MEETING NOTES
May 13, 2008
CUCAC Meeting #91
7:00 – 9:00 University Tower – 22nd Fl
(approved June 6, 2008)

I. Welcome and Introductions
Matthew Fox called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and introductions were made.

II. Review and approve meeting notes – February 12, 2008
Matt Fox requested members review minutes for Feb 12 meeting. He noted that the March minutes were not available and will hand it out next month. Pat Cowan made a motion to approve the February 12 minutes and Ashley Emery seconded the motion. February 12th minutes were approved by seven members and abstained by Ashley Emery and Matthew Stubbs.

Matt Fox wanted to discuss CUCAC’s By-laws, rules and regulations and their role and purpose between the City and the University. This will be moved to next month. Matt also wanted to add to the agenda at the end to discuss the Transportation Study.
III. UW Medical Center Expansion – Draft EIS

Jan Arntz gave an update on the Draft EIS that was published a couple of weeks ago. Joel Matulys, UW Capital showed the proposed project using display boards. The following is a summary:

Helen Showcroft stated they are continuing to refine the design/development for the expansion. The UWMC is working with the neighbors to the south, the CHDD, Center on Human Development and Disability. During the construction, they will be most impacted; children will be dropped off directly across the street. There are some neighborhood concerns about access to the loading docks.

Joel Matulys gave a brief overview of this project. There are two phases and only Phase I is the one that will be discussed at this meeting. Phase II currently has no construction funds. As part of the expansion, there will be five levels above grade and a mechanical space below grade. Joel described each of the floor plans.

Matt Fox asked about current traffic and if the street would be closed during construction. Joel Matulys replied only during construction. Pat Cowen asked about Phase II and when it might be completed? Helen Showcroft answered the UWMC anticipated it may be completed within 5 years of Phase I. Pat Cowen asked if it was because of funding and Helen Showcroft said "yes".

Joel Matulys stated there has been a change in design since it was approved by the Board of Regents. The space on the 4th floor becomes a courtyard once we build out space needed to address landscape space. We took back these conceptual plans to the landscape committee and the architectural commission to get their feedback. It is a viewing Zen Garden, you can see it and it will not be accessible to the public because it would compromise patient area. This is a rough concept at this time. The idea is for a space that has vegetation and light and airy aspects. Pat Cowen asked for a sheet that has the drawings and Helen said there would be similar graphics in the draft as a supplement. Helen will provided copies of the draft concept out to members.

Neal Lessenger asked about the nature of the access for the gardeners to get into the triangle, and whether or not they can haul their trucks out? Joel Matulys said they can pull their trucks up. They will have access to the building itself because it's on the 4th floor. We have service elevators and this will be the primary access. There is also one flight of stairs. One problem was we don't have good access to the courtyard so we improved them in design. Their concern was how we access water.

Neal Lessenger asked what is the distance between the south perimeter of Columbia road to the north building. Joel said he would get back to Neal and Neal said no, the point is he thought there was more space there. Joel said they continue to meet with CHDD to explore the options.
IV. General Updates:

HUB Renovation Project

Introductions: Randy Everett, Project Manager from Capital Projects is present to speak about the HUB renovation project. Lincoln Johnson, the Assistant Vice-Provost of Campus Life, he runs the HUB. Paul Zuchowski is the Associate Director of the HUB.

Randy was here last July 2007. Currently we are in the middle of Master Plan study for the HUB. Randy is currently analyzing the needs for the future use of the HUB. Randy stated that they are working with Perkins and Well Architects who were also working with the students and are funding this project to get a better understanding of the needs. Master plan was completed in Fall and two options were provided. They are in a pre-design phase to further verify scope, schedule and budget. Process will intensify by summer and will move to schematic design. Here are the two options:

1. Using existing facility and modify it as appropriate.
2. Starting new

Both options will have a complete purging out of the building while under construction. A major goal is to improve the facility and open it up to campus; making it the heart of the campus. Randy Everett set up the display boards and discussed each of the options in more detail. The following is a list of what type of changes will happen: loading docks moved under building, not have a basement no longer, reconfigure auditorium – independent to use off hours, open food courts to HUB yard, new atrium to bring in more lighting. New offices, meeting rooms and ballrooms are included. Tearing down the old building and having a new building will be more efficient use of space. Matt Fox stated that he doesn’t like the idea of tearing the HUB completely down. Neal Lessenger asked what the meaning of HUB meant if any. Paul Zuckowski stated the name was Associated Student Union Building and students called it that because it was the center of the campus. He also stated that is was not the typical memorial building that dedicated to a person, and that he knows it is not a historic dedicated building.

Matthew Stubbs commented on the front aspect of the building is worth keeping. A discussion ensued about the HUB yard and having it more open. Randy Everett spoke on not having a big room and thought having input from students be main focus. Ashley commented that the HUB is a very confusing building. Randy stated that series of studies on the HUB yard, terraces can be used on outside events. Matt Fox suggest from the construction of the Library and other construction to not do anything else with the HUB yard because it has gotten much smaller. They discussed on the entrance into the HUB area is sloped down and want to terrace it to the lawn. One concept is to have movable structures in place. Conversation then moved to concerts and how and where it
would be angled as to not amplify the sound. Lincoln talked about the change to the ramps. Matthew Steele has concerns about better Bike Storage because it’s not discussed in the draft EIS. Randy said he would take this as advice about better bike racks with coverage.

Matthew Stubbs asked if the square footage would increase. In the current scheme using the existing building it increases and in the initial analyses might decrease in the new building. He also asked in terms of the needs and goals would you go after those in either scheme (referencing the plans on display). Lincoln replied yes. Lincoln stated that the students are committed to the whole sustainable building issue. They strongly want a sustainable living building and accessibility. Matthew Steele asked does it include a green roof. Yes, over the auditorium, gardeners have concerned about maintenance so they are not quite there. Paul Zuchowski asked about composting and if that been given any thought? Lincoln responded that there currently is a composting program that is operated by the Housing and Food Services. Paul also mentioned that the school has recycling of paper, plastic, packaging and food waste. Paul was concerned with the multiple bins and the blight it might cause. Lincoln stated that this has all been accommodated. Neal asked if any new student union building as been built recently? Lincoln sited that Ohio State, USC, WSU, U of Arizona have the most recent construction of student union buildings.

Ashley asked about the price difference between renovating the old building and the new building. Paul responded that the University has weighed that issue and feel that there is a benefit for the new building. It is more cost effective and better for/ schedule wise. Jan spoke about the LEEDs standards and will have to do a lot of recycling.

Master Plan Sector Allocation
MP approved three million square feet of development. It was divided into four sectors of campus. Theresa handed out a chart which she discussed and gave more details. This will change as buildings get built.

University Tower
Sign will be in place on May 15.

Marina Repairs
A party is planned for July 11 for the reopening marina and boat launch. We will send invitation to public.

CUCAC Roles
Matthew Fox requested copies of the following for 30 minute discussion at the next meeting. By-laws, Master Plan that talks about CUCAC roles, City/University agreement pertaining to CUCAC. Matt Fox will talk with Cliff to distribute information via e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.