

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of June 11, 1998

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, June 11, 1998, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, John Bruning, Noel Cummings, Shaun Dalrymple, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Steve Jones, Stephen Lester, Susan Thorning, Craig Wilson, and Secretary William Arndt.

Members absent were: Anne Costain, Larry Drees, Michael Lightner, Wolf Lutton, Scott Martinez, Dale Oesterle, and Paul Saporito.

Guests present were: JC Ancell, UMC; John Bengston, Paulien & Associates; Greg Benn, UCSU; David Cook, Parking Services; Carlos Garcia, UMC; Lynea Hansen, UCSU; Steve Hecht, Facilities Planning; Jim Kinnebrew, CU Book Store; Phil McCurdy, Gensler Architects; Peter Nelson, Gensler Architects; Joe Roy, Police and Parking Services; Bruce Ruffin, UMC; Scott Seaman, Libraries; Stephen Wendzel, Facilities Planning; and Jim Williams, Libraries.

1. **MINUTES** -- On a motion by Bartlett, seconded by Dalrymple, the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 1998, were unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Jones introduced Craig Wilson, a new member from the University of Colorado Student Union (UCSU). Jones also reported that he would like to have members start thinking about a working session, to be held in September or October, to discuss the capital construction request process, the interface between BCPC and SCAG and possible other topics.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION** -- Hecht noted that the UMC is an important resource not only for the campus but for the community. There is a need to expand and renovate, but approval is only being sought at this point for approval of the program plan. The plan calls for an addition of 31,000 assignable square feet (ASF) plus renovation of the existing 135,000 ASF. Additions are proposed on the northwest and southeast corners of the building, and a central atrium is suggested where the loggia is now located.

Garcia introduced members of the project team, who showed conceptual models and drawings. He said that several items had been addressed in the program plan as a result of the planning process, which included a student sponsored design charette and other focus group meetings. These issues include code compliance, asbestos abatement, dining spaces, student group spaces, sustainable design, and recycling.

Thorning asked about storage space in the ballroom. She noted that large events in the ballroom often use items which need to be rented each time rather than stored on site. She also asked about the Glenn Miller lounge, which would be displaced by the atrium. Garcia said that the lounge and the Miller artifacts could be relocated to new space adjacent to the ballroom.

Cummings asked about financing and debt services. A 25 year bond would be issued, and student fees up to \$36 per student per semester have been authorized. Donor funds will also be sought. There will be some revenue from added retail, conference, and meeting spaces.

Bartlett asked if the bookstore would have a separate elevator. The planners said yes. He asked where a future addition could be placed. Garcia said that it could be over the south terrace or above the 1964 north addition. Baily noted that some of the student services could also expand by satellite facilities at other locations.

Thorning suggested that the fifth floor terrace, with its outstanding views of the mountains, could be better utilized.

Cummings asked if the expanded building would meet future needs. Garcia said the expanded facility still falls below the average of 20 square feet per student, used as a standard for student union space on other campuses, but the standard includes some Career Services and other Student Affairs services which are in separate facilities on this campus. McCurdy said in many cases what's needed is not more space, but more efficient use of space.

Bruning asked about view corridors from the Fountain Court. Nelson said it needs to be studied more, but that there will probably be some compromises and loss of view from some corners of the Fountain Court.

Dalrymple asked if the bookstore would have service vehicles approaching from the west side; Nelson said no, the service would remain where it is.

It was moved by Lester, seconded by Bartlett, to approve the program plan and that the BCPC be given an early opportunity to see the plans for the revision of the loading dock facilities for the food services and for the bookstore while these plans are still fluid and flexible. The request is made because the BCPC is greatly concerned about traffic flow to and from the short section of Euclid Avenue between Broadway and 18th Street.

Cummings expressed further concerns about the cost and noted several instances in the program plan where studies may need to be made which means there are unknown cost factors.

UCSU representatives Hansen and Benn confirmed the concept that there needs to be not only more space but more efficient use of space -- and better use of technology in the new and renovated space.

The motion was then approved on a vote of 10 in favor, one against (Cummings).

4. **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DO PROGRAM PLANNING: SCIENCE LIBRARY** -- Jim Williams, Dean of Libraries, said that the plan is to spend about eight months preparing for what he called "one of the last libraries on campus." The construction of a new Science Library would allow removal of science materials from Norlin, and a subsequent retrofit of Norlin as a social sciences and humanities library. The Science Library would include classrooms, group study spaces, and compact storage. The proposed site is the south portion of the Hunter site, after demolition. This would provide a synergy with the proposed ATLAS facility and other information technology. The funding would be 70% from the state and 30% private donors.

Lester said that he advocated locating the new library at the Colorado Avenue site between Math and Benson, as indicated in the Master Plan, and for a taller building using less footprint. He also noted the need for recycling facilities and for some outdoor study areas.

Bartlett asked if there would ever be a need for an addition to Norlin. Deno said that the Science Library would preclude the need to expand Norlin, as functions in Norlin would move to this new facility. Bruning asked about sharing facilities with ATLAS; Williams said it was desirable. Baily asked if the Science Library on the Hunter site would preclude the location there of Journalism, as has been frequently proposed. These questions were accepted for inclusion in the program plan.

5. **MASTER PLAN STUDY SESSION** -- To stimulate discussion, Baily distributed "ballots" to members and asked them to write down their two top concerns in the master planning process. He then handed out a sheet of "preliminary key concepts." These sparked several comments:

Deno expressed concern about the extent of growth and the corresponding increase in square feet and density. Bartlett asked where new research facilities would be located. Lester asked about housing -- the demand is great and off-campus costs are high. He also noted that research and teaching is not well integrated now.

Thorning talked about the importance of open space, and the need to program open space. Dalrymple noted that as the student population grows, so will the faculty and staff numbers.

Jones, in answer to a question by Baily, said that he expects some reduction in existing parking and the need to replace it. Cummings asked if the master plan would include flood studies; Baily said it would. Bruning noted that there needs to be better interaction with the City concerning flood matters.

Thorning noted that increased population -- whether students, faculty, or staff -- brings with it added concerns about service and service access. Bartlett expressed concern about leasing space in the Research Park which may be needed for campus use. Thorning added that the East Campus should be considered as a welcoming point for visitors with further analysis of what needs to be on the East campus.

Jones and Baily thanked the BCPC for their comments and said that the BCPC would continue to be involved as the master planning process continues.

Jones noted that there would most likely not be meetings in July and August. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by William Arndt, BCPC Secretary.