



August 10, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Christine Taylor Thompson, Planning Associate
Campus Planning and Real Estate

Subject: **Record** of the July 27, 2009 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Gregg Lobisser (Chair), Leslie Bennett, Scott Coltrane, Tom Driscoll, Kohlton Kauffman, Roger Kerrigan, Sean Landry, Rich Linton, Chris Ramey, Collin Schless, Eric Selker, Priscilla Southwell, Greg Stripp, Don Swain, Rob Thallon

Staff: Christine Taylor Thompson (Campus Planning and Real Estate)

Guests: Vince Babkirk (Facilities Services), Jane Brubaker, (Facilities Services), Laurie Canup (HDR/THA), Emily Eng (CPRE), Thomas Hacker (HDR/THA), Mark Kilmer (HDR/THA), Oliver Kuehne (HDR/THA), Lou Moses (Psychology, User Group co-chair), Roger Snyder (HDR/THA), Denise Stewart (Facilities Services), Steven Simpson (HDR/THA), Fred Tepfer (CPRE)

Agenda:

1. Lewis Integrative Science Building (LISB) – 3rd Check-in

Background: Staff reviewed the purpose of the check-in meeting and reviewed prior comments made by the CPC as described in the meeting mailing.

The chair said that the president authorized a study of the Franklin Boulevard edge beyond the LISB project area. Campus Planning and Real Estate staff will assess design and funding options to improve the edge by relocating parking spaces (12-15 spaces near Klamath Hall and Streisinger Hall).

Fred Tepfer, CPRE project planner, reminded the committee that the design team, with the CPC's input, has focused on creating a great campus gateway in exchange for the loss of a portion of the Science Green, thus allowing the new building to connect to Streisinger Hall. Connecting to Streisinger Hall creates important programmatic connections to existing science facilities, including the Animal Facility.

Three possible Animal Facility expansion options were carefully analyzed as requested by the CPC to determine whether it was possible to provide a ground-level pedestrian connection through the new building lobby that joins with Streisinger. Due to highly restrictive programmatic needs, the only option that did not result in excessive operational costs was a ground-floor expansion of the Animal Facility. Thus an at-grade pedestrian connection is not

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possible. However, Fred said the proposed lobby design has been modified to create a clearer, more direct pedestrian connection that travels up and over the expanded Animal Facility. Thomas Hacker from HDR/THA presented the revised design ideas for site development (using a PowerPoint presentation). Revisions to the site plan include the following:

Gateway park area:

- Enhanced collegiate architectural character.
- Moved UO sign to accommodate the new right turn lane (perpendicular to the road). [Note: The new right turn lane is a requirement of the Arena project.]
- Expanded Oregon Hall parking area to provide parking spaces (some reserved) for the fMRI in the new LISB building.
- Linked to potential Franklin edge improvements beyond the LISB project scope.
- Expanded open-space square footage—the amount gained is very similar to the amount lost in Science Green.

North/south pedestrian connection:

- Enhanced outdoor pedestrian connection east of the new LISB building (moved the new building further east to create a more direct connection).
- Refined interior pedestrian up-and-over connection through lobby. Shortened flight of stairs from the south (7.5 feet high), provided elevator on both sides, and enhanced north/south views.
- Researching ways to improve the north/south pedestrian connection along the east side of Klamath Hall.

In addition, Tom included a summary of the user's comments from the group's campus character exercise. He introduced initial ideas for the building's campus architectural character.

Key concepts include:

- Bold main entrance facing the Science Green,
- Rhythm of windows,
- Layers of brick,
- Relation to integrated science—artwork and architectural design (“integrated” window and brick design), and
- Differentiation between north and south façades to account for the different context scale (Franklin Boulevard versus Science Green) and internal uses.

Discussion: Members made the following comments at the meeting:

Gateway Park area:

- Carefully review the proposed location of the UO entry sign (perpendicular to the road is good) to ensure it does not block views when walking along Franklin Boulevard or when looking into campus (for example, towards Deschutes Hall).
- Carefully assess whether existing trees and shrubs associated with the UO entry sign should be retained or modified. Make necessary changes to ensure the new open space conveys a strong campus character and emphasizes important views (e.g., along Franklin Boulevard and into campus).

North/south pedestrian connection:

- Make the pedestrian passage through the interior lobby more direct (e.g., reconfigure the stair and entrance locations).
- Consider making the pedestrian route through the lobby an indoor/outdoor hybrid to make it more accessible and inviting to those passing through the building. (It is recognized that security concerns must be addressed.)
- Improve the pedestrian experience between Deschutes and Oregon Halls. In particular, improve the existing service area to buffer it from view. Make the route to Franklin Boulevard as direct as possible.

- Use the Streisinger service area for LISB service needs to the maximum degree possible. If any service needs (including truck access) are required at the proposed north lobby entrance, ensure that they do not detract from the pedestrian experience and that they are well screened from view.
- Ensure that vehicular parking areas and drives are properly distanced from existing and new air intakes.
- Recognize that the proposed interior up-and-over pedestrian route through the lobby will be much less appealing to pedestrians (and, therefore, less used) when compared to the existing direct exterior route. Therefore, ensure that the proposed exterior pedestrian connections (north/south between Deschutes and Oregon Halls and along the Franklin Boulevard Edge) work well (e.g., clear site lines, views into campus, direct routes).
- Emphasize north/south views through the main lobby. Consider tree placement and landscape elements to emphasize views.

Campus architectural style:

- Support the 2-bar atrium concept.
- Create a unified composition. Ensure that the two building bars relate to one another and the rest of campus.
- The proposed "integrated" window design seems to make the building look larger, which isn't necessarily a positive.
- Carefully consider the character of the penthouse and roof, especially on the northern building bar. Ensure that it is integrated into the overall building design (including all roof-top HVAC and service needs). Avoid replicating past problems (e.g., Lillis).

Action: The CPC provided comments about revisions to the LISB site plan and preliminary ideas for the building's campus architectural character as presented at the meeting. These comments will be taken into consideration as the project moves forward.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

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