



October 30, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee (CPC)

From: Christine Taylor Thompson, Planning Associate
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Subject: **Record of the October 19, 2006 CPC Meeting**

Attending: Carole Daly (Chair), Dietrich Belitz, Nancy Cheng, Darin Dehle, Patti Hachten, Bill Harbaugh, Douglas Kennett, Steve Pickett, Andrzej Proskurowski, Chris Ramey, Rob Thallon

Guests: Monica Anderson (Balzhiser & Hubbard), Charles Brucker (Walker Macy), Vince Babkirk (Facilities Services), Jane Brubaker (Facilities Services), Jonah Cohen (Thomas Hacker), Becca Cavell (Thomas Hacker), Tina Guard (Balzhiser & Hubbard), Thomas Hacker (Thomas Hacker), Elaine Jones (Education), Marty Kaufman (Education), Roger Kerrigan (Facilities Services), Tim King (Facilities Services), Terry Kneen (Education), Janet Lobue (Facilities Services), Douglas Macy (Walker Macy), Jarvis Payne (Walker Macy)

Staff: Christine Thompson (University Planning)

1. **College of Education Additions and Alterations Project – Check in**

Background: Staff reviewed the committee's past involvement and input as described in the meeting mailing.

Thomas Hacker, project architect, presented preliminary siting options, indicating that they are in the very beginning stages of design. The project will result in 65,000 gsf new space as well as substantial renovations to existing facilities (focusing on the Education complex, not Clinical Services). Displaced parking will be replaced with 175 surface spaces and 200 structured spaces.

Siting opportunities and constraints that will be addressed include:

- access (vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians) to and through the space,
- site grading,
- universal access,
- program relationships,
- existing buildings,
- street realignment,

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- future School of Music expansion plans, and
- parking.

The consultants presented a model showing program needs and relationships. The best place for classrooms and shared spaces tend to be in new buildings where the Southwest Axis meets the existing Education complex. A vertical element at this intersection is suggested to clearly mark the proposed new building entrance.

The elevations of the entrances to the existing Education complex and Clinical Services are the same, so it is possible to make an accessible north/south pedestrian connection across the site. However, the substantial east/west grade change will be trickier to address. On the other hand, the proposed new buildings can be sited to take advantage of this steep grade change. The buildings' massing will step down below the grade of the axis making a larger building appear smaller.

Other sites for the new buildings were considered (e.g., at the corner of 18th Avenue and Alder Street), but they are not as efficient and they do not meet programmatic needs.

Charles Brucker of Walker Macy Landscape Architects reviewed preliminary site design ideas. He said the site design must respond to the following needs:

- replacement parking,
- Clinical Services bus loading,
- Beall Hall access,
- general way finding, and
- role as Southwest Gateway to campus.

The preliminary site design is intended to:

- Redevelop the entire southwest corner to provide room for replacement parking. Work is still required to create a sequence of entry and mitigate the parking areas so they do not dominate views.
- Retain a view of Beall Hall but lower the level of the drop-off area.
- Shift the access drives to line up with 16th and 17th Avenues.
- Add an 18th Avenue vehicle entrance to create a proper bus loading area.
- Create a small central parking area to serve disabled parking needs.
- Require removal of most existing trees in the southwest corner area. However, the dawn redwood is preserved.

Discussion: Members made the following comments:

- Ensure the project enhances the ability for pedestrians to move from southwest campus to the main campus to the degree possible. Consultants indicated this will likely be done by sequentially guiding pedestrians from space to space—the proposed new plaza at the northern end of the Southwest Axis will help.
- Plan for future development opportunities along Alder Street.
- Accommodate heavily used bike lanes on Alder Street. (Consultants said plans will not increase traffic, and street alignment should enhance safety).

- Modify the proposed parking lot design at the 18th Avenue and Alder Street intersection to enhance the appearance from 18th Avenue—create a green space at the corner and preserve existing trees if possible. If this means shifting some of the parking to the northern part of the site, this is an acceptable option.
- Expand underground parking if the budget allows.
- Focus attention on improving the Southwest Axis. However, also address the exposed parking area along the Alder edge.
- Proposed building massing and location looks good – use landscaping to address elevation changes.

Action: No formal action was required. The committee comments will be taken into consideration as the project moves forward.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

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