

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

Minutes of the Meeting of November 11, 1999

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, November 11, 1999, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, Tom Carson, John Crittenden, Noel Cummings, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Larry Drees, Bill Herbstreit, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Jeff Lipton, Uriel Nauenberg, Robin Newsome-Suitts, Dale Oesterle, Brook Stableford, and William Arndt.

Members absent were: Erin Coker, Anne Costain, Archie Demarest, Stephen Lester, Michael Lightner, and Dan Pabon.

Guests present were: Mel Branch, College of Engineering; John Bruning, Physical Plant; Lori Cockerham, Civitas, Inc; David Cook, Parking and Transit Services; Jeff Dodge, Silver & Gold Record; Deborah Haynes, Department of Fine Arts; Robert Hohlfelder, Department of History; Brian Klipp, Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois; Richard Rost, RTD; Joe Roy, Parking and Transit Services; Randall Rutsch, City of Boulder Transportation Department; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; Michele Van Pelt, Financial and Business Services; and Susan Walsh, Facilities Planning.

Uriel Nauenberg, Professor of Physics, was introduced as a new member. He was appointed by the Boulder Faculty Assembly to fill the space vacated by Paul Saporito.

1. **MINUTES** -- The minutes of the meeting of October 14, 1999 were presented for approval. Cummings asked for clarification in the section dealing with the UMC Schematic Design; he wanted the record to note that the removal of the southeast addition from the design did not in any way reduce the programmatic requirements. With this clarification the minutes were approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Oesterle suggested that rather than convene a formal committee to revise the By-Laws, he will work with Arndt and others to prepare a draft document for consideration by the BCPC.

Oesterle noted recent changes by the CCHE in the capital construction request prioritization. Some projects previously approved were denied completely, most notably the Law School project. With changes in state government and the CCHE, it is not yet clear how the capital construction process will play out.

3. **DISCOVERY LEARNING CENTER SCHEMATIC DESIGN : UPDATE** -- Lori Cockerham of Civitas, Inc., addressed two issues which were unresolved from the October meeting: (1) trash collection and (2) parking. She said she had worked with the Recycling Office to verify that the service area properly accommodated the front loading trash trucks. The handicap ramp near the visitor parking lot has been simplified in design and the motorcycle and bicycle parking areas have been switched.

There has been a minor change in paving materials near Herbst Plaza to better relate to the existing ITLL.

Brian Klipp of Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois presented drawings showing design changes not available at the last meeting. The location of the bridge to the ITLL has moved, and two bays on the east have been shifted. The window placement has been changed to a more random look (to match the existing Engineering Center) and stone will be limited to the first and second floors, with board-formed concrete on the third.

Baily said he still has concerns with the site plan, particularly with the entrance to the parking lot. Bruning asked about snow removal and snow storage. Bartlett asked about the size of trees and bushes, and their possible effect on sight lines in and out of the parking lot.

4. **FINE ARTS PROGRAM PLAN: INTERIM REPORT** -- Deno noted that the new process for program plan review by BCPC includes a progress report before the review draft and the final document is present for approval in January. He said that the project team has been working on things like the name of the program (from "Fine Arts" to "Visual Studies" or a more inclusive name), and the interaction with ATLAS and other adjacent programs. Due to the constraints of the site and program, construction will necessarily be phased. Deno introduced Deborah Haynes, Fine Arts Chair. She said that the gallery component is also considering a name change. These changes reflect the trend towards new and innovative interdisciplinary programs. The traditional arts -- painting, sculpture, photography -- will also be included. Fundraising and donor cultivation is ongoing.
5. **INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER: UPDATE** -- Baily introduced project team members David Cook (CU Parking and Transit), Joe Roy (CU Police and Parking), Richard Rost (RTD) and Randall Rutsch (City of Boulder). Rost showed a conceptual sketch of the area, stressing that the sketch had been prepared only as part of the funding process. It indicated possible improvements including bus pullouts, shelters, pedestrian tunnels, and sidewalk realignments. The project could include a Welcome Center, bicycle storage lockers, and other amenities. Deno noted that this would be an aggregate facility, with more than one activity going on at any given time.

Kaempfer expressed concerns about pedestrians crossing Euclid to the UMC. Roy noted that plans are underway to remove all meter parking on the north side of the street in front of the UMC to improve the right turn lane. There will also be some modification of signage. Oesterle asked about the timing of the grant request. Rutsch said that notice might be in about a month, with formal approval by July 2000. Spending would be possible some time after 2001. This project has been evaluated by DRCOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments) and was no. 2 in their list of such projects. The project is estimated at \$7.5 million, of which \$4.5 million would be from federal funds. Bruning asked if the funding included operational costs. Rutsch said that neither operating costs nor the source of such funding had been determined yet. Cummings asked if the campus would be involved in the design review. Baily said yes, because it would be on campus property.

Bartlett offered the following motion, which is related to the transit center:

[Note: "Triangle" refers to the piece of land on which the University Club is located, as well as to the adjacent sections of the three streets that bound the land. The term "Euclid" will refer to the section of Euclid Avenue between Broadway and 18th Street.]

WHEREAS

- (1) congestion of trucks, buses, cars, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, pedestrians, etc., around the Triangle, and in particular on Euclid, is at times approaching gridlock,
- (2) This growing congestion presents increased probabilities of personal injuries to those using Euclid
- (3) There are an estimated 20 different independent vehicle movements onto and off of this short section of Euclid
- (4) The planning of these vehicle movements on Euclid appears to have been carried out on a project-by-project basis rather than with serious planning of the traffic patterns as a coherent whole
- (5) The streets of the Triangle have been used by large trucks that are moving heavy equipment into the center of the campus, in spite of the fact that the design of curves, curbs, traffic gates, etc., are not designed to accommodate these large vehicles. (Greatly increased movement of heavy construction vehicles can be expected in the future as the Hunter Building is demolished and new construction takes place on the Hunter site.)
- (6) The Triangle is currently an area of convergence of RTD's intra-city and inter-city buses, the City's HOP and the SKIP buses, and the University's internal bus service to Williams Village
- (7) The University is cooperating with the City in the preparation of a proposal to create an Intermodal Transportation and Information Center in the Triangle area near the University Memorial Center, the University Club, and the Euclid Avenue Autopark. (This proposal has been submitted by the Boulder City Manager to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), for funding through the 2001-2006 Transportation Improvement Program.)
- (8) The imminent construction of additions to the University Memorial Center could result in changing the nature of truck and service vehicle movements to and from Euclid
- (9) It would be appropriate to develop the Triangle and its access to the University Memorial Center as a major identifiable "Front Door" to the University.
- (10) It is urgent that the University take the lead in doing careful planning to solve this whole spectrum of interrelated problems, in keeping with the University's immediate and long-range needs and plans
- (11) It is also urgent that the University have adequate time, free of the urgency of imminent deadlines, to study and assess its needs to that a comprehensive plan can be prepared from widespread input into the planning process from all members of the University Community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCPC asks that the Chancellor take early action to commit university resources to a comprehensive long-range study which is designed to produce a coherent plan for:

- (1) The development of the Triangle as an attractive main entrance to the University of Colorado at Boulder
- (2) The development of preliminary plans for the proposed Multi-Modal Transportation Center
- (3) The safety and efficiency of the multi-modal traffic movements for all who use these streets surrounding the Triangle.

In addition, the requested planning should include all sections of streets and sidewalks in the adjacent area.

Crittenden asked if this was consistent with the Master Plan. Baily said it was. The motion was seconded by Nauenberg, and approved unanimously.

- 6. MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND SCHEDULE --** Baily reported that the final draft of the plan is at the printer and will be distributed soon. It will also be available on the website. The City/University Steering Committee will review it on November 18, the Design Review Board on December 3, the BCPC on December 9, the Chancellor's Executive Committee on December 15, and the Board of Regents in February. BCPC members are asked to review and return comments to Baily by December 3.

Baily enumerated changes since the last draft the BCPC saw:

- The new CCHE Space guidelines are included along with peer institution comparisons.
- There are no sections of text still missing.
- All maps are in full color.
- The phrasing and flow of the text is much improved.
- Enrollment data is updated.
- More material on CU-Boulder South has been included.
- The environmental analysis is included.
- Air quality analyses are no longer included because they were too technical.
- Williams Village and Grandview Micro-Master Plans are included.

Concerning CU-Boulder South, Lipton said that initial planning will be to move some Athletics Facilities to the site. The current Potts Field facility in the Research Park needs to be renovated to meet Title X requirements for women's sports, and the land is better used for Research Park purposes. Oesterle asked about the timetable for these facilities. Lipton said there are due diligence issues -- wetlands, utilities, water, access, flood issues -- to be considered. It would probably be two to three years before ground was broken. Bartlett inquired about the status of the Athletics Master Plan. Baily said that much material was included in the Campus Master Plan. Deno said that the formal Athletics Master Plan had been delayed until the decision had been made to use CU-Boulder South.

Oesterle stressed that members be prepared to vote on final approval of the Master Plan at the December meeting.

7. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** -- Carson asked about an item on parking lot review, which was deferred from an earlier meeting. He asked if BCPC routinely reviewed major changes to parking lots. Deno said that new parking lots had usually been reviewed by the BCPC (often as part of the site plan for a new building) but that renovations were not routinely reviewed. Carson said that recent changes at Lot 360 had been done without any knowledge of Housing, which has facilities adjacent to it. He moved, seconded by Bartlett, that significant renovation of existing parking lots be offered for review by the BCPC. The motion was approved unanimously.

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