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**CITY OF SEATTLE - UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Meeting #83**

**January 9, 2007**

**Members Present**

Daniel Kraus, UW Representative  
 Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake.  
 Eric Larson, Roosevelt NA  
 Matt Fox, University District CC  
 Neal Lessenger, UW-at-Large

Kit O'Neill, Ravenna Springs  
 Ashley Emery, UW Faculty Senate  
 Mark Holden, Laurelhurst CC  
 Brett Frosaker, Ravenna Bryant  
 Betty Swift, Portage Bay/Roanoke

**Staff Present**

Laurie Ames, Department of Neighborhoods  
 Theresa Doherty, UW Regional Affairs  
 Jan Arntz, UW Capital Projects

**Others Present**

Steve Tatge, UW Capital Projects  
 Bill Talley, UW Campus Landscape Arch.  
 Kristine Kenney, UW Campus LA

Deb Brown, UW Campus Arborist  
 Jana Wright, GPSS Rep.

**I. Welcome, Introductions**

Daniel Kraus, co-chair, convened the meeting at 7 PM. Committee members and the audience introduced themselves.

**II. Review and Approval of November 14, 2006 Meeting Notes**

With correction of a minor spelling error, meeting notes were approved.

**III. Safeco Tower**

Theresa Doherty provided an update on the recently acquired Safeco Tower. The UW has appointed a committee and is looking at different options for departments who want to move in. UW did ask for operations money for tower, but this was not approved by the legislature. There is a law suit pending. Collegiana Apartments tied to 6 parking spots. IHOP lease is expiring. Principles guiding Committee – UW Week article. UW Outreach and Education Outreach project is on hold. Discussions with construction company are occurring – crane is gone – big hole. remains.

#### IV. Business School

Jan Arntz and Steve Tatge, Project Manager for the proposed Business School projects, (Phase I and II) briefed the Committee on the scope of the project. Steve described both phases of the project and Jan identified the elements of the environment which would be addressed in the Draft Supplemental EIS. Jan stated that the University will be issuing a Scoping Notice and asked the Committee if there were additional elements of the environment which should be analyzed in the environmental documents. No additional elements were identified and the Committee concurred with the Capital Projects Office regarding issuance of the scoping notice and determination to prepare a draft supplemental environmental impact statement. Both phases are included in the EIS that is being scoped.

Schematics for Phase I are 75% done and construction is anticipated to start in September, 2008. Phase I is privately funded. The Phase II Building will replace the existing Balmer Hall. There was discussion on the loss of parking that will result from these projects. The University currently has 12,300 parking stalls. Staff was asked to provide more information at a future meeting on what happens when parking is displaced by new construction, how rates are determined, and other parking related issues.

#### V. Campus Trees

Deborah Brown, Campus Arborist gave a report on campus trees and the impacts of storm damage, construction, and planned tree hazard removals. She is working to preserve a significant Water Oak tree that may be impacted by Business School construction. Savery Hall foundation work and waterproofing will require the removal of some trees. Although there is currently no comprehensive replacement plan, an inventory of trees is being done. It may be possible to use the inventory for long-range planning.

The Triangle parking situation was discussed as a mono-culture planting model that has not been successful. Sound Transit will be using the site for their construction staging. A popular book by Frank Brockman that provided a tour of the vegetation of the UW is out of print and needs to be redone.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

February 5 e-mail from Theresa Doherty in response to questions that were raised at January meeting.

Dear CUCAC members,

We have surveyed the UW project managers and found that there are no pressing issues that need to come before CUCAC in February. And, given that Cliff is on medical leave and DON is short staffed in the area of Major Institutions, the Co-Chairs have agreed that the February meeting can be cancelled.

However, there were several issues on which CUCAC wanted to be briefed, so I have included information below that I thought you could read to keep you up-to-speed on the issues you asked about last month.

Next month, Marilyn Cox (UW Tower Planner) and Peter Dewey (Traffic report) can come to the meeting to report on their respective areas.

Status of Educational Outreach building construction:

Below is a link to a recent article in the Daily that outlines the current status of the Educational Outreach Building:

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<http://www.thedaily.washington.edu/article/2007/1/17/constructionHaltedOnNewUwBuilding>

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SR 520 Update:

There have been many stories in the paper recently about the Viaduct rebuild which indirectly relate to SR 520. Besides those stories, there is really nothing new about the SR 520 debate.

I have attached a report issued by WSDOT that inventories the comments received by WSDOT on the project.

Update on Planning for UW Tower:

Marilyn Cox is coordinating the UW's planning for the occupancy of the UW Tower. She will be able to attend the March meeting, but in the meantime, the University has created a web-page that can answer any questions you might have about the tower planning process. The link is:

<http://www.washington.edu/admin/pb/UW-Tower/index.htm>

On the issue of who will manage the 727 stall parking garage, the UW Transportation Services office will manage the garage. The stalls are outside of the major institutional boundaries so they are not part of the 13,200 parking cap but they are part of the trip cap so they will be managed accordingly. The two surface parking lots will not be managed by the UW but will most likely be operated by a private company. The Real Estate Office is currently working this issue.

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