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

**Meeting Minutes  
Meeting #142  
July 14, 2015**

UW Tower  
4333 Brooklyn Avenue - 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, WA 98105

**Members and Alternates Present**

Matt Fox	Ashley Emery	Eric Larson
Kerry Kahl	Douglas Campbell	John Gaines
Brett Frosaker	Barbara Quinn	Jan Arntz
Kathy Laughman	Jeannie Hale (Alt.)	Yvonne Sanchez

**Staff and Others Present**

Steve Sheppard	Theresa Doherty	Maureen Sheehan
Sally Clark	Steve Harrison	Eldon Tam
Alaina Fuld	Rebecca Barnes	Allison Hughes
John Palewicz	Troy Stahlecker	

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Matthew Fox opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed. Mr. Steve Sheppard introduced Ms. Maureen Sheehan as his successor.

**II. Housekeeping**

Mr. Fox noted that the North Campus Housing Project update will be presented to CUCAC at September meeting.

Mr. Fox provided minor changes and amendments to the Draft Meeting notes for the June meeting. Mr. Sheppard noted all changes and agreed to update the minutes accordingly.

A question was raised regarding the Montlake Lid revision section of the June minutes and whether the 40 ft. wall that comprises the quality of the public space. Mr. Fox stated that he does not remember and will contact the presenter for specific details.

With the changes noted above, the June minutes was approved as amended.

Mr. Fox stated that he had some concerns about the February minutes. In the section on the West Campus project, it understated the level of concern of CUCAC with the effects on street vacations and traffic. There was no consensus or clear preference among CUCAC members. He recommended deletion of the sentence on page 4 of the February minutes that states:

*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.*

Mr. Fox also stated that the second paragraph on Page 4 that states:

*Members noted that in all scenarios it would be important to carefully evaluate local traffic and ease of access.*

Should be followed with a new sentence:

*Members expressed serious concerns about the proposed street vacations and their effects on traffic.*

With the changes noted above, the February minutes was approved.

A request was made to provide updated minutes to CUCAC members.

Mr. Fox commented that appreciated the semi-annual project status reports that the Board of Regents receives. It has been helpful for CUCAC to see the complete view of the projects.

### **III. Project Updates**

#### **A. Burke Museum Update**

Ms. Alaina Fuld, Director of External Affairs for the Burke Museum and Mr. Eldon Tam, Project Manager for the Burke Museum Expansion Project were introduced to provide a brief introduction and update on the expansion project.

Ms. Fuld stated that the current Museum is about 130 years old, founded in 1885. About 16 million objects are currently stored in the museum. In the last 130 years, the Museum collections has grown tremendously. The Burke is a research and collection based Museum; its curators are University of Washington faculty members. The museum is part of the Washington State Museum of Natural History and Culture and the State Legislature has designated it as a Museum of Natural History.

The Museum lacks sufficient space to show its collections. This is a major dilemma. As a result, the Museum's vast collection is hidden from the public. The goal is to build a new facility that addresses this challenge, and is safe, secure and transparent.

Planning has been ongoing for five years. Factors driving this planning include providing an efficient connection between the Museum, the campus, and the community with the upcoming new light rail transit. Currently, the museum is oriented is oriented toward the campus. The new facility will attempt to change that.

**Note: Ms. Fuld provided a diagram on where the museum project and work planning would be.**

The plan is to take advantage of the 18,000/day pedestrians that will be using the University District light rail station. The pathway from that station onto the campus will pass directly south of the Museum. The goal is to integrate this with the adjacent plazas in a safe and inviting manner. The new Burke Museum parking area will also be more accessible to other uses such as farmer's markets events and outside activities. In addition, there will be rental space available to the community outside the museum hours for meetings.

Under the University Master Plan, a second building is allowable on site. Currently, there are no plans to do so, but if another building is to be built, it will be above the parking structure.

The Museum's goal is to break down barriers and provide an opportunity for the visitors to interact with those doing research and witness the vast collections of cultural, biological and geological objects. Currently, about 30% of the work are visible and accessible to the public.

The timeline has been adjusted with the goal to begin construction in the fall of 2016 and open in 2019. The project has received \$26 million from the State of Washington; more will be needed, and while this was a tough budget year, the University is optimistic that additional State funding will become available. In addition, the Museum will coordinate a private fundraising campaign. The Museum will remain open as long as it can during construction.

Mr. Fox noted that there is not an EIS and design is underway. There is not a comment period. He asked how CUCAC can comment. Mr. Tam responded that the University could provide more specific renderings about the project to CUCAC and would provide time for CUCAC to provide its comments. They would also be happy to make presentations to different neighborhood groups.

Mr. Sheppard noted that over the years CUCAC has expressed concern over treatment of the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue façades. He was glad to see the clear glass area, but noted that a large portion of that facade appears to be opaque. Mr. Tam responded that this is due to a combination of floor plates and internal programming.

Members asked if this project would also focus on the environment and its natural habitat. Ms. Fuld responded that the Museum is also a natural history museum, and will include areas for students and the public to gather amidst northwest native plants.

Mr. Brett Forsaker stated that the presentation lacks specific details regarding landscaping, etc. He would like to see more details about the drawings to provide further comment. Ms. Fuld responded that they will provide a more accurate picture at future CUCAC updates. Mr. Fox agreed that future updates would be useful.

Mr. Fox and Mr. Forsaker commented that it would be beneficial for CUCAC to receive the presentations prior to the meeting in order for the committee to have time to provide meaningful comments.

## **B. Life Sciences**

Mr. Troy Stahlecker, project manager for the Capital Projects for the University, provided a brief presentation update on the Life Sciences building, and provided presentation materials to explain the project in detail.

He stated that the project began about spring of 2014 and CUCAC received an initial update in October 2014 at the end of the pre-design phase. The project is wrapping up its schematic design. Little has changed since the October 2014 presentation.

**Note: Mr. Stahlecker provided a diagram presentation on where the project site is.**

They have advanced the façade. A historical review of the project site was made and appropriate personnel will be on-site for any historical excavations, and an archaeological study of the site completed. These are included in the EIS.

The building has been carefully planned to integrate the Burke-Gilman trail as well as highlight the plants and greenhouses from the trail.

The building will have a strictly controlled environment as required to accommodate research type studies and activities in the building, as well as different types of shadings surrounding the building.

He provided a handout that included details on construction cost and other information. He noted that he would like to come back to CUCAC with further updates.

## **C. West Campus Utility Project**

Mr. Steve Harrison, project manager for the West Campus Utility project provided an update. He stated that the project will provide chilled water and emergency power to the West Campus but will not provide heat or normal power due to its limited scope. The reason for this project is due to supply and demand. The South Campus has grown tremendously and the existing power plant could no longer provide sufficient support. This plant will support the Sciences, Fisheries and Hitchcock buildings and allow for increased future loads in the South Campus. The plant will be constructed in phases and will ultimately serve many of the campus buildings after its full buildout.

Mr. Forsaker asked whether it is a backup generator. Mr. Harrison responded that the emergency power aspect is the backup power; it will be when the lights go out, light safety issues and critical loads that support research.

A question was raised about its power source. Mr. Harrison mentioned that the chillers will run normal grid power from Seattle City Light, but the University will own the downstream aspect and the emergency power customer will be us.

The site footprint is very small and one of goals of this project to provide quality architectural statement that is appropriate for the campus gateway site. One of the design challenges is the box equipment that will be on the roof. This will require a lot of work to provide better aesthetics and address acoustics as well. The goal is to create a character that fits with the goals of the University as well as anticipate any future requirements for the campus.

One of the major goals of the utility plant is to express the University's commitment to sustainability at the street level and it took some time to evolve and have the public the opportunity to see the equipment itself.

He mentioned at the last presentation, the screen wall material is yet to be determined. They have settled on a translucent polycarbonate screen wall. Mr. Forsaker asked about what they are going to do with the massive screen. Mr. Harrison noted that they would put attention to the aesthetics of the street.

#### **IV. Campus Master Plan and City/University Agreement – Theresa Doherty**

CUCAC agreed to discuss this topic in the September meeting due to time constraints. CUCAC decided to have a meeting in August.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

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