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Members and Alternates Present

Matt Fox	Jorgen Bader
Kent Willis	Eric Larson
Kerry Kahl	Jan Arntz
Ray Larson	Yvonne Sanchez
Jean Amick	

Staff and Others Present

Steve Sheppard	Theresa Doherty
Kristine Kenney	
Eric Smith	
Dave Anderson	

(See sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Matthew Fox opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed. Mr. Fox noted that Mr. Jorgen Bader had requested to add a brief consideration of a statement to the agenda.

II. Housekeeping – Approval of Agenda

Mr. Fox commented that he would like to add an amendment to the October minutes regarding the discussion of minor amendments for the new dorms in the North Campus on page 3, where he raised concerns regarding the loss of the last affordable dormitories be reflected in the minutes. With this change, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Sheppard noted that CUCAC has a new member representing Eastlake Community Council- Ms. Yvonne Sanchez. He noted that Ms. Sanchez previously served a as the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods and that her knowledge and expertise would help this

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organization.

II. SR520 Arboretum Land Restoration

Mr. Jorgan Bader was recognized to discuss property replacements in the vicinity of the west approach to the SR 5120 bridge. He stating that WSDOT came out with a final design concept that addresses the west approach bridge north, which is a refinement that they brought before. The document did not adequately discuss actions south of 520 except taking out of the ramps from the old R. H. Thompson Ramps. Various community groups have requested restoration of lost land in this area for years. Mr. Bader requested that CUCAC write letter be concerning this issue and suggested the following wording:

The City of Seattle - University of Washington Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC) recommends that the design for the West Approach Bridge North of SR 520 call for restoring to the Arboretum/Arboretum use the area of the former R.H. Thomson and Arboretum ramps when those structures are removed.

It was moved and seconded that CUCAC do so. The motion passed.

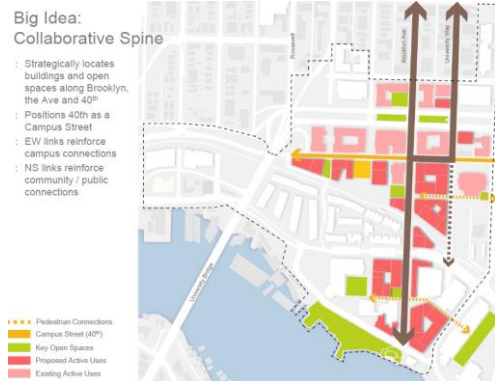
III. West Campus Design Framework – Caitlyn Clauson

Ms. Caitlyn Clauson was recognized to discuss the West Campus Design Framework. Ms. Clauson noted that she previously presented this project to CUCAC in August. Since then the University has identified three different scenarios for presentation at this meeting. The University is interested in receiving initial feedback from CUCAC.

Ms. Clauson briefly summarized variables used to develop the three scenarios; these were: 1) identity, which describes the problematic quantity and different approaches to accommodate density; 2) mix and uses, that describes the overall organizational structure and different approaches to landscape including urban gardens, single and larger open spaces, and 3) circulation, where the focus is on enabling projects and interest in connectivity throughout the West Campus.

Ms. Clauson summarized the scenarios as follows: 1) Strong Spine, describes working towards stabilizing Brooklyn through a collaborative corridor, leveraging near term sites, support and collaboration among different constituencies beyond the university communities and creating spaces that are welcoming and inviting. 2) Three Hearts, describes observations of distinct characteristics of these areas of the West Campus by exploring the greatest amount of development opportunities that exist today and its activities. 3) Expanding waterfront further north, is a bold gesture by integrating the West Campus and bringing it near to the waterfront. Ms. Clauson mentioned that there have been discussions with several students and most of them are not aware that the waterfront is available to them. This scenario celebrates their amenities and is visible and intuitive to the broader community.

Strong Spine



The Strong Sign scenario looks at strategically locating developing buildings that reinforces Brooklyn and its connections – smaller open spaces. The overall proposed build out of the buildings (diagram shown), the scheme is 2.7 million gross sq. ft. of development and the overall building out is 1 million gross sq. ft.

Three Hearts



The Three Hearts scenario shows three distinct zones and neighborhood. The scenario proposes a middle zone and an introduction of a new urban plaza by the Burke-Gilman trail. Further to the north with the new precinct, a land that is not use by the university, a need for additional open space or a campus parkway as a proposal intent. Another proposal to widen or expand the width of the median as a broaden open space amenity.

Members asked how this scenario dealt with transportation. He noted possible changes both the Roosevelt Way, Campus Parkway and Pacific Street. . Ms. Clauson responded that specifics have not been determined, but there is a desire to decrease the speed of cars or street modifications to calm traffic. Ms. Doherty stated that Pacific narrows down to two lanes to introduce a median. Ms. Clauson mentioned that a median exists today and a proposal include removing the median and introducing curbs.

Campus and City Meet at the Shoreline (Central Open Space)



This scenario is working toward an overall development of 4.35 million sq. ft. Expanding the waterfront parking further north is a bold gesture as it further extends into the University property and is a very significant and strong civic gesture for the university and the community. This scenario further improves the visibility of open space by bringing it into the Burke-Gilman trail. Other changes in this scenario includes introduction of a broader waterfront park, and shifting the density further to the north. The intent is to maintain fisheries, great visibility, access, and the introduction of pavilions. The overall sq. footage in this scheme is about 4.4 million sq. ft. accommodating the increase of building to the north.

General Comments

Members noted that these scenarios all appear to anticipate more employees and increased enrollment. Ms. Clauson responded that the scenario is not totally driven by these factors. However, she noted that a decision has been made to accommodate most future growth on West Campus and about 75% of future University Growth is proposed to occur in the West Campus. Other universities have similar districts and Ms. Clauson mentioned that University of Pennsylvania have similar scenarios.

Members noted that in all scenarios it would be important to carefully evaluate local traffic and ease of access. The new 520 bridge is projected to add 200 more cars during rush hour to NE Pacific Street. Both Pacific and West Campus Parkway are important east-west corridors and great care needs to be given to maintaining that movement. Ms. Clauson responded that she will ask the transportation consultants to take a look at all these scenarios and work with WSDOT, SDOT, etc.

Ms. Doherty stated that near the end of this year, a preliminary draft and EIS would be completed. She also noted that this master plan will look at development within the major institution's boundaries.

A comment was made regarding the central plaza on the second scenario with the relationship to the bike path. Ms. Clauson mentioned that she heard the same feedback from other groups and that the grade will be separated and the bike path on an upper grade and pedestrians will have a path to navigate on the grade changes.

Members expressed an initial preference for the central open space rather than the triangle open format because it will be more use to the people working there to have the space disbursed through the West Campus.

IV. New Business

Ms. Doherty mentioned that she and Rebecca Barnes will be both working on the master plan and she will devote working full time on the master plan. The master plan is projected to take about three and a half to four years.

Ms. Doherty briefly mentioned that the search for the new University president is in process. The process may take a full year to complete.

V. Adjournment

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

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