City of Seattle - University of Washington
Community Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTES
September 9, 2008
CUCAC Meeting #93
7:00 – 9:00 University Tower – 22nd Fl
(Approved November 18, 2008)

Members Present
Dan Kraus, UW Staff
Matt Fox, U District Community Council
Brian Ramey, University District
Pat Cowan, University Park Community Council
Eric Larson, Roosevelt Neighborhood Alliance
Chris MacKenzie, Wallingford Community Council
Ashley Emery, UW Faculty
Heather Newman, Laurelhurst Community Club

Staff Present
Thao Tran, Department of Neighborhoods
Sharon Star, Department of Neighborhoods

Others Present
Jan Arntz, UW CPO
Andy Casillas,
Brett Frosaker
Giny Miller,
Neal Lessenger
Gary Baldasari,
Chris Colon
Aaron Hoard,
Betty Swift
Dan Kraus
Kit O’Neill

Alternates
Thao Tran – DON
Mark Holden
Theresa Doherty – UW

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

II. Sound Transit University Station Update – Tracy Reed
Tracy Reed explained that folks can sign up for ST mailing updates. ST will rely on email and newspaper for communication. Tracy Reed showed the outline of the proposed station tunnel site for the University of WA. In 2030, the forecast is that there will be some 25,000 people boarding Light Rail at this station daily. There will be a crossing bridge between the Montlake Bridge, Burke Gilman Trail, and parking garage. The design plans for the station have been reviewed by the City of Seattle Light Rail review panel and we made presentations at the HUB, City of Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the 520 Design Committee. There will be escalators that goes from bridge level to platform and then to board train underground. Payment systems will be like Portland’s system where you show your ticket upon request. Security will be a roving system with hidden cameras and frequent patrols.
There is a requirement of 130 bike racks at the station, currently there are 110 proposed under pedestrian bridge. Bikes will be allowed on train. The bikes will be covered by virtual of being under the bridge and there will be another 120 space bike rack further away that is not covered. There are vents on both end of the station that are elevated 36 feet above grade. There are a lot of questions about maintenance cleaning, graffiti, and climbing so we are consistently hearing the same concerns.

The tunneling work will have limits on construction time on site with 66 months to complete the site. Dirt will be trucked out. Construction is expected to be completed by September of 2016. The west ticket plaza at Husky Stadium will be relocated during construction. This presentation will be linked to the CUCAC website.

III. Molecular Engineering Building Update – Steve Tage
This project is funded by the State of Washington. There are two phases planned. The first phase, Phase I building is a 77,000 gross square foot the second building is 82,000 square foot for office and laboratory. The second phase is still pending funding. The main focus of the phase one building is for instrumentation and the site has very low-vibration characteristics that is why the site was selected. We will be issuing a scoping notice and will be drafting an environmental impact statement. Schedule wise we just completed a schematic design and our construction is schedule for December of 2009 for some twenty odd months.

This project is to accommodate the Cunningham Hall relocation. The master plan site is 25C. There will be three floors consisting of the microbiology, chemistry, and microchemistry. There are number of things taking into consideration – there is a huge pedestrian intersection, it is also a main entrance to the campus (1 of 3). The University is doing separate but related study to look at the Grant Street triangle turnaround, revising Meany Building loading dock and the pedestrian circulation area. There are accessibility and re-grading issues that is also being looked at.

The program for the building is made of a series of instrumentation needs and laboratory research. We’ll have graduate student office space.

(There were a lot of discussion from this point directed at the drawing and plans that are difficult to describe here without the exhibit.)

There will be biking parking in several areas of the building. The outdoor space plan looks great.

IV. General Updates – Theresa Doherty
Clark Road covert project update. U-Village liked the project. Our covert is not causing any flooding at U-Village. We also have a new Front Porch newsletter. School does start again on September 21st.

Officer elections are due adhering to the bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.