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City of Seattle - University of Washington
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DRAFT MEETING NOTES
 October 14, 2008
 CUCAC Meeting #94
 7:00 – 9:00 University Tower – 22nd Fl

Members Present

Dan Kraus, UW Staff
 Matt Fox, U District Community Council
 Pat Cowan, University Park Community Council
 Elaine King, Laurelhurst Community Council
 Dave Eckert, Roosevelt Neighbors' Association
 Neal Lessenger, UW at Large
 Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake Community Council
 Ashley Emery, UW Faculty

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Jan Arntz, UW CPO
 Andy Casillas, Sound Transit
 Brian Ramey, U District Community Council
 Greg Miller,
 Gary Baldasari,
 Aaron Hoard,

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dan Kraus called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and introductions were made.

II. Cunningham Hall Relocation Proposal – Theresa Doherty

CUCAC had requested that UW go back to the drawing board. The Committee especially disliked the Parrington Hall site. Jan Arntz stated that there is a small site to the west of Parrington Hall that the University has looked at for placement of Cunningham which would be a better new development site and pointed it out on a map. The reason this issue did not come up earlier is because she had assumed that Cunningham Hall would remain in original location. In addition, Jan expressed that the Molecular Engineering Project poses hardship to Cunningham Hall due to the 4-6 yrs construction and the shadowy effects of new building on Cunningham if it remained where it is.. UW said that there are no current campus development sites that would accommodate a very small, 2,500 GSF site. A committee formed by Provost Wise reviewed several current development sites as well as sites that were not listed in the CMP. CUCAC felt that of the sites reviewed, Denny Hall and the Island Grove plans least objectionable. The current residents of Cunningham Hall and the Site Selection Committee members chose Parrington Hall as their top location due to its greater bus access. The committee thought that the Island Grove is too far from the core of campus. The Site Selection Committee members met with the Faculty Council and the Council expressed that Island Grove should be preserved for its open space and they were

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The open space is 7 acres. Daniel Kraus asked how many students can occupy Denny Hall at full capacity. The answer was 87 students.

Matt Fox said that both sites are incompatible with the Comprehensive Master Plan. The property must be conserved. Under this scheme, you could declare Denny yard a building. Someone else should have said 'no'. You would have hit an unholy buzz saw had open space been proposed for a building site. Island Grove and Parrington Hall has significant open space. The whole concept thinking for building sites #25 is footage versus flexibility.

Dave Eckert asked if there are other off-campus sites. The UW representative responded that the Site Selection Committee did consider the site that had been reserved for the Education Outreach Building on west campus. But this site was not considered suitable for this particular building.

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Ashley Emery asked what about using a surface lot?

Matt Stubbs reiterated opposition to establishing new building sites and wants to consider Matt Fox's friendly amendment to vote in opposition of the current proposal. Matthew Stubbs said there are trade-offs between flexibility versus timelines.

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Matt Fox moved the committee toward a vote to oppose the Minor Plan Amendment. Matt believes that the committee fundamentally are at odds with open space policies. This Minor Plan Amendment would set precedent for other open spaces. He wants to emphasize that the school keeps Cunningham Hall and relocate the facility. Matt Fox reiterated opposition to establishing new building sites.

Daniel Kraus mentioned about the Longhouse and its potential for a relocation site. It has an area of 18,000 GSF and is bigger than the Island Grove property.

Matt Fox volunteered to draft the letter on behalf of the committee to state the group's opposition to the current proposal.

Ashley Emery asked if there are other ways to receiving documents versus electronic because sometimes past document file sizes are too large to transmit through his email.

III. Housing and Food Services Housing Plan – (Rob Lubin, Josh Cavanaugh & Paul Brown)

The Housing and Food Services division is proposing to develop a new site (displayed as site # 31 on the chart that was handed out to the committee members) with two lots behind Condon Hall. The University wants to accommodate the ever-growing incoming freshman classes. This facility will have double room with 500 beds. The height of the building will be up to 70 feet with six to seven floors.

Ashley Emery asked if there is going to be onsite parking at location labeled #29 on the map? Josh Cavanaugh responded that a ground level will be turned into a surface parking lot. The parking lot will be slightly sloped at this particular location.

Neal Lessenger asked if the HFS is planning to acquire the Cavalier Apts? Josh Cavanaugh said, 'yes'.

Matt Fox asked how many units are in the Cavalier Apts? Josh Cavanaugh did not have an answer at the moment.

Pat Cowan asked if the UW not a commuter school? Josh Cavanaugh said that President Emmert is moving toward getting more freshmen to live on campus.

Neil Lessenger also asked about the addition behind Lander Hall. Josh Cavanaugh responded that the University is interested in leasing the space to a small grocery or market with that space which would provide quality food service to the student residences.

Matt Fox points out that the sites numbered #30W and #31W are one of four gateways to the campus.

Dave Eckert said that the site labeled #35 would be a good place to relocate Cunningham Hall and he hopes that the UW would renovate Terry-Lander Hall.

Neil Lessenger asked when will UW go for financing with these projects? Josh Cavanaugh responded that they will seek bond financing in February or March of 2009.

Matt Fox asked if the owner of Cavalier apartment is willing to sell their property? Josh Cavanaugh said, 'yes'.

Matt Fox said that not withstanding concerns with issues of "compatibility with underlining zoning", he is generally supportive of the Cavalier / Commodore College Inn project.

IV. Lewis Hall Project

The building was constructed in 1899 as a dormitory for men used by the business school and will be the Information School in the future. The establishment of the Information School necessitates additions of up to three stories of mechanical equipment. The design will not mimic the historic structure rather it will blend decorative bricks with modern glasses to express a sense of newness with the Information School. A particular challenge with this project is the low ceilings that has a height between ten and eleven feet.

Jan Artanz said that there is a SEPA checklist with mitigated DNS that will be scheduled with CUCAC meetings.

Neil Lessenger asked if state funding is involved in this project and the answer was 'yes'.

V. Elections

Pursuant to the CUCAC by-laws, the committee held an election for officers. Pat Cowan made a motion to elect Dan Kraus and Matt Fox as co-chairs for another term. The motion was approved 7-0 (yes/no) in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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