

**Campus Planning Committee Annual Report
2009-2010**

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Meetings and Activities:

Since fall 2009, the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) and its two subcommittees have held eighteen meetings and forwarded nineteen recommendations to Administration. The committee reviewed numerous schematic designs for campus development projects. Also, it reviewed proposed *Campus Plan* amendments addressing diversity and the campus open space framework. CPC members participated in the architect selection process for multiple development projects and served on numerous project user groups. Staff educated the committee about its role in the campus development process and provided relevant background materials to enable well-informed decisions about a wide range of complex campus planning and development issues.

Summary of Action Taken:

10/28/09	CPC	Agenda:	Campus Planning Committee Orientation
		Action:	No formal action was required for this agenda item
		Approved:	NA

Agenda: **Allen Hall Renovation and Addition Project – Meeting One**

Action: The committee recommended to the president, with twelve in favor and two abstentions, the following actions:

- A. Support of the identified *Campus Plan* patterns and policies for the project with the understanding that the following comments will be considered as the project moves forward:
1. Take full advantage of the site, which is a valuable development site in the academic core.
 2. Take advantage of opportunities to incorporate a basement into the addition to make efficient use of the site and meet campus needs. Seek alternate funding sources.
 3. Pay particular attention to the Future Expansion pattern. Ensure that the proposed 12,000-square-foot addition will address future needs (recognizing that at some point it will be necessary to consider other sites for the School of Journalism).
 4. Pay particular attention to patterns that address visible and clear main entrances both for the School of Journalism and for neighboring buildings (particularly Lawrence Hall) such as Main Entrances, Family of Entrances, and Good Neighbor.
 5. Recognize the importance of the cross axis along the south side of the preferred site as an important pedestrian link to campus and for journalism students and as an ADA access route. Make an effort to better define the axis, improve the accessible route, and address bike-parking needs. Focus on related patterns such as Quiet Back, South Facing Outdoors, Arcades, and Universal Access.
 6. Recognize the significant need for bike parking in the area and incorporate additional bike parking into the project.
 7. Consider ways to modify the Friendly Hall parking lot (including the elimination of some non-service parking spaces) to address needs associated with the project (shielded service area and much needed additional bike parking) and to enhance adjacent open spaces (south cross axis and University Street Axis).
 8. Carefully consider ways to preserve the original Lawrence decorative panel on the south façade of Allen Hall and incorporate it into the project.
 9. Address the Free Speech Plaza and memorial bench as appropriate.
 10. Recognize the Elm tree as one of the last healthy Elms on campus. Carefully consider expansion options with this in mind.
 11. Ensure that the proposed development respects the character and scale of Friendly Hall. If development encroaches upon Friendly Hall in a detrimental way, consider other siting options.

12. Omit patterns from the project pattern list that are not applicable (e.g., Outdoor Classroom) as a way to increase the design team's focus on relevant patterns.
- B. Support the preferred site for the Allen Hall Renovation and Addition Project with the understanding that this represents support for the general location rather than a specific building footprint and subject to the following condition:
Bring the project to the committee for initial review and comment when initial siting and building massing options are developed.
- C. Support of the identified user group representation for the project with the understanding that the following suggestion will be considered as the project moves forward:
Select a "neighbor" representative from Friendly Hall, if possible, since Lawrence Hall will already be represented through the AAA representative.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The committee's comments will be addressed as the project moves forward. The project will come back to the committee for review as stated.

11/10/09 CPC Agenda: **Campus Plan Amendments to establish an East Campus Area Open-space Framework Plan – Public Hearing**

Action: The committee agreed unanimously to table the motion to take action until the next Campus Planning Committee meeting, which is scheduled for November 19, 2009, to allow time to address unresolved issues related to the Many Nations Longhouse eastern views.

Approved: NA
 Status: The proposed amendments will come back to the committee.

Agenda: **East Campus Residence Hall Project – Schematic Design**
 Action: The committee did not have time to discuss the project, except as mentioned above in the first agenda item.

Approved: NA
 Status: The proposed amendments will come back to the committee.

12/02/09 DPIT Agenda: **Franklin Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Agate Street – Schematic Design**

Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that schematic design of the Franklin Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Agate Street is consistent with the *Campus Plan* (with the understanding that a portion of the project is not under university ownership) and recommended to the president that it be supported subject to the following comments:

1. Pedestrian safety is of the highest importance. In particular, ensure that the proposed sidewalk modifications match up with the location and width of both the existing sidewalks and the proposed pathway improvements associated with the Lewis Integrated Sciences (LISB) Project.

2. Carefully differentiate the pedestrian zone from the auto zone in the new configuration of the crosswalks at the southwest corner of the Agate Street and Franklin Boulevard intersection.
3. Ensure a clear and safe route for bicyclists traveling east/west along Franklin Boulevard and crossing Agate Street.
4. Ensure that the required street signs are placed so they integrate with the campus landscape (e.g., ensure that signs are not hidden from view and do not interfere with the intended campus landscape design and views). Reassess all street signage along Franklin Boulevard between Judkin's Point to Onyx Street and determine which require relocation.
5. Ensure that the proposed design and construction will protect existing trees, particularly the Red Horse Chestnut tree at the corner and the two large oaks.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward taking into consideration the subcommittee's comments.

Agenda: **Agate Street Pedestrian Crossing – Schematic Design**
 Action: The committee agreed unanimously that it has serious concerns about the proposed schematic design for the Agate Street Pedestrian Crossing (with the understanding that a portion of the project is not under university ownership) and recommended to the president that the project come back for review and discussion with the City Traffic Engineer in attendance once the stated comments are addressed.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will come back to the subcommittee.

01/27/10 DR

Agenda: **Weather Station – Siting**
 Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the siting for the Weather Station is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Use plantings to tie the Weather Station into the landscape. If possible, use roses to maintain the tradition.
2. Take advantage of the associated educational opportunities by including information about the Weather Station on the Facilities Services' web page.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

Agenda: **Millrace Fine Art Studio Landscape Improvement Project: Garden Canvas (previously nightO.W.L.) – Schematic Design**

Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design for the Design Bridge Garden Canvas Project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Enhance accessibility to the greatest degree possible (e.g., delineate clear routes for both pedestrians and autos). At a

minimum ensure that proposed improvements meet ADA requirements.

2. Address safety concerns when refining the design and placement of the vertical metal poles.
3. Maximize dumpster screening when refining the design and placement of the vertical metal poles.
4. Better integrate the bench shape and location into the overall design.
5. Develop a tree protection plan to protect the existing trees during construction.

Work with Campus Planning and Real Estate and Facilities Services staff to ensure that the above conditions are addressed.

Approved:
Status:

Frances Dyke

The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

01/28/10 DPIT Agenda:
Action:

Agate Street Pedestrian Crossing – Revised Schematic Design

The subcommittee agreed, with seven in favor, two against, and one abstention, that the schematic design of the Agate Street Pedestrian Crossing is consistent with the *Campus Plan* (with the understanding that a portion of the project is not under university ownership) and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Move the west sidewalk location to preserve the existing tree if at all possible.
2. Consider design modifications to resolve anticipated impediments to move-in day use (for example, limit the use of post and chain along the street edge).
3. Ensure that the crossing will continue to have a flashing light (that is properly placed).
4. Limit the use of bollard and chain (e.g., replace with other landscape features and plants, install on only one side of the street, etc.) Any bollard and chain installed along the street edge should be 1.5 feet from the curb within a planting bed.
5. Resolve potential cut-through pedestrian traffic south of the proposed crossing (e.g., use landscape features, consider moving the fire truck access further north to avoid use of removable bollards without chains in the anticipate cut-through area, etc.).
6. Move the newspaper box location away from the existing conifer to a location closer to the street edge to protect the tree and help block cut-through traffic.
7. Carefully consider ways to protect the existing trees on the east side.
8. Ensure that the crossing is clearly defined for pedestrians with disabilities.
9. Clearly define the crosswalk (e.g., slightly raised, paving materials, etc.). Use design elements and materials that make the crossing attractive and desirable for all to use (e.g., special paving and lighting).
10. Install 8-foot-wide rather than 5-foot-wide sidewalks on the west side of Agate Street in the project area.

11. Encourage the University of Oregon to replace the existing sidewalk along the east side of Agate Street, north of the project area to 13th Avenue, with a planting strip and sidewalk set back from street edge.

Work with Campus Planning and Real Estate and Facilities Services staff to ensure that the above conditions are addressed.

Approved: Frances Dyke

Status: The project will proceed after addressing the subcommittee's conditions.

02/04/10 CPC

Agenda: **Campus Plan Amendments to establish an East Campus Area Open-space Framework Plan**

Action: The committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the *Campus Plan* amendments to establish an East Campus Area Open-space Framework Plan be approved subject to the following condition:

- Amend the proposed Design Area Special Conditions text for the Agate to Moss Axis so that it recognizes that plans for a southern expansion of the Law Center do not yet have exact dimensions defined and may result in a request to adjust the open space boundary to the south of the law school. Such an amendment would be favorably considered if it meets the intent of the open space.

Approved: Frances Dyke

Status: The amendments will be submitted to the City for conformance review.

Agenda: **East Campus Residence Hall Project – Schematic Design**

Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the schematic design for the East Campus Residence Hall Project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Complete the parking replacement plan and bring it back to the Campus Planning Committee (or appropriate subcommittee) for review.
2. Complete the landscape design for the project, including the portion of the Designated Open Space being developed as part the ECRH project, and bring it back to the Campus Planning Committee (or appropriate subcommittee) for review.
3. Do not landscape the Many Nations Longhouse Axis with extensive permanent features that likely would have to be removed when the axis is fully developed at a later date. With this in mind, revisit the location of the proposed bike parking at the southwest corner of the proposed building.
4. Carefully refine the level of elevation design detail and material use to ensure that the level of detail evident in other campus buildings is applied.
5. Use 1% for Art monies for exterior design elements if possible.

Approved: Frances Dyke

Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

02/25/10 DPIT Agenda: **UO Architectural Character – Review and Discussion**
Action: No formal action was required. The subcommittee's comments will be taken into consideration as the project moves forward.
Approved: NA
Status: The project will come back to the subcommittee for review after the subcommittee's comments are considered.

03/11/10 DR Agenda: **Fenton Hall: South Façade Awnings and Entrance Improvements – Schematic Design**
Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design for the Fenton Hall: South Façade Awnings and Entrance Improvements is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions: Ensure that the awnings match the style, material, and color of those installed on Volcanology.

1. Install an automatic door opener to enhance accessibility if at all possible.
2. Carefully consider the appropriate degree of entrance ornamentation. Simple design elements that respond to, but don't copy, original building ornamentation and design elements are preferred.
3. Consider integrating the building name into the design in a manner appropriate for a secondary entrance.

Approved: Frances Dyke
Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

Agenda: **Chiles Hall: West Façade Windows – Schematic Design**
Action: No formal action was taken. The subcommittee's comments will be taken into consideration as design modifications are considered. The revised design will come back to the subcommittee for review.
Approved: NA
Status: The project will come back to the subcommittee for review after addressing the subcommittee's comments.

04/08/10 DR Agenda: **Urban Farm Greenhouse – Schematic Design**
Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed site and schematic design for the Urban Farm Greenhouse is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.
Approved: Frances Dyke
Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

Agenda: **Former Romania SUV Parking Lot – Schematic Design**
Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design for the Former Romania SUV Parking Lot is

consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Ensure that ways to discourage daily lot users from cutting through the neighborhood have been thoughtfully considered.
2. Ensure that the parking lot use is incorporated into event-planning management for special events.
3. Use permeable paving where possible.
4. Thoughtfully consider how the new lot design and associated traffic patterns impact 15th Avenue bike traffic. Determine ways to resolve identified concerns.
5. Replace the existing rock ground cover in the Walnut Street planting strip with an alternate, more appealing landscape material if possible. At a minimum, use a different landscape material where new landscape areas are established due to removal of existing entrance drives.

Approved: Frances Dyke

Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

04/12/10 DPIT Agenda: **13th Avenue Service Vehicle Study: Proposed Solutions – Comment and Action**

Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed physical design improvements to the closed portion of 13th Avenue are consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that they be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Ensure that bike safety is thoughtfully considered. Ensure that the proposed 13th Avenue street bollards and light fixtures adjacent to Gilbert Plaza do not pose a bike hazard.
2. If possible, repair the uneven, bumpy paver surface on 13th Avenue (adjacent to Gilbert Plaza) as part of the improvements.

Approved: Frances Dyke

Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

Agenda: **Oregon Administrative Rules Addressing Transportation – Proposed Amendments**

Action: The subcommittee agreed unanimously to support the overall concepts of the proposed OAR amendments related to bikes subject to the following conditions:

1. CPRE and DPS staff will work together to refine the amendment language to ensure it coincides with campus policy language. If any proposed amendments are in conflict with the *Campus Plan* or related policies, the proposal will be brought back to the DPIT Subcommittee for review.
2. Preference is given to using bike fees and fines to fund bike improvements.

The subcommittee delayed action on the proposed OAR amendments related to 13th Avenue until proposed language is

drafted. Proposed language should consider alternative solutions to painting the 13th Avenue curbs yellow.

Approved:
Status:

NA
The project will come back to the subcommittee for review after addressing the subcommittee's comments.

04/19/10 CPC

Agenda:
Action:

Moss Street and Villard Alley Parking Projects – Schematic Design

The committee agreed, with twelve in favor and one abstention, to recommend to the president that the schematic design for the Moss Street and Villard Alley Parking Project be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Explore ways to incorporate traffic-calming measures that would both reduce traffic speed and help define the area (e.g., necking down Moss Street at both intersections in a manner similar to the 15th Avenue and Agate Street intersection). Be sure to consult with the Moss Street Children's Center. Implement options that are most effective and feasible.
2. Ensure that the design accommodates the potential eastward extension of the Many Nations Longhouse Axis across Moss Street, including a future pedestrian street crossing. Eliminate parking spaces in this zone if at all possible.
3. Ensure that the parking curb stops proposed for the parking spaces at the north end of Moss Street are effective at maintaining a minimum 5-foot sidewalk clear path.
4. Explore design options to encourage drivers to exit the alley at 15th Avenue versus 17th Avenue and implement options that are most effective and feasible.

Approved:
Status:

Frances Dyke
The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

04/27/10 CPC

Agenda:
Action:

Allen Hall Expansion and Remodel Project – Check In

No formal action was requested. The member's comments will be considered as the project moves forward.

Approved:
Status:

NA
The committee's comments with will be considered as the project moves forward.

04/27/10 DR

Agenda:
Action:

Lewis Integrative Science Building (LISB) Follow-up: Pathway Between Deschutes Hall and Oregon Hall and Atrium/South Entrance Louver System – Schematic Design

The subcommittee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design for the Pathway between Deschutes Hall and Oregon Hall and the revised schematic design for the Atrium/South Entrance Louver System are consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following condition:

1. Carefully select the color and materials for the louvered system to help blend it into the overall design and minimize its visual impact.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

05/52/10 DR Agenda: **Chapman Hall Secondary North Entrance Enhancements – Schematic Design**
 Action: The subcommittee agreed with six in favor and one abstention, that the proposed schematic design is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.
 Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

07/15/10 CPC Agenda: **Huestis Zebrafish Expansion Project - Schematic Design**
 Action: The committee unanimously accepted the design for submission to NIH as schematic design, and that the design team will return to the CPC during the design development phase for final approval of the appearance of the exterior elements of the project.
 Approved:
 Status: The committee's comments with will be considered as the project moves forward. See October 22, 2010

08/05/10 CPC Agenda: **East Campus Residence Hall Project Landscape Design – Schematic Design**
 Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the landscape design for the East Campus Residence Hall Project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.
 Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

Agenda: **Allen Hall Expansion and Remodel Project – 2nd Check In**
 Action: No formal action was requested. The member's comments will be considered as the project moves forward.
 Approved: NA
 Status: The committee's comments with will be considered as the project moves forward.

10/18/10 CPC Agenda: **Allen Hall Expansion and Remodel Project – Schematic Design**
 Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the schematic design for the Allen Hall Expansion and Remodel Project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. If at all possible, replace the existing ramp and stair between Friendly Hall and Allen Hall with the alternate reconfigured design.

2. If at all possible, move the dumpster enclosure away from the pedestrian walkway and closer to the loading dock as originally proposed. If it is not possible to do so due to City code requirements, be sure to improve the existing dumpster enclosure so that it is compatible in design with Friendly Hall and buffered from view.
3. Carefully consider (and revise) the design of the new bike parking area and loading zone in the Friendly lot to ensure safe pedestrian, bike, and auto access in clearly delineated zones. In particular, ensure that there is enough space to safely maneuver in and out of the new bike parking spaces.
4. Carefully reassess the main (east) entry design to ensure that it is the dominant and most noticeable entry when approaching the building. Reconsider ways to further enhance and call attention to the main entrance (e.g., move entry to center, expand the canopy, assess its scale in comparison to the balcony, etc.).
5. Look for ways to integrate more seating walls and places to gather around the east entry plaza.
6. Consider ways to enhance the desired connection between indoors and outdoors through the use of paving materials in the atrium and east entry plaza.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.

10/22/10 CPC Agenda:
 Action:

Huestis Zebrafish Expansion Project - Schematic Design

The committee agreed unanimously that the schematic design for the Zebrafish Expansion (Huestis Hall) Project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Carefully determine whether construction would jeopardize the continued vitality of the adjacent curbside Oaks. If so, remove and replace the trees in a manner that ensures a healthy replacement tree canopy (e.g., provide a suitable soil and planting area upon completion).
2. Ensure that the new stair exit shelter design clearly conveys that it is not an entrance to avoid the need to install a sign in the future, thus detracting from the transparency.
3. Consider ways to improve the cohesiveness of the overall design through the use of similar design forms (e.g., roof pitch) and materials for the bike structure and glass stair shelter.

Approved: Frances Dyke
 Status: The project will move forward and address committee's conditions.