

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2000

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 9, 2000, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, Tom Carson, Anne Costain, Noel Cummings, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Larry Drees, Bill Herbstreit, Steve Jones, Dianna Keeler, Stephen Lester, Michael Lightner, Jeff Lipton, Uriel Nauenberg, Robin Newsome-Suitts, Dale Oesterle, Dan Pabon, and William Arndt.

Members absent were: John Crittenden, Archie Demarest, Bill Kaempfer, and Brook Stableford.

Guests present were: John Bruning, Facilities Management; Jeff Cluphf, Regional Transportation District; David Cook, Parking and Transit Services; Pam Greager, Parking and Transit Services; Cesar Ochoa, Regional Transportation District; Elizabeth Ochsner, Design Concepts; Joe Roy, Police, Parking, and Transit Services; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; Michele Van Pelt, Financial and Business Services; and Jim Wollum, Architectural Consultant.

1. **MINUTES** -- Bartlett asked that the minutes of January 20, 2000, reflect his comments concerning the difficulty of constructing a building on the Sibell Wolle site after the ATLAS and Fine Arts projects are completed. Carson asked that the following be added to the minutes to clarify his comments about the Koenig Alumni Center Feasibility Study: "Carson noted the need for upgrades to the facility. He encouraged the Alumni Director to invite Staff Council and faculty to participate in the design process since Koenig is used by so many constituencies." With these changes the minutes were approved. There was no meeting in February.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Oesterle asked Baily to report on the status of the Campus Master Plan. Baily said that the Regents approved the plan with only minor corrections. They opted not to change the Grandview micro-master plan at this time, pending possible negotiations with the City of Boulder. Baily said the Master Plan website would be updated and the full plan will be available there. The next step is review by the CCHE. Lightner asked if the growth projects in the plan were in line with state growth, especially in technology. Baily said they were. Nauenberg asked about the South Campus. Baily said the plan is only for outdoor recreational and athletic facilities at this time.

Oesterle asked Deno to report on the last CEC meeting. Deno said that two program plans and two feasibility studies were presented. They asked that the two

program plans -- Center for Visual Arts and the Science Library -- be brought back to the March 22 CEC meeting. The issues for Visual Arts were a third party confirmation of the cost estimates, and further detail on the site development. Concerning the Science Library the CEC wanted more detail on maximization of the site (height, footprint, etc.) and technology infrastructure. The feasibility studies -- Koenig Alumni Center and a new facility for Journalism -- were both approved to proceed into program planning.

3. **17TH STREET WALKWAY AND HILLSIDE IMPROVEMENTS** -- Deno noted that this project was approved by the BCPC several months ago, so this is an update and not a voting item. The civil engineering portion of the project has been completed, in coordination with the City of Boulder. Reconstruction of the old stairs and walks will begin soon. Deno introduced Elizabeth Ochsner of Design Concepts, the landscape architecture firm that designed the project.

Ochsner showed boards illustrating the new plan. New stairs, retaining walls, and landscaping will be created. Some of the sandstone from the old walks will be re-used. The hillside path will be segmented into three parts with connecting stairs. The landscape plan is simple and will complete the drainage improvements begun in the civil engineering portion of the project. A plaza with a seat wall will be created, and a stone bench will be relocated.

John Bruning, Director of Physical Plant, explained that the stairs would have a campus-standard railing on the east side. Lightner asked if the rail would have periodic knobs to discourage skateboarders. Bruning said it would be considered. Simpson asked about bicycles. Bruning said that a wheel gutter similar to the one at the Broadway/College underpass could be added, but noted that the one at the College Avenue underpass is seldom used as intended.

Bruning announced that Lynn Wolfe, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts, has donated a bronze sculpture of a wolf, near life-sized, to be installed as part of this project. The site will likely be near the small plaza at the top of the hill.

4. **LAW SCHOOL PROGRAM PLAN AMENDMENTS: INFORMATIONAL UPDATE** -- Newsome-Suitts explained that funding for the Law School was on the legislative Long Bill, but that it was contingent upon approval of the CCHE. At the request of the CCHE an amendment to the program plan was prepared. It addressed possible uses of the Fleming Building if the Law School built a new structure. This request was made on short notice, and the amendment was prepared in a hurry, in order to meet funding deadlines. The Chancellor has asked that the percentage of private funding for the project be raised. A study of the cost of renovating Fleming (rather than building a new building) indicated that it would cost 90% of a new building. The CCHE usually recommends a new building if this percentage is that high.

Several members asked about the appropriateness of the programs suggested to be moved into Fleming. Newsome-Suitts stressed that this amendment only indicated the possibility of re-use of Fleming, and did not commit any department or program to Fleming. If and when Fleming were renovated a full program plan would be done. Lightner asked if approval of this amendment would somehow impact these programs. Newsome-Suitts said she did not think it would, but stressed that this was a last minute effort to get the state funding for Law in this year's appropriation.

Costain suggested that faculty governance groups should have a bigger role in decisions like this; the Boulder Faculty Assembly could have provided input on short notice. She asked if this amendment was in accord with the Master Plan. Baily said it was, but that there were some minor flaws in the space requirements tables.

Oesterle asked if a vote was required. Newsome-Suitts said no, this was already on the agenda for the Board of Regents. Cummings said it could endanger possible funding if the BCPC acted in any way to disapprove this amendment. Lipton agreed, noting that this was a by-product of political negotiations at the highest level, and that the BCPC should allow the Chancellor full flexibility. Baily said it was important that the BCPC continue to support the need for a new Law School building. Oesterle thanked Newsome-Suitts and she thanked the Facilities Planning staff for helping to assemble the material on short notice.

5. **PARKING AND TRANSIT SERVICES PROJECTS** -- Baily introduced Joe Roy of Parking and Transit Services, who gave updates and new information on several projects:

The **Intermodal Transit Center** near the intersection of Broadway and Euclid did not get funding, so has a lower priority for the time being.

A request from RTD to reroute 209 bus service through the campus is in response to the new BOUND service on 30th Street. To maintain a connection to the Frasier Meadows area, the 209 bus, which now runs between Frasier Meadows and Palo Park, would become an east-west route, serving Frasier Meadows, the East Aurora area, and the Main Campus. Rather than turning north at Folsom, the bus would continue west on Colorado, to 18th, to Euclid, to Broadway, then east to Regent Drive and back to Colorado Avenue, where it would go east and return to the Frasier Meadows area. It would use the same stops as the existing HOP and Williams Village shuttles. Some new stops on Regent Drive may be necessary. Lipton said careful consideration should be given to the location of stops, as there are already air quality problems in some areas, which might be increased with the addition of another bus. Deno noted that these changes might not serve the needs of campus riders who currently use the 209 route to and from North Boulder. As the BOUND would only travel on 30th Street, these users would have to transfer at some point to get to the Main Campus, increasing travel time and lowering

convenience. Others expressed concerns about several buses from different routes “stacking” at bus stops on campus. Roy said the new service was expected to begin in July or August, and he would return to the BCPC after final details had been worked out.

A **Visitor Parking Sign System** is being studied by a consultant. This project could include upgrades to the information kiosks on Colorado Avenue at Libby Drive and near Wardenburg.

Pay-on-Foot Stations at Visitor Parking Lots 306, 324, 440, and 448 were presented by architect Jim Wollum. There is a need to provide cover for the payment machines, to protect from the weather and to mitigate glare that makes the read-out screens hard to see. Simple metal structures have been designed that would provide cover as well as a place for a pay telephone and display signs. Wollum showed architectural renderings of the proposed structures. Bartlett asked if night lighting would be on a timer or photocell. Wollum said it would. Cummings asked if the structures met all ADA requirements. Wollum said they did. Lester asked that the lighting be energy efficient, and Nauenberg asked if some sandstone could be included in the paving, to provide some visual interest and continuity with the sandstone buildings.

Although this project did not require formal approval from the BCPC, Oesterle asked if there was a consensus in favor of the project, and members said there was. Lester asked if this project was related to the bus shelters project. Deno said it was not, but that the bus shelters were similar in design and materials.

6. **QUARTERLY REPORT OF PLANNING PROJECTS** -- Deno distributed copies of the report and introduced Susan Walsh, Facilities Planner, who coordinated preparation of the report. He said that questions about project on the report could be directed to Walsh or to Deno.
7. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** -- Bartlett distributed a notice of motion for the April meeting. Lester asked about the problem of increased pedestrian traffic near the new Humanities Building and the potential for new dirt paths being created on the Quadrangle. Deno said that there is a master plan for barrier rails and new sidewalks on the Quadrangle. These were not included in the Humanities budget, but will be installed over the next several years as funding becomes available. Lester also asked about the problems of construction parking around the Ekeley project. Deno said there is an established protocol concerning contractor parking, but it is difficult to enforce. Anyone seeing a contractor or service vehicle where it shouldn't be is encouraged to notify the campus police. Bartlett asked about the signs on Fieldhouse Plaza restricting vehicular traffic. Deno said that one of the signs was damaged, and is being repaired.

Jones reported that the School of Journalism is using the Mobile Production Unit (MPU) which was acquired as part of the Folsom Stadium Scoreboard project. The

School has already broadcast three basketball games using the MPU and plans to televise several sessions of the Conference on World Affairs in April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by William Arndt.