



May 15, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Eleni Tsivitz, Campus Planning  
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the March 13, 2018 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Dean Livelybrooks (chair), Jane Brubaker, Hilary Gerdes, Alicia Going  
Michael Harwood, Ken Kato, Kevin Reed, Steve Robinson, Bitty Roy,  
Christine Thompson

Staff: Eleni Tsivitz (Campus Planning)

Guests: Aaron Olsen, Matt Roberts, Laurie Woodward

**CPC Agenda:**

**1. Knight Campus - Update**

Background: Mike Harwood gave a brief update on the progress of the Knight Campus Project since the last meeting. The canoe shack has been demolished, Millrace 4 is slated for demolition next, and Evergreen Restaurant will be the last building to come down on site.

CPC staff suggested that Knight Campus updates could happen on a less frequent basis now that construction is underway.

Action: No formal action was requested.

**2. Opal Whitely Sculpture - Siting**

Background: Staff introduced the purpose of this agenda item and described the CPC's role in reviewing the proposed site of the sculpture. The university will work collaboratively with the artist to finalize the exact placement of the sculpture.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- Consider using a lower pedestal so that passers-by can see the detail in Opal's face.

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- Ensure that the final placement of the sculpture minimizes any potential safety risks, e.g. the plants around the sculpture's feet.
- Are the lights around the base of the sculpture intended to be on timers? These could be set to turn off at about the end of operating hours at the Knight Library.
- Will the sculpture be visible to pedestrians from the Knight Library Axis?
- Will the stone benches be relocated within the Librarian's Garden?
- The Librarian's Garden is a lovely spot and efforts to improve it further will be much appreciated.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed site for the Opal Whitely Sculpture is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

- Consider using a lower pedestal so that passers-by can see the detail in Opal's face and appreciate the tilt of her head.
- Ensure that the final placement of the sculpture minimizes any potential safety risks, e.g. the plants around the sculpture's feet.
- Consider adding timers to the lights at the base of the sculpture.
- In the final placement, consider allowing views of the sculpture from Knight Library Axis.

### **3. Campus Planning Updates**

#### **a) Oregon Model for Sustainable Development (OMSD) Amendment**

Background: In the coming months the CPC will discuss a proposed amendment to the OMSD. Staff described the current requirements under the OMSD as set out in the *Campus Plan*, Principle 10. She reminded the committee that the OMSD was originally adopted into the *Campus Plan* in 2011, that a number of projects have since fallen under the requirements of the OMSD, and that there have been a number of lessons learned through the course of those projects.

In addition, there have been a number of changes to the Oregon Energy Code which have made it more challenging to meet the Advanced Energy Threshold set forth in the OMSD. The inherent difficulties were demonstrated to the CPC when the Tykeson Hall project requested an adjustment from the AET.

Action: No formal action was requested.

#### **b) Collier House Relocation Feasibility Study**

Background: CPC staff described the impetus for this study: there have been many times over the last ten or fifteen years, that questions have been raised about the intensity of use of the Collier House site and the Framework Vision Project identified the site

as a potential future building site. During the site selection process for the Tykeson Hall project, a number of interested parties asked if it would be possible to move the Collier House (the original structure, not including later additions) so that the land could be developed more intensively, to accommodate a use that would engage more of the campus community.

The Collier House is a resource of primary historic significance on the University of Oregon Campus and as such, any changes to this structure will be given very careful consideration. This Relocation Feasibility Study seeks to provide answers to many high level questions in a proactive manner:

- Can the Collier House be moved without significant damage to the structure?
- What physical constraints are involved in moving a structure of this size?
- What should be provided at hypothetical receiving sites to ensure that the structure would be functional after the move?
- How much would it cost to move the house to a general location in the campus core versus somewhere slightly further out versus a location on the peripheries of campus?
- What displaced uses would need to be replaced in the case of such a move?

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- A number of the mature trees on site were planted by Mrs. Collier who was a botanist. If the Collier House were moved to make space for a new development, pay close attention to these significant trees on the site.
- A member expressed appreciation for this project as it does seem like the heart of campus could benefit from some additional density, but it is important to know what needs to be done to preserve this historic treasure (the Collier House).
- If the Collier House were moved, study what is space is needed to improve the function and character of the Heart of Campus.

Action: No formal action was requested.

### **c) Principle 2 - OPEN-SPACE FRAMEWORK - Campus Security**

Background: Staff reviewed the proposed change in wording in the Campus Security section of Principle 2 - Open-space Framework (as described in the meeting mailing materials).

Discussion: Committee members agreed that the proposed wording was a clarification, not a substantive change in meaning and expressed no comments or concerns with the proposal.

Action: No formal action was requested.

#### **d) Hayward Field Project - 15th Avenue Improvement**

Background: Mike Harwood (AVP CPFM) shared with the committee that the Hayward Field Project is proposing improvements to 15th Avenue Axis as part of the larger project. He described that this could be an opportunity to realize one of the visions of the Framework Vision Project (FVP) - to transform 15th Avenue into a pedestrian-first street. The axis will be redesigned, it would not feel like a remnant street (as 13th Avenue Axis does). The amount of parking which is currently on 15th Avenue would be reduced and there would be limited access to through-traffic.

Harwood is gathering information from constituent groups and will be sharing that information with the design team. A member of the project team will be presenting preliminary ideas to the CPC at a future meeting.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- The memo sent by the former CPC chair to the Hayward Field Project design team described a desired E-W connection South of Hayward Field, connecting the path north of Jane Sanders Stadium to 17th Avenue. Is this reflected in the current design for the project?
- Is this a good time in the design process for the CPC to give feedback about the proposed design for 15th Avenue Axis and for that feedback to be incorporated in the design?

Action: No formal action was requested.

Please contact this office if you have questions.