



June 20, 2007

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee (CPC)

From: Christine Taylor Thompson, Planning Associate
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Subject: **Record of the June 12, 2007 CPC Meeting**

Attending: Carole Daly (Chair), Virginia Cartwright, Nancy Cheng, Darin Dehle, Frances Dyke, Michael Fifield, Ally Frueauf, Douglas Kennett, Gregg Lobisser, Randall McGowan, Chris Ramey, Dale Smith, Greg Stripp, Rob Thallon

Guests: Ken Boegli (DPS), Jon Erlandson (MNCH), Patty Krier (MNCH), Dorene Steggell (University Planning)

Staff: Christine Thompson (University Planning)

Agenda: Campus Planning Committee - Chair Election
Museum of Natural and Cultural History Curation Expansion Project – Meeting One
Other Items Identified by Members - Obelisk

1. Campus Planning Committee - Chair Election

Background: Staff explained that the CPC chair typically is either a member who will be serving the second year of a two-year appointment or a new member who has previously served on the committee. Staff indicated that she notified those who fit this status in advance.

Discussion: Michael Fifield said he recently was notified that he will continue to serve on the committee. He nominated Carole Daly to serve as the committee's 2006-2007 chair. Carole accepted the nomination but indicated that she is happy to give other members the opportunity to fill this role.

Action: The committee unanimously elected Carole Daly to serve as the 2007-2008 Campus Planning Committee chair.

2. Museum of Natural and Cultural History Curation Expansion Project – Meeting One

Background: The chair and staff reviewed the meeting purpose as described in the meeting mailing. Staff briefly reviewed applicable *Campus Plan* policies and patterns, in particular those contained in the 2003 Development Policy for the East Campus

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Area as described in the meeting mailing. She also referred to the East Campus Open Space Framework study.

Jon Erlandson, user group chair, explained the premise of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History Curation Expansion Project as described in the meeting mailing. Currently the museum barely meets federal regulations. The museum's operations are housed in eight separate buildings on campus and two leased spaces. The goal is to consolidate uses contained in three of these buildings, all of which are substandard, into the proposed addition.

Dorene Steggell, project planner, explained that a conceptual design was completed to determine project feasibility and siting. It confirmed the importance of directly linking the expansion to the existing museum facility rather than constructing a separate building elsewhere.

Dorene explained that the project would be completed in two phases. Phase 1 will include a storage vault with some adjacent space for processing incoming artifacts, a small research lab, and delivery access. The conceptual plan proposed a small addition on the east side of the museum situated in a way that anticipates Phase 2. Phase 2 will consolidate research labs housed in separate structures. The conceptual plan accommodates these uses by wrapping the Phase 1 expansion with an L-shaped addition to the east and south. The service area also is expanded.

The proposed expansion would require the removal of some existing parking spaces and basketball courts. The parking spaces would be replaced elsewhere on campus, and two basketball courts would either be eliminated or replaced.

The project's goals are to enhance the promenade-like character of 15th Avenue, increase the museum's public presence and visibility, enhance the pedestrian connection through the museum's courtyard from 15th Avenue to the East Campus Green, and anticipate future expansion of the East Campus Green.

Discussion: Members made the following comments:

- Provide clear pedestrian connections from 15th Avenue to the East Campus Green, taking into consideration how these paths relate to the larger pedestrian network.
- Ensure accessible routes from 15th Avenue through the block to 17th Avenue continue to be provided.
- Make the existing courtyard and primary pedestrian route in front of the museum more public and inviting to all. For example, open up views of the courtyard from 15th Avenue, consider creating an entry plaza along 15th Avenue, and research ways to resolve the courtyard's awkward connection to the Law service-parking lot.
- Recognize the importance of 15th Avenue as a pedestrian pathway and open space (Open-space Framework pattern). Protect and enhance the existing positive attributes of the street (e.g., the rhythm of tree plantings and other landscaping).
- Protect and enhance the East Campus Green (Open-space Framework pattern).
- Ensure that service needs are accommodated in a way does not detract from the promenade character of 15th Avenue and the future desire to expand the East Campus Green (e.g., use landscape screening, limit the length of the service drive, consolidate service building entry points, and consider sharing access with the adjacent parking lot). This is with the understanding that it appears most

appropriate to provide service access from 15th Avenue (the building has no back side).

- Enhance the stature and presence of the museum, particularly from 15th Avenue and the East Campus Green. For example, make the entrance more visible, establish a focal point, and consider increasing the building's scale.
- Ensure that parking is replaced as required.
- Maximize the flexibility to accommodate adjacent future development, particularly for a larger building to the east (e.g., minimize the expansion footprint, consider a second story, expand south to define the East Campus Green edge). This block is one of the only large sites remaining for large institutional buildings, such as a parking structure.
- Recognize the importance of the basketball courts (Local Sports pattern).
- Consider the possible benefits of retaining a network of pathways that links to the original street grid (e.g., Columbia Street).
- Recognize the need to accommodate the communication substructure that passes through the site.

The committee discussed user-group membership. A member suggested adding a representative from Housing to better represent adjacent neighbors. Staff indicated that user groups typically do not have representatives from all neighboring uses; rather, they have one representative for all. However, other neighbors typically are given the opportunity to provide input during the process, including meetings with staff and consultants, as appropriate, and notification of all CPC meetings. The CPC chair indicated that Housing may have needs and concerns that are different enough from the appointed Law Center representative to justify two neighbor representatives. Dorene added that she has not been able to find a Campus Planning Committee representative for the project's user group and asked the CPC for assistance. The chair said a member would be appointed if Dorene is not able to find a volunteer member.

Action: No formal action was requested. The committee's comments about the Museum of Natural and Cultural History Curation Expansion Project will be considered as the project moves forward.

3. Other Items Identified by Members – Obelisk

In response to a member's question, staff confirmed that the proposed Obelisk will come back to the CPC for siting and design approval. The recently erected obelisk is a temporary six-month structure approved by the President's Office.

The CPC's March 15, 2007 discussion about the proposed obelisk was initial and provided an opportunity for preliminary comment. No formal action was taken. The formal siting and design review process (beginning with Meeting One) typically does not occur until a project is funded and authorized by administration to proceed.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

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