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MEETING NOTES

March 11, 2008

CUCAC Meeting #90

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

(approved June 6, 2008)

Members Present

Dan Kraus, UW Staff

Chris McKenzie, Wallingford Community Council

Betty Swift, Portage Bay/Roanoke

Matthew Stubbs, Eastlake Community Council

Matt Fox, U District Community Council

Matthew Steel, Associated Students of UW (ASUW)

Brian Ramey, University District Community Council (alternate)

Staff Present

Theresa Doherty, UW Regional Affairs

Cliff Louie, Department of Neighborhoods

Others Present

Joel Matulys, UW Capital Projects Office (CPO)

Jan Arntz, UW CPO

Brian Bernard, UW CPO

Helen Shawcroft, UW Medical Center

Crystal Daniels, Department of Neighborhoods

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Review and approve meeting notes – February 12, 2008

The February 12 CUCAC meeting notes were not approved because there was not a quorum present. Review and approval will be deferred until the next meeting.

III. UW Medical Center Expansion

Helen Showcroft and Eric Smith, UW Medical Center, gave an update about the UW Medical Center expansion. She mentioned that both of them were at the November meeting. The UW Board of Regents had unanimously approved of the expansion project at their February meeting. Construction is expected to begin in January 2009.

Phase I would be constructed on the south side of the existing medical building, over the loading dock and partially over Columbia Road. This new tower will connect with the existing two inpatient medical towers. The loading dock would be re-configured on the first floor. The new first floor will include space for an expanded area for the Diagnostic Imaging Department and the second floor accommodate additional surgery space. Included in the expansion will be Interstitial space. The fourth floor will house the Replacement Unit and Intensive Care Unit (ICU); and the fifth floor would accommodate the Surgical Oncology Department.

Initially, the design/development was for nine (9) floors, but such an expansion would require a major amendment to the current campus master plan. The Board of Regents requested that the design show fewer floors. The new design showed 8 floors, and floors 6 through 8 would be built as shells with no interior improvements. Another issue is whether there is sufficient funding to build out the top three floors.

Eric Smith provided more details with three display boards with computer rendered illustrations by the architect, NBBJ. The illustrations showed sections of the new tower; the exterior using materials within the context of the existing buildings. The new building shows the use a lot of glass to capture the natural light from the south, in the attempt to make the building as sustainable as possible. Betty Swift commented on the fact that the new tower looks for different. She was concerned that there is an “industrial” look to the south campus. Eric Smith noted that the exterior is “making a major statement” regarding the future look of the south campus. The UW hopes in the future to make the south campus more aesthetically pleasing. The building will not be cantilevered because it has too much mass.

Matt Fox asked about truck circulation and whether the loading dock will be keep operable. It will be a challenge Eric Smith said for keeping the loading dock open for deliveries and garbage pick-ups. The UW is working very hard to “beat” Sound Transit before it begins its construction to build a station near Husky Stadium. The UW hopes to have the UWMC expansion finished before Sound Transit starts digging.

Jan Arntz thought the next time the UW would brief the committee on the UWMC expansion would be when the SDEIS (Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement) is published. She thought the document may be published next month. Theresa Doherty emphasized with the proposed station location that Sound Transit must have a pedestrian bridge. Presently they are in the process of obtaining a permit for a pedestrian overpass to move people over Montlake or to the hospital.

IV. Molecular Engineering Building

Brian Bernard, UW Capital Projects Office, used display boards to conceptually show the Molecular Engineering Building. Programmatically, 80% will have labs and involve high end research, and have a graduate focus. The School of Engineering will be the primary tenant and Arts and Science will occupy some space. The architect will be ZGF. Phase I will develop approximately 77,000 square feet, and of that amount the State has agreed to fund \$49 million (39,000 SF) of the approximate \$62.5 million cost.

The Molecular Engineering Building will be off Stevens Way. He showed a plan view of the site within the context of the surrounding buildings, and it will be near Johnson Hall.

Phase II building would be on Grant Way, adjacent to Molecular Engineering Building. The second building would be about 6/7 stories tall, but would not be any taller than Johnson Hall. Both of the buildings would be eventually connected.

The Phase I building is in Schematic Design. Construction is projected to begin in December 2009 and be completed by October 2011. The site allows for 180,000 SF, but the construction of both buildings will not exceed 160,000 SF.

Theresa Doherty asked about the Molecular Engineering Buildings and their siting and their relationship to Cunningham Hall, which is a historic landmark. Brian Bernard said one of the considerations is to re-locate Cunningham Hall, but UW is examining another option. Other concern discussed is how is Stevens Way, its edge to be defined in relation of the new buildings and how they are sited/facing creating a better pedestrian feel.

V. General Updates

Theresa Doherty stated that Moore Hall has been decommissioned that formerly house a nuclear reactor. The demolition will be done this summer.

Matt Fox commented on the proposed new sign for the University Towers. Prior to tonight's meeting Cliff Louie e-mailed photo enhanced illustrations of the proposed new sign for University Towers (formerly SAFECO) to CUCAC members. There were general comments, and no one indicated any dislike for the proposed new signage. There were some concerns expressed, such as, what it will look like at night; will it be energy efficient. Theresa Doherty asked Aaron Hoard to contact the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to inquire if there were any public comments about the proposed sign. And there were none, according to Aaron Hoard that he was aware of.

Brian Ramey inquired about the amount of square footage that has been developed and what is the balance according to the campus master plan. Matt Fox asked if the square footage information per sector, both developed and remaining, could be presented at the next CUCAC meeting. Theresa Doherty thought with the UW Medical Center expansion, it maximizes the square footage allowable for the south campus sector. She agreed to provide the information by sector (four sectors) for the next meeting.

Chris McKenzie asked about the status of the Pacific Inter-change for the proposed new 520 Bridge. One of the options was a Pacific Inter-change in the EIS. Theresa Doherty said there is a 34 member mediation panel for reviewing the various Pacific Inter-change options and make recommendations. She briefly explained that there are 11 options that have been reviewed. Presently, there is a K option of tunneling beneath the Montlake Cut and a K Lite alternative of a second draw bridge connecting with the proposed first draw bridge. There are three options serious being considered: adding a second draw bridge (Bascule Bridge) connecting to the first one; tunnel beneath Pacific; and tunnel underneath Marsh Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.