MEETING NOTES: April 23, 2009

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1.1 This was the first and kick-off meeting of the East Campus Residence Hall (ECRH) User Group meetings. The purpose of the meeting was for the design team to receive overall goals for the project from each of the committee members. The following is a brief summary of those goals.

2.0 GENERAL DISCUSSION

2.1 Tom Driscoll, Food Service:

2.1.1 The new dining facility design should make students want to cross Agate and 15th to eat there.
2.1.2 Should be a destination place, energy, and atmosphere.
2.1.3 Sustainability is important.

2.2 Gregg Lobisser, Chair and Assistant to VPSA:

2.2.1 Defined campus architecture.
2.2.2 Model for future buildings
2.2.3 Next evolution of the LLC.
2.2.4 Do not compromise on design.
2.2.5 Should be a destination place.

2.3 Sandy Schoonover, Associate Director of Housing and Director of Resident Life:

2.3.1 Place where students want to be even if they do not live there.
2.3.2 Not just a place to sleep.
2.3.3 Must have social spaces and places where activities/networking can occur.
2.3.4 Should have an academic image.

2.4 Susan Lesyk, Director, Academic Learning Services:

2.4.1 Place where students want to visit.
2.4.2 Does not look like a residence hall.
2.4.3 Place to study, social programs, and group projects.
2.4.4 Should emulate Historic campus architecture.
2.4.5 Planning should consider apartments and other unit types. Sequential living independence.

2.5 Jon Erlandson, Director, Museum of Natural & Cultural History:

2.5.1 Should allow for future expansion of museum - does not want to be boxed in.
2.5.2 Museum welcomes the Project - should make museum more accessible with increased use.

2.6 Cathy Soutar, Planning Associate/Space Analyst:

2.6.1 Plan for next 100 years.

2.7 George Bleekman, Construction Manager:

2.7.1 Set stage for next project.
2.7.2 Should fit in with existing Museum, Long House and Law school.

2.8 Virginia Cartwright, Associate Professor/AAA Faculty Member:

2.8.1 Should not forget to design spaces around building.
2.8.2 There is a building boom on housing in downtown Eugene.
2.8.3 Project must compete with those new housing types.
2.8.4 Project should make students to want to stay on campus.
2.8.4 Long life building with enduring design value.

2.9 Martina Bill, Campus Planning:

2.9.1 Place where upper class students want to live., Cool to live there.
2.9.2 The LLC has 20% upper class students.

2.10 Allen Gidley, Interim Director, Housing:

2.10.1 Next generation of LLC.
2.10.2 Not a trendy design project.
2.10.3 Must solve the fundamental student needs and work over well over time.
2.10.4 Improve on the best of past ideas.
2.11 Fred Tepfer, Project Planning Manager:

2.11.1 Edge of sustainability is moving forward fast.
2.11.2 Part of overall campus community.
2.11.3 Should fit in with the campus as whole and not just East Campus.
2.11.4 Affordable.
2.11.5 Memorable spaces.

2.12 Other discussion items:

2.12.1 The Olympic trials are scheduled for the summer of 2012. The goal would be for the housing to be ready for occupancy so that rooms could be rented.
2.12.2 The lobby should be designed as a nerve center of the project. The Embassy Suites in downtown Portland was cited as an example of a lobby where activities are arranged around a large central space and easily seen by users.
2.12.3 A large flat floor multi-purpose room that holds 250-300 people is desired.
2.12.4 The multi-purpose room in the LLC is very heavily used.
2.12.5 A wing or group of rooms and spaces should be considered for a “Special Interest” or ‘Themed’ Residence Hall, could include resident scholar apartment, social and student rooms.
2.12.6 Individual student storage cages where students have more access should be considered in lieu of an open storage room with limited access.
2.13.6 Tom Driscoll indicated that the Dining facility could be sized for 400.
2.14.6 Some of the user group will be gone for the summer so the goal is move the project forward as fast as possible before their departure in June.
2.14.6 The project will be presented at the Campus Planning Committee in the first week of June. The goal push the programming/schematic design as far along as possible for this meeting so we can receive as much feed-back as possible from the CPC meeting.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2009.

END OF MEETING NOTES

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