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CITY OF SEATTLE - UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting #79

June 13, 2006

(approved September 12, 2006)

Members Present

Mark Holden, Laurelhurst CC	Kit O'Neill, Ravenna Springs
David Eckert, Roosevelt Neigh'd Assoc.	Chris MacKenzie, Wallingford
Eric Larson, Roosevelt NA	Dan Kraus, UW Staff Representative
Matt Fox, University District CC	Caroline Colon, University Chamber
Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake CC	Betty Swift, Portage Bay Roanoke
Pat Cowan, University Place CC	Neal Lessenger, UW-at-Large
Neil Wechsler, Montlake Community Club	

Staff Present

Cliff Louie, Department of Neighborhoods
Theresa Doherty, UW Regional Affairs

Others Present

Eric Smith, UW Capital Projects	Jan Arntz, UW Capital Projects
Helen Shawcroft, UWMC	Laurie Ames, Dept. of Neighborhoods
Aaron Hoard, UW	

I. Welcome, Introductions

After a slight delay of finding the new location of the meeting room, Daniel Kraus, co-chair, convened the meeting at 7:20 PM. Committee members and the audience introduced themselves.

II. Review and Approval of May 9, 2006 Meeting Notes

The May 9, 2006 meeting notes were reviewed. Matt Fox moved to adopt them as submitted, and Neal Lessenger seconded the motion. The meeting notes were approved unanimously.

III. Data Center

Jan Arntz, UW Capital Projects, introduced the Data Center. She noted that this is a very early presentation of a potential project. It is a potential project in its early planning stage that would be facility to house all of the University's servers. A committee, Data Center Work Group, has been formed to support Data Center Steering Committee, and their charge is to develop a business plan that would study the cost and revenue of operating the servers in one building. The steering committee will recommend funding with operating terms and to maximize cost recovery. A map (page 101) from the campus master plan was distributed. Some potential options are the following: Cyclotron building (8C), Sandpoint that has some constraints, off campus (buying a building in an industrial area), out-sourcing the work, and a no-build option. Jan Arntz noted that the size of the facility has not been determined, or there could be two buildings. The range of gross square footage could be from 70,000 to 100,000 GSF, and finally it would be a phased project over 15 years. She asked if anyone had any concerns about site 8C, then she would convey them to the committee.

Dave Eckert asked if this facility would need its own back-up generator system or if it was located on campus would it use the University's back-up system. Jan Arntz said it would utilize the University's. Currently, each building has its own server, plus a back-up one that takes up space. If there was one building, some of the redundancy would be eliminated. Kit O'Neil asked to be shown the 8C location on the map. It is close to the Haggett Building. Neil Wechsler asked if the building has to be above ground? Jan Arntz was not sure.

IV. SR 520 Update

Theresa Doherty handed out a PowerPoint presentation that she used for a May presentation before the UW Board of Regents. She emphasized important points for each page/slide. The first page showed the 4 and 6 lane alternatives and the corresponding cost and identified funding. In October of last year, the Regents wanted the University to develop a list of guiding principles to assist them in evaluating the SR 520 replacement options. On page 4 is a list of five guiding principles that have been also shared in the City Advisory Committee, as well as the local impact committee. She read the five guiding principles. The following pages showed the schematic (plan view) drawings of the 4 and 6 lane alternatives. Theresa Doherty wanted to talk about the one option that the University is concerned about which is the **6 Lane with the Pacific Street Interchange** on page 10.

With an enlargement on a display board she explained how the Pacific Street Interchange (exit off SR 520) comes over Foster and Marsh Islands and expands into more lanes, and passes beneath a large pedestrian overpass. Also at this intersection are north-south lanes along Montlake going up to N. 45th Street. With this option it creates a new intersection and increases traffic by 20 to 30 % in this area, and decreases traffic in the Montlake area by 46%. Traffic to the Arboretum on-ramps will be increased by 49%, but through the Arboretum itself the traffic increase maybe approximately 12%.

The University's concern is loosing the development site of the parking lot next to Husky Stadium with the Pacific Street Interchange given the fact that half of the potential development sites are on parking lots. Although she noted that this parking has not been identified as a potential development site in the current master plan, but it could be one in a future plan.

Besides the lost of development capacity, there are concerns about the construction impacts of building a Light Rail station next to Husky Stadium, as well as renovation of the ICA and the expansion of the

Medical Center. Finally with this option there will be additional traffic through the campus and to the surrounding neighborhoods (pages 13 – 16)

Dave Eckert cited a traffic study done six years ago for the University area that mentioned the through traffic getting to the main arterials was one of the problems. He asked about the traffic flow from the eastside and tying into Sound Transit. He thought is option would be a better connection for Sound Transit. Theresa Doherty spoke with the University's transportation people, who thought Metro would re-route their bus service to have direct service to downtown Seattle. She did not think people would be apt to take a bus from the eastside, and then transfer to a light rail because that transfer would add time going downtown. With a 6 lane alternative there would be a dedicated HOV lane.

Chris MacKenzie stated that the Wallingford Community Council is very concerned about this option because of the potential of increase traffic. Theresa Doherty anticipated the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being published on August 18. She mentioned that if community groups are concerned about this alternative, then they should inform WSDOT. Betty Swift also expressed her concern on behalf of the Portage Bay Roanoke community. There was a short discussion about SR 520 alternatives communities – Eastlake, Portage Bay Roanoke, Montlake, Arboretum – were opposed to. Neal Lessenger, President of the Arboretum Foundation, expressed his apprehension about the anticipated 12% increase in traffic. Kit O'Neil stated she was worried because WSDOT was unwilling when they attended the community council meeting to listen to the neighborhood's concern about the cumulative impacts of increased traffic because their focus was only on particular intersections.

Theresa Doherty mentioned that WSDOT was able to eliminate five minutes of travel time along Montlake Blvd., maybe 10, with this option because it reduces the traffic at the bottleneck at the Montlake Bridge. Additionally, she stated that it is a benefit in terms of travel time, but at what cost. A discussion ensued and issues were raised about impacts beyond the intersections that WSDOT is studying for the 6 Lane Pacific Street Interchange. Kit O'Neil asked if the tunnel idea is being considered. Theresa Doherty said that WDOT looked at a tunnel option. The tunnel option WSDOT analyzed concluded that it would cost \$8 million to build and restoration of the wetlands would take decades. However, the tub/tunnel advocates dispute WSDOT's claims. Dave Eckert asked about the 10' underpass is being counted for in the Arboretum? And he noted that there needs to be a clearance of 14' 6" for semi-trucks.

The Seattle Advisory Committee on SR 520 met today according to Theresa Doherty and talked about a tunnel option. The issue for a tunnel is where it will come out. The current thinking about the tunnel is that it would have to pass beneath both Foster and Marsh Islands. Theresa Doherty said she would find the website for the tunnel option and forward it to Cliff Louie to share with CUCAC members. Neal Lessenger said he would forward a transcript of a teleconference call between the engineering firm and members of the City's 520 Advisory Committee about the feasibility of a tunnel.

Matt Fox asked a hypothetical question, but practical one, of who wins the imminent domain battle - the University or WSDOT? Theresa Doherty suggested, based on her knowledge of the situation, that the University would win. She encouraged communities who are concerned about this option that they should let WSDOT know.

Neal Wechsler asked about the role of the Seattle Advisory Committee? Theresa Doherty thought this committee by ordinance is to work with City Council and the Mayor's Office to recommend a preferred alternative. Their report is supposed to be given to City Council in September and they will weigh in on this matter. Also she noted that there is a Local Impact Committee (LIC). Theresa Doherty noted that this particular option (Pacific Street Interchange with 6 lanes) has the largest impact on the Arboretum taking almost 2 ½ acres. There was a short explanation of the 6 Lane Base with Second Montlake Bridge.

VI. UW Medical Center Proposed Minor Plan Amendment

Matt Fox, author of the draft letter, expressed that he incorporated concerns from the last meeting about the proposed expansion of the UW Medical Center. CUCAC members were sent the draft letter electronically to read and review prior to the meeting. Neal Lessenger moved to have the co-chairs sign the letter (see attached) as submitted commenting on the University's proposal to expand the UW Medical Center as a minor plan amendment. Mark Holden seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Cliff Louie was directed to send the signed letter by the co-chairs to Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development.

Helen Shawcroft provided a brief update on the UW Medical expansion. She said that an architect, Ashen and Allen and a contract is being negotiated. Beginning in July and ending in December the UW Medical Center will be working with the architect for the first phase, pre-design. They will be developing a pre-design that will look at programs and basic layout of the building and the siting of it in the context of the existing medical building.

Mark Holden asked about lighting and how the design of the building address this issue. Helen Shawcroft said that issue and others will be addressed in the supplemental EIS.

Theresa Doherty reminded people that CUCAC's comment period is up on June 21, and Department of Planning and Development comment period expires on July 21.

Daniel Kraus asked if there would be a July 11. At this time there could be a July meeting, responded Theresa Doherty.

Matt Fox asked about what conditions were imposed by DPD for building the West Campus Garage. He had received only a notice of from DPD on the garage. Theresa Doherty asked Jan Arntz, who said she does not have a copy of the report.

Dave Eckert asked about receiving drawing of the proposed bathrooms for the car top marina. Jan Arntz said she will check .

Mark Holden said he will be the alternate and Heather Newman will be the regular representative for Laurelhurst Community Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM



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Ms. Sugimura,

We are writing to offer the City University Community Advisory Committee's (CUCAC) comments on the University of Washington's proposal to amend the Campus Master Plan (CMP) to facilitate the expansion of the UW Medical Center (UWMC).

While CUCAC has taken no position on the project itself, or on the merits of the particular site proposed for this expansion, the group voted at its May 9, 2006 meeting that adding any new building sites to the CMP should be considered major, rather than minor, plan amendments. CUCAC will consider the addition of this particular new site a minor amendment if a comparable site(s) is removed from the CMP, provided the maximum number of potential building sites remains the same, and if this is not considered as a precedent to determine the future addition of new building sites as minor plan amendments. Since the proposed UWMC expansion will use all of the remaining development capacity for the South/Southwest sector, CUCAC voted to oppose any further increases beyond the existing CMP square footage limit plus 20%.

The members of CUCAC who voted to send this letter followed the development of the CMP closely and commented on it in great detail, are seriously concerned that considering the addition of new building sites a "minor" CMP amendment sets a troubling precedent for the future. The Campus Master Plan was unlike the previous GPDP in its lack of specificity regarding what particular buildings would be constructed at a given location. Instead, the CMP was defined by the number of potential building lots, the amount of square footage and type of use allowed at each of those spots, and an overall cap on campus growth that ensured that not all of these locations would be completely built out, or that any one sector of the campus would receive a disproportionate

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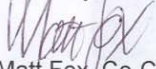
amount of new growth. Allowing the UW to add new additional building sites upsets the balance that was struck in the CMP process, and is a fundamental alteration of the parameters of the CMP.

However, CUCAC members did vote to add that we would consider the addition of the proposed building site to the CMP a minor plan amendment if a comparable site or sites were removed, and that this not be considered a precedent that the future addition of new building sites is a minor plan amendment. We believe this would allow the University to move forward with expansion of the UWMC, but that would not set a precedent for the ready addition of numerous new building sites that were not considered or analyzed in the CMP EIS process.

As we noted above, the proposed UWMC expansion will use all of the remaining development capacity in the South/Southwest Campus, and CUCAC does not support raising the limits on the square footage of new construction in this sector beyond what is now permitted in the CMP.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,


Matt Fox, Co-Chair
CUCAC



Daniel Kraus, Co-Chair
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