenario. Leef said they have communicated with the powers that be that the project is in jeopardy of schedule delay; they are hoping for a final answer soon. Zelasko commented that the SBB design was left in an inconsistent state when we stopped the design – she wanted to know if we could spend a little more money to get it to a consistent state. Leef said they are making plans to move ahead with contingencies as of yesterday, February 11, 2009.

4. **TABLE MESA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE** – Simpson said this is a small project but it is important for the long term future consideration of the south campus. He introduced Andy Mutz from RTD Fast Tracks who presented the CDOT project to put a pedestrian bridge over Highway 36 across to the Table Mesa Park & Ride. The goal is to reroute busses to decrease drive time for buses coming from Denver. A pull-out with shelters for two buses is planned. RTD is requesting easement from CU South of about five feet which will be a landscaped plaza area. Mutz said the pedestrian bridge will have vertical circulation and be similar to the other bridges along Highway 36. They are doing this in conjunction with future improvements; when the future improvements are complete they will no longer need the easement. Kaempfer asked if there will be a pull-out lane on the west side. Mutz said they are working with CU to finalize plans. Leef asked Mutz to extrapolate on future improvements. Mutz said there will be transfer platforms but it is not yet determined whether they will be on the inside or outside. The on-ramp will change separating buses from cars. Mutz said he has talked to Simpson about the future use of CU South for parking. McNally asked when construction will begin and end. Mutz said they plan to break ground by the end of summer 2009 and completion is slated for the end of 2010 – usually construction takes nine months to a year. Future plans begin date is not yet determined. The alignment of the bridge allows the project to go in either direction. Simpson said he would forward the BCPC comments to the Chancellor's office.

5. **BCPC BY-LAWS REVEIEW** – Jones said that every couple of years the BCPC reviews the by-laws. The last revision was in 2006. He asked for a couple of volunteers to go through the by-laws to see if anything needs to be changed. He said Maskus expressed that he would like to chair the by-laws committee. He asked members to think about serving on the committee and then let Maskus or him know that they are interested. Kaempfer informed everyone that they had gone through an extensive by-laws review process but the Chancellor had not signed the changes. He said that we will see changes with state funded projects and that these changes need to be anticipated when the by-laws are reviewed in order to come up with a more agile commission. Kaempfer suggested that some discussion with Vice Chancellor Frank Bruno should occur since some of the policies within the legislature may change in terms of getting capital projects to them. McNally wondered if we should hold off until the legislative process makes the changes. Kaempfer thought the committee should begin and the by-laws review committee should work closely with the Chancellor's office. White said that we need to look ahead at what we are going to build in the future, but that she feels it is very important to also think about utilization of current campus buildings. Leef said that the commission should consider this concern and figure out the BCPC roles and responsibilities.

6. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** – Jones announced that Cindy White has volunteered to represent BCPC on the Historic Resources Adviseement Committee (HRAC).

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