April 29, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

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

Subject: Campus Planning Committee May 6, 2009 Meeting

The next meeting of the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in Heritage Hall (second floor), Bowerman Building (1580 E. 15th Avenue across from the Living Learning Center).

Please visit the site prior to the meeting, and bring your copy of the Campus Plan to the meeting.

All meetings are open to the public.

Agenda:

1. Lewis Integrative Science Building (LISB), formerly known as Integrative Science Complex, Phase 2 – Check in

   Background: The purpose of this agenda item is to review and provide comments on preliminary site plans for the LISB project. Please refer to the project background information provided as a separate attachment.

   As usual the project will come back to the CPC for formal review when the schematic design is complete. Any related proposed Campus Plan amendments will proceed through the standard amendment process (described on pp. 19-20 of the Campus Plan).

   This preliminary review is at the request of the CPC. At the CPC’s “Meeting One” for this project (May 22, 2008), the committee recommended to the president that the proposed site for the Integrative Science Complex (now known as LISB) be approved subject to the following conditions:

   1. As the building’s location and scale are established, it shall recognize the need to balance the value of retaining open space, protecting the two significant maple trees, developing interdisciplinary facilities, enhancing the campus edge/public image, and meeting campus height restrictions.

   2. The project will come back to the committee for initial review once preliminary siting and massing options have been developed.
In addition, the committee unanimously supported the identified key Campus Plan patterns and policies for the project (refer to the attached list of key policies and patterns) with the understanding that the committee’s comments also will be considered as the project moves forward. The committee’s comments are as follows:

- Work to improve the campus’s open-space framework, pathway system, and public edge while accommodating desired development.
- Ensure that the importance of the public edge along Franklin Boulevard is addressed.
- Convey to the public the importance of the university’s research and academic mission through design elements, open spaces, and buildings to counterbalance the strong athletic image that will be conveyed in the vicinity of the Matthew Knight Arena east of Agate Street.
- Recognize the significance of the two maple trees.
- Ensure that the campus edge does not become more impenetrable. Convey to the public the significance of open spaces, one of campus’s predominant character-defining features.
- The Science Green is one of the few remaining open spaces visible to the public. If an open space is removed, it likely will not be replaced.
- Pay particular attention to the importance of the pattern "Positive Outdoor Space."
- Assess and address existing and projected foot traffic in the area when considering changes to the pedestrian pathways.

Action: No formal action is required at this time. The committee’s comments will be considered as the project moves forward.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

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Paul van Donkelaar, Human Physiology (University Senate)
Bruce Wilson, Molecular Biology (Huestis, Klamath, and Streisinger Building Manager)
Attachment

Campus Plan Policy 2: Open-space Framework (pp. 23 – 30)

Please review the policies contained in this section of the Campus Plan, in particular the policy refinements addressing Designated Open Spaces, Pathways, and Campus Edges.

The following excerpts from Campus Plan maps depict Designated Open Spaces, Pathways, and Campus Edges in the region of the LISB project.

Campus Plan Designated Open Spaces:
  h. Science Green
  i. Agate Entrance Green
  k. 13th Avenue Axis
  p. Agate Street Axis (public-right-of-way)
Campus Plan Pathways

Campus Plan Edges