City of Seattle - University of Washington Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes
Meeting # 130
January 14, 2014
UW Tower
4333 Brooklyn Avenue
Seattle, WA 98105
22nd Floor

Members and Alternates Present
Ashley Emery  Brett Forsaker
Zack Eskenazi  Eric Larson
Kerry Kahl  Jan Arntz
Ruedi Risler  Chris Leman
Alex Butler

Staff and Others Present
Steve Sheppard  Theresa Doherty
Kristine Kenney  Lindsey Cameron
Eric Smith  Steve Harrison
Dave Anderson  Ken Kubota

(See sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was opened by Brett Frosaker. Brief introductions followed.

II. Housekeeping
A motion was introduced to approve the previous meeting minutes. The Committee voted and the minutes were approved.

III. Presentation on SW Campus Utility Project – Eric Smith and Steven Harrison
Eric Smith and Steven Harrison were introduced to discuss the SW Campus Utility Project. Mr. Smith noted that the project is closely related to the Animal Research Care Facility which will share significant connections with interlocks to the mechanical systems for that facility. He noted that this will reduce the cost of both projects.
Mr. Smith stated that the University has been looking at this potential plant for at least three years. The intent of the project is to provide support for critical research in the area and particularly for chilled water cooling and emergency backup. Due to lack of funding, the project stalled and was not moved forward. With the New Animal Care Facility and its requirements, a decision was made to both proceed with this project and make an investment in the central plant. The project will provide: 1) it will process chill water plant that will feed the processed chill water to the piping to various critical areas of the new research facility; and 2) an emergency stand by power with diesel generators.

The initial building shell is designed to house all projected future needs but will initially accommodate only that amount of equipment needed. Additional capacity will be installed as demand warrants. The project will be on- in 2017. In addition, this utility plant is to serve the new police department with processed chill water.

Steven Harrison was recognized to discuss the project schedule. Mr. Harrison noted that the site is small but will still be sufficient to the needs. The building is not yet designed. However the project will occupy a highly visible site so special attention will be given to its appearance and sufficient budget is being set aside to accommodate architectural features. The University will bring this project back to CUCAC late summer or fall to get feedback on the developing design.

CUCAC members noted that similar facilities sometimes can generate considerable noise and asked for clarification on this. Others noted that testing of the backup generators can be particularly troublesome. Mr. Smith responded that the water flowing over the cooling facility may be heard but it will not be overwhelming. The design team will study this and incorporate available technology to minimize this impact. In addition, both the time of day and duration of generator testing will be scheduled to reduce its impact.

Members also asked if the capacity might be accommodated in a disbursed manner thus avoiding a centralized plant. Mr. Smith replied that dispersion was evaluated and that the conclusions was that the centralized facility was critical in part since it connected to the existing utility tunnel system for ease of distribution.

IV. Presentation on the University of Washington Police Department Project – Ken Kubota

Ken Kubota gave an update on the UW Police Department Project. Mr. Kubota noted that that the last time this project was presented to CUCAC; the University was studying a number of potential sites. The University has now selected a site on Southwest Campus (Site 2b) due to its visibility, and access to University Way. Early design work is now starting. The building may be either 2 or 3 stories and will have parking for police vehicles.

Along University Way and 15th Avenue, this precinct will serve students and staff if they have any security issues, etc. This site will have an outside surface parking for 18 cars for police staff, detectives, and shift changes. This site needs to be secure. The project will Include: 1) a public entrance; 2) a small lobby; 3) a community meeting room; 4), temporary holding cells; 5) office space; 6) evidence storage space; 7) locker rooms; and 8) workout/physical fitness area.

Mr. Kubota noted that because of budget constraints the building cannot afford bricks or expensive building materials. The total project cost is $19.5 million, and it is on target for
completion. Further updates and report on various design phases of the project will be presented to CUCAC as the design progresses.

V. New Business
There were no new business items introduced.

VI. Adjournment
No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.