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**City of Seattle - University of Washington  
 Community Advisory Committee**

November 13, 2007

CUCAC Meeting #88

7:00 – 9:00 South Campus Center, Room 342

**Approved – February 12, 2008**

**Members Present**

Dan Kraus, UW Staff

Neal Lessenger, UW at Large

Eric Larson, Roosevelt Neighbors' Alliance

Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake Community Council

Matt Fox, U District Community Council

Chris Mackenzie, Wallingford Community Council

Ashley Emery, Faculty Senate

Stan Sorscher, Laurelhurst Community Club

Pat Cowan, University Park Community Council

**Staff Present**

Theresa Doherty

Laurie Ames

**Others Present**

Helen Shawcroft, UW Medical Center

Jan Arntz, UW CPO

Kristine Kenney, UW CPO

Kurtis Jensen, UW CPO

Steve Tatge, UW CPO

Chip Lydum, UW ICA

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Matthew Fox called the meeting to order and made introductions. Daniel Kraus, as alternating co-chair, conducted the meeting.

**II. Review and approve meeting notes**

It was noted that on page three of Updates that the term "Google architecture" is an actual term that is used to refer to the IHOP building's style of architecture. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. Two abstentions: Ashley Emery and Matthew Stubbs

### **III. Husky Stadium Renovation Update -- Steve Tatge**

HOK was hired two years ago to design a vision for Husky Athletics for 10-20 years out. He said there is no particular design change or update related to this. He showed a conceptual view of the stadium from the east which includes removal of the track, a lowered field, the addition of premium seating area, removal of the scoreboard, concourse and concessions amenities, and seismic upgrades and west end upgrades. There is no schedule, scope or budget to report at this time. The budget for the whole project is estimated to be approximately \$400 million plus. The three goals of the project are to improve life/safety features, increase vitality and safety for the fans' experience and provide a further investment in the football program.

A Stadium Advisory Committee, chaired by former Governor Dan Evans, is working to align priorities for funding, working collaboratively with Sound Transit, and trying to accelerate so they can do both projects at the same time. Sound Transit begins construction in December 2009. It will likely be six months from now until they know what the scope is. Circular ramps remain. Various scenarios for work that could occur during Sound Transit work, i.e. locating utilities so they won't have to dig again for future construction at the low end. There are about 40 different pieces of work to be done and scenarios for phasing and construction are impossible to predict.

It was asked why they insist on removing the track since they had been able to accommodate so many people when they hosted the Commonwealth Games. The response is that there are several large scale tracks in the area and they felt this space could be used to create a better experience for the football fan.

There was a discussion of the lighting upgrade and objectives that is included in the plan, mostly perimeter upgrades for pedestrian safety. Lights are left on the night before a game for security reasons.

The CUCAC discussed the proposed parking garage and parking at the stadium. Sound Transit will stop right in front of stadium and the University is working closely with the Sound Transit design team. The Sound Transit station at the Stadium will open in 2016. Pacific Street and the new 520 bridge would significantly impact this concept and they would essentially have to go back to the drawing board.

Spaces in the parking garage would be within the 12,300 campus space limit. Comments about keeping the west end from getting too massively high. No schedule for project yet.

### **IV. Data Center Update -- Brad Spencer and Kurtis Jensen**

Kurt Jensen, Project Manager, said the Data Center will be housed in the UW Tower, formerly, the Safeco Building.

Mr. Jensen reviewed the interior remodel plan of Building C's lower level near the loading dock. This building is the Emergency Operation Center for the University of Washington and will take advantage of the emergency generators for back-up power. He said they are on fast track planning because of the need for additional computer capacity and storage. He said they project they will provide 2/3 of the new computing capacity for the next 10-20 years.

He explained that the Data Center creates a lot of heat from computers and this will need to be dissipated. During the winter they will send the heat to the tower and during the summer they will have heat-rejection equipment on the roof of building C. This will consist of a radiator unit with fans to pump water, heated by the excess heat from the Data Center, to the roof level where it will be discharged. These will be screened. Other exterior changes include a new freight elevator equipment to serve the loading dock and two floors above. An emergency generator will provide standby power in case of power failure for approximately a third of the Data Center.

They hired an acoustical consultant to measure the noise from the rooftop fans. Their measurements showed that 80 decibels will be generated 4-5 stories above the street. Their consultant said that most surrounding properties are below this height and won't hear this as the noise will be going up. He added that this will be "low frequency" noise. A CUCAC member stated that "low frequency" noise is not directional and would not "go up" as was previously stated.

Jensen explained that they picked equipment that produces the least amount of noise and will comply with the City of Seattle noise ordinance. He doesn't anticipate an impact at the street. Construction will start mid- 2008 and they hope to be done in mid-2009.

#### **V. UW Medical Center Update -- Eric Smith and Helen Shawcroft**

Helen Shawcroft said they are working with the architecture firm, NBBJ, on a design and construction plan and are halfway through the schematic design phase. The basement space will be below grade. The first floor will house the mechanical and electrical systems, and floor two will be built out over the existing Columbia Road. Floor three will be an interstitial space and a base for mechanical and electrical equipment because floor two will have a high demand for this equipment. Floor four will have a surgical oncology unit and floor five will be a replacement.

Phase II would likely accommodate three additional levels of patient care. Undetermined date for construction of Phase II. Currently contemplating whether to design phase I to add a 9<sup>th</sup> floor to building. Phase II would require major plan amendment. Ms. Shawcroft anticipated that the Regents could approve the schematic design and financing in January or February 2008. EIS scoping will occur in late 2007 or early 2008. Construction would start in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009.

It was asked how they plan to design the road to go beneath the addition and Shawcroft said they will discuss this at a future meeting. A question was raised about how the laundry loading dock would be affected. Shawcroft said they haven't decided this yet, but it is on their radar screen.

#### **VI. General Updates: Theresa Doherty**

Doherty stated that the North of 45<sup>th</sup> Committee met and made recommendations. A second committee has been appointed to implement the Student Conduct Code recommendations. The Student Conduct Code is moving forward and the public comment period was extended because only one person showed up at the Public Comment hearing. She said the draft Student Conduct Code is available online on the Regents website. On November 15 the Board of Regents will meet to vote on it.

Historically, the Seattle Police Department and the UW Police have had jurisdictional issues. Ms. Doherty stated that their separate jurisdictions still exist but the North of 45<sup>th</sup> Street Committee recommended that the creation of a number of incident prevention teams and they seem to be working more collaboratively.

Regarding the Boat Street Marina renovation she said this is moving forward and some construction noise is to be expected. She said they will try and get this done and as quickly and quietly as possible.

#### VII. **Tree Report, Kristine Kenney**

The trees cut down in the Denny yard are associated with the Savery Hall renovation project. A construction trailer will stand where the trees were. Same area will be used for both Savery and Denny Hall construction.

In all eight significant trees were taken down: four English Elms in a state of decline; a Beech tree that had been damaged in the past and was in a state of decline; and some healthy cedars and firs were taken down as a safety precaution in case of high winds. These trees were removed to accommodate a retaining wall for wheelchair accessible parking stalls. They are trying to salvage the wood from trees on campus; encourage contractors to contact local saw mills and furniture companies. Some of the cedar trees went to Seattle Central Community College's building program. Four elm trees went to a local furniture maker. A hornbeam and a big oak were saved. With removal of trees there is more sunlight which will benefit remaining trees.

She said at Architecture Hall some poplars will likely be removed and replaced.

She said they are developing designation criteria for campus trees so when they have a construction project that may require tree removal, they can know which trees are significant and which can come down. She said they researched other criteria, such as the Seattle Heritage Tree Criteria which has three designations: extraordinary, exemplary and significant. These designations are chosen based on the tree's health, structure and contribution to landscape, whether they are a rarity of a species or a good example of a species, and the tree's cultural significance. They plan to establish an endowment fund for tree replacement in the future.

It was noted that trees west of Guggenheim were taken out and a question was raised about whether they would be replaced. She said they will be replaced. She is also, working on a Rainier Vista conceptual plan in front of Guggenheim Hall as a potential gathering area.

The GPS mapping inventory project is well underway with 11,000 completed and about 500 trees left to be inventoried. Many trees left to be identified.

It was asked why there is only one student on the Landscape Advisory Committee when there used to be two. She said the Committee size was becoming unmanageable and it was decided to reduce the size of the Committee to 15 total with one student member. There is a better balance between faculty and staff now.

It was decided to make a determination later about whether to have a December meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.