

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

Minutes of the Meeting of January 14, 1999

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, January 14, 1999, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, Anne Costain, Noel Cummings, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Larry Drees, Steve Jones, Stephen Lester, Scott Martinez, Paul Saporito, Susan Thorning, Craig Wilson, and Secretary William Arndt.

Members absent were: Shaun Dalrymple, Jake Hertz, Michael Lightner, Jeff Lipton, and Dale Oesterle.

Guests present were: John Bruning, Facilities Management; Tom Cowing, Facilities Management; Dennis Maloney, Telecommunications; Robin Newsome-Suits, Administration; and Matt Sprengeler, Colorado Daily.

1. **MINUTES** -- The minutes of the meeting of December 10, 1998, were unanimously approved. Bartlett noted that the minutes indicated that Professor Emeritus Roy Garstang was to be consulted concerning the Campus Lighting Master Plan. He asked if that had happened. Bruning said it had not, but a meeting with Prof. Garstang had been scheduled.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Jones reported that he will soon meet with Chancellor Byyny and discuss three things: (1) the Aerospace Engineering proposal for space alteration, (2) the creation of a Task Force on Conferences, as moved and approved by BCPC in December, and (3) the concern in the capital construction process when a program reports directly to the Chancellor rather than one of the Vice Chancellors.

Jones distributed a hand-out which incorporated BCPC's ideas from the recent working meetings. It outlined the proposed changes in membership and responsibilities of the BCPC. He asked for comments. Lester asked if the Director of Housing was proposed as a voting member; Jones said yes. Thorning suggested that the material should indicate who would be removed from membership. Arndt noted that there was no mention of a non-voting secretary/recorder. Commenting on possible added duties for BCPC, members suggested that more discussion occur at the time of program planning about the back-fill of space vacated when a program moves to a new facility. Cummings suggested that the BCPC be more involved in "damage control" or "course correction" when a project is over-budget in the design or construction phase. Drees asked about the role of the BCPC in site selection. Jones said sites would be included in the Master Plan and BCPC's role would be to assure conformance to the Master Plan.

It was moved by Deno, seconded by Martinez, that the proposal for restructuring the BCPC be approved in concept with the understanding that By-Laws would be rewritten and that the BCPC would be involved in the rewriting. The motion was

unanimously approved. Jones said he would take his proposal, including suggestions made today, to the Chancellor's Executive Committee. If the proposal receives a positive response, a By-Laws sub-committee will be appointed.

3. **MASTER PLAN DRAFT CHAPTERS 1 AND 2: DISCUSSION** -- Baily explained that these sections are the necessary background for the land use plan, which will be in Chapter 3. He noted that the section on regional and community setting was not included in previous master plans. Members discussed growth rates and the ratio of research to teaching.

Thorning said she thought some hard issues were missing -- questions on ranking the importance of goals, and which areas are most in need of attention. Baily noted that some of these questions will be answered in Chapter 3 of the plan. Thorning suggested that some of the charts and graphs be placed after the text, as the graphics alone can be misleading without textual explanation.

Bartlett asked about the interface between the Departments of Housing and Facilities Management. Lester added that there could be more cooperation among departments in matters of maintenance and operations. Baily said that these were management issues which would probably not be part of the Master Plan. Martinez noted that an indicated goal was to provide "what's best for students," but he wondered who would decide "what's best for students." Thorning suggested that the plan include the use of outdoor spaces in the learning environment.

Baily distributed a draft of the Academic Land Use section (Chapter 3.A.1), and said that the discussion on the Master Plan would continue at the February meeting.

4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING PROCESS** --

Utilities: Tom Cowing, FM Assistant Director for Utilities and Engineering, distributed a hand-out on CU-Boulder Utility Systems. He commented briefly on the various systems. He described a chart of future need to the year 2012. The campus currently has electrical capacity to handle growth, but it would reduce energy currently sold to Public Service, thereby reducing the cost recovery of the conversion to Cogeneration.

Thorning asked if there would be a revenue stream after the current debt is paid. Bruning said that by the time the past improvements are paid for, upgrades will probably be necessary. Thorning asked how utilities impacts were analyzed. Baily noted that in many cases there is a financial burden up front but economies in later operation. Lester asked about the use of steam from the central plant to heat a re-built football field with natural grass. Cowing said that Athletics understands that such a use would be the first to be dropped if there were emergencies or critical steam needs elsewhere. Bartlett suggested that the football field be heated from a separate, dedicated boiler.

Information Technology: Dennis Maloney, Director of Telecommunications Services, noted that planning for Information Technology is similar to the process for other utilities, except that the time-frame is compressed as technology changes faster. Maloney handed out a summary of the IT Strategic Plan.

Costain asked about the aesthetics of cable installations and other IT requirements. Maloney said that every effort is made to work with the user groups. Lester asked about access to computer labs. Maloney said that access varies according to who funds the labs; those which are supported by student fees are open longer hours. Baily asked about library technology, which is evolving rapidly. Maloney noted that wireless computer access is being tested in the Law Library. Lester said that many students could benefit from support for home set-up and training. Deno asked if fees could be assessed for new projects, similar to Plant Investment Fees (PIFs) which are levied for utilities.

Jones thanked Cowing and Maloney for coming to BCPC to discuss these issues.

5. **HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HRAC) REPORT** -- Deno reported that the HRAC had been involved in the development of the new Norlin Quadrangle Micro-Master Plan. In the last year, they had also been involved in several projects in the historic area, including the Parents' Association Bricks, the Humanities Building, the First Trustees' memorial to be built at the west door of Old Main, and others.

Saporito asked about the Grandview Terrace plan. Deno said that while the HRAC had seen the plan and commented on it -- as had several other groups -- their role in the project was marginal.

6. **QUARTERLY REPORT OF PLANNING PROJECTS** -- Copies of the Quarterly Report were handed out. Members were asked to contact Steve Hecht in Facilities Planning with comments or questions.
7. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** -- Lester asked about the progress of the Intercollegiate Athletics Master Plan. Baily said that consultants have been hired, and are utilizing portions of the Campus Master Plan which deal with athletics. Lester asked specifically about the change from artificial turf to grass, and how that would be funded. Other members also expressed concern about the anticipated utilities needs and suggested that the Athletics Department report to the BCPC on options for heating the new field. Deno said he would convey this request to Steve Hecht, who is the Planning Office liaison with Athletics.

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