

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

Minutes of the Meeting of April 23, 1998

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, April 23, 1998, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, John Bruning, Anne Costain, Noel Cummings, Shaun Dalrymple, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Steve Jones, Stephen Lester, Michael Lightner, Wolf Lutton, Dale Oesterle, Susan Thorning, and Secretary William Arndt.

Members absent were: Ben Goldmanis, Paul Saporito, and John Satory.

Guests present were: Enid Ablowitz, College of Engineering; Mel Branch, College of Engineering; Steve Carr, MCD Biology; Lois Dahnke, Academic Scheduling; Kin DuBois, Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois Architects; David Getches, Law School; Susan Barney Jones, *Silver & Gold Record*; Brian Klipp, Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois Architects; Rob Kohrman, Central Administration; Scott Martinez, UCSU; Mark Middleton, Engineering student; Spencer Nickel, 5 Design, Inc.; Bobby Schnabel, ATLAS; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; Richard Wolfe, H+L Architecture; and Steve Thweatt, Facilities Management.

1. **MINUTES** -- The minutes of the meeting of March 12, 1998, were unanimously approved after a motion by Lightner, seconded by Bartlett.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Jones made note of an article in the *Silver & Gold Record* about the proposed new campus skateboard policy. He announced that Larry Drees of Housing has been appointed by Staff Council to fill the position made vacant when Dennis Haney left the University. The appointment still needs to be confirmed by the Chancellor. Jones said that SCAG had met the day before. They discussed the Law School project and the Humanities Building budget situation.
3. **APPROVAL OF PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE DISCOVERY LEARNING CENTER** -
- Mel Branch, Associate Dean of Engineering, said the Discovery Learning Center (DLC) will be comparable to the Integrated Teaching and Learning Laboratory (ITLL). But where the ITLL has a "horizontal" integration of disciplines, the DLC will have a "vertical" integration. The ITLL has innovative programs for undergraduate students, and the DLC will use many of those same innovations in programs for upper division and graduate students. It will bridge a gap between school learning and practical experience, and will involve cooperative programs with private corporations.

In planning for the DLC, a micro-master site plan is being prepared for long-term Engineering expansion. The DLC will be a companion structure to the ITLL, to the north of Herbst Plaza. Branch said the planners used the advice of the Design Review Board in thinking of the area as a "village."

Bartlett asked if the immediate site for the DLC is being planned for expansion at upper levels; Branch said it was. Lightner said attention must be given to handicapped parking and access. Dalrymple asked if a bus pull-out could be constructed on Colorado Avenue. Thorning said there was a growing concern for pedestrians crossing Regent Drive going to and from the Autopark. Lutton stressed the need to plan for bicycles, recycling, and service docks. Deno noted that recent program plans have been more specific in regard to site development and architectural forms. He said this is useful in understanding a project, but reminded the BCPC that this document outlines the program but not final building design. He thought the concept of a bridge to the ITLL needs further study, expressing concern about what it does to the main east entry of the Engineering Center.

On a motion by Bartlett, seconded by Bruning, the program plan for the DLC was unanimously approved.

4. NEW LAW SCHOOL:

Approval of the Program Plan for the New Law School -- Simpson noted that during the early stages of the planning process, an addition to the existing building was considered. It was thoroughly studied and found not to be cost effective. The Fleming Law Building, finished in 1959, is low density, and adding to the building vertically would be problematic. The Design Review Board suggested an entirely new stand-alone building on the site of the existing varsity tennis courts.

David Getches of the Law School Building Committee said that a new building is essential to the fate of the Law School, whose programs are in peril due to the inadequacies of the Fleming Building. A new building would alleviate these problems, and would also make the 80,000 assignable square feet of Fleming available for other more appropriate functions. Rich Wolfe of H+L Architecture and Spencer Nickel of 5 Design, Inc. presented site plans and conceptual architectural diagrams of the proposed new building.

Lightner asked if proposed expansion space would be only for the library. Simpson said that the expansion is proposed to the east, but that details of interior layout would not be finalized until the design phase of the building.

Bartlett moved, seconded by Bruning, that the program plan be approved with the stipulation that the Law School be asked to prepare plans for a building with twice the assignable square footage of the current proposal, and that it be planned to be built in phases; that the BCPC see a revised site plan before the design phase; and that parking be preserved.

Thorning asked about possible outdoor spaces and the need to transfer donor names from the old building. Scott Martinez from UCSU asked about student involvement in the process. Getches said that there are students on the building committee, and that there had been several meetings and brown-bag lunches to solicit student input.

Dalrymple said that there needs to be support space for technology; Simpson said that there is a large point of presence room as well as support and repair space. Lester said that if the building is designed with a large curved outer wall, proposed expansion should not be in that area, in order to avoid what happened 20 years ago at Norlin Library when the landmark east facade was substantially altered by an addition.

Deno said he could not support Bartlett's motion because it would establish a precedent that would change the role of program planning. On a vote of 3 in favor, 10 against, Bartlett's motion failed.

Baily moved, seconded by Thorning, that the program plan be approved with the provisions that (1) BCPC is not approving a specific site plan or building design at this time, (2) that expansion areas be identified to accommodate known and unknown needs of Law School expansion, and (3) that to the extent possible, the current number of parking spaces be maintained, but can be rearranged. Lightner asked if the re-use of Fleming would require additional parking; Simpson said yes, but that possible parking expansion could occur west of Fleming. Lester suggested that mitigating the need for parking be explored.

The motion by Baily / Thorning was approved on a vote of 12 in favor, 1 abstention.

Revision to the Long-Range Facilities Master Plan -- Baily noted that the existing master plan does not list the Kittredge Tennis Courts site as an approved building location. Since approval is being requested before a new campus master plan is prepared, the current master plan must be amended to approve this location. On a motion by Lightner, seconded by Deno, the written amendment to the master plan, as distributed, was approved.

5. **CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 1999-2000: SECOND READING** -- Bartlett moved, seconded by Oesterle, to approve the priority list as approved at the first reading.

Lester said he was concerned about ranking the ATLAS project on the proposed list if the program plan had not yet been approved. Lutton said he was impressed with the DLC program plan, but wondered if the Law School's space needs weren't more urgent. Branch noted that the Engineering Center faces overcrowding as well; the DLC will move some programs from the rest of the Center, therefore alleviating that overcrowding. Kohrman suggested that the Hunter demolition should be paired with ATLAS because the ATLAS project is based upon having a clear site. Although listed separately, the BCPC agreed that these are indeed linked.

Jones reported that at the previous SCAG meeting, the Chancellor indicated he would not support a \$21 million state request for the Law School project. Other members noted, however, that the By-Laws of the BCPC state that "The BCPC shall base its

recommendations on the needs of the institution rather than speculation about future decisions of the administration or political bodies.”

It was moved by Deno, seconded by Costain, to amend the first reading priority as follows:

- (1) Porter Biosciences Renovation (Step 3 of 5)
- (2) Discover Learning Center
- (3) Hunter Building Demolition
- (4) ATLAS Center
- (5) MCD Biology Undergraduate Teaching Labs
- (6) New Law School
- (7) Porter Biosciences Renovation (Steps 4 + 5 of 5)
- (8) Business Building Addition and Renovation

Lightner asked about the completion of the Engineering Health and Safety phased project. Kohrman said it has been put into Controlled Maintenance. In support of the ATLAS Center, Costain said that the lag in critical teaching need in Arts and Sciences is as big as those of the Law School and the Engineering Center. Jones noted that the ATLAS project is “truly interdisciplinary.” Cummings asked the impact of hazardous material mitigation at Hunter; Simpson said it may be more than anticipated. Lutton said that he felt the threatened loss of accreditation by the Law School was the most important factor in support of a new facility.

The amendment to the motion was approved on a vote of 9 for, 3 against.

It was moved by Bartlett, seconded by Lester, to further amend the motion to move the Law School request to third place with all other moving down in order. This amendment was approved on a vote of 11 for, 1 against.

The original motion, as amended, was then unanimously approved. The prioritized order recommended was therefore:

- (1) Porter Biosciences Renovation (Step 3 of 5)
- (2) Discover Learning Center
- (3) New Law School
- (4) Hunter Building Demolition
- (5) ATLAS Center
- (6) MCD Biology Undergraduate Teaching Labs
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6. OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS -- Lutton thanked members of the Commission who attended sessions of the Earth Summit. The following motion was submitted by Bartlett, seconded by Bruning, and unanimously approved.

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to the students and staff of the Environmental Center for their work in hosting a very successful Campus Earth Summit on April 20-21, 1988. Especially impressive and encouraging was the dedication for the students to the goal of improving enormously the efficiency with

which energy is used on the campus and to the goal of increasing the quantity and quality of recycling on the campus.

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