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July 3, 2025 MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Clare Kurth, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the June 13, 2025, Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Bob Choquette (Chair), Deborah Butler, Janell Cottam,
Cheyenne Dickenson, Michael Griffel, Norma Kehdi,
Talieq Lopez-DuBoff, Kevin Reed, Janet Rose, Daniel Rosenberg,
Hal Sadofsky, Philip Speranza

CPC Staff: Clare Kurth (Campus Planning)

Guests: Landree Coats (Student), Paul Comery (Transportation Services),
Andrew Cohen (Rowell Brokaw), James Crepea (The Oregonian),
Becket DeChant (CPFM), Laura Durgerian (Mithun),
Dorothy Faris (Mithun), Amber Gieger (Student),
Chelsea McCann (Walker Macy), Michael Luna (UO Student Orientation),
Luke Helm (CPFM), Lauren Meyer (CPFM), Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning),
Matt Roberts (Communications), Devon Shea (Athletics),
Jody Sykes (Athletics), Payton Villescascas (Walker Macy)

CPC Agenda

1. 13th Avenue Redesign Phase A (Kincaid Street/13th Avenue) – Schematic Design Review Follow Up

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to review Phase A (Kincaid Street to Lillis Plaza) of the 13th Avenue Redesign Project's response to the CPC's recommended conditions of approval, updates to the entry/gateway design, and structure for the covered seating that was not included in the previous schematic design review.

CPC Staff reviewed project history, relevant campus planning patterns and principles, and scope of CPC review.

Luke Helm (CPFM) provided an overview of the project scope to be reviewed by the committee, relevant conditions of approval for review, and a brief overview of modifications to the schematic design previously recommended for approval by the CPC at the December 13, 2024, CPC meeting.

Chelsea McCann (Walker Macy) provided an overview of the full 13th Avenue Redesign project and discussed how the design for Phase A has continued to progress. McCann indicated Phase A will set a precedent for the project as a whole as it will be the first segment of the project to be implemented and is a main gateway into campus. McCann reviewed the design with specific attention to the structure, updated gateway features, and paving materials as well as the approach to revise and right size bike parking in this project phase.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members and guests with clarification comments from Helm, McCann, and Aaron Olsen (CPFM):

Regarding bicyclist/scooter and pedestrian interactions:

- Member: What strategies are being used to discourage wheeled transportation modes from cutting across the pedestrian plaza? Consider the use of visual cues to encourage wheeled modes of transportation to use the correct path.
 - Helm/McCann: The use of bollards between the gateway columns will encourage use of the correct route. Different colored concrete and scoring designs have been considered to create contrasting visual cues to further encourage correct pathway usage.
- Member: The alignment of the bike path feels street like and like a simple solution rather than the best.
- Member: What will the interaction at the 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street interchange be when transitioning from campus to city streets?
 - McCann: Refinements for final alignment are still being considered, but will include striping across the intersection to connect people to the bike lanes on adjacent streets.
 - Olsen: The interchange is in the city right of way (ROW) and will require coordination with the city.
- Member: Is the pedestrian area being increased?
 - McCann: Yes. The pedestrian area will be increased, and the wheeled areas will decrease in width. The minimum pedestrian area will be 10 feet in width. Tree wells and trees have been added along the north edge that will provide separation from wheeled modes of transportation and pedestrians.

Regarding the shelter and outdoor furniture:

- Member: Not persuaded that this is the best location for a covered shelter.
- Member: Who is responsible for the maintenance of the furniture and who is responsible for ensuring the furniture is not subject to theft?
 - Olsen: CPFM would likely be responsible for maintenance of the furnishings.
 - McCann: Site furniture would be permanently affixed or built into the site.

- Member: The shelter seems to be of a different architectural character than the adjacent historical buildings in this area and the mature campus landscaping.
 - McCann: The shelter design is intended to be a simple and timeless approach that will be repeated and compatible with buildings styles throughout the 13th Avenue Axis. The shelter design pulls from existing campus elements (i.e. covered bike racks)
- Member: Appreciate the proposed columns and lanterns on the gateway features.
- Member: Plaza concrete design scale is large and appears incompatible with context of adjacent buildings (E.g. Chiles and Patterson) and smaller scale concrete pattern may indicate a pedestrian area better.
 - Helm/McCann: This project will be using scored concrete rather than pavers due to campus maintenance standards.
- Guest: Appreciates the outdoor furniture to promote community and interactions outside of classes.

Regarding service access:

- Member: Will the bike racks be removable to meet fire code requirements for the ASUO Street Faire?
 - McCann: Yes. The project team is working with the fire marshal to ensure these criteria can be met and will be using the UO standard bike rack that allows for removal.
- Guest: Campus service vehicles require bidirectional travel of 13th avenue.
 - Olsen: Campus service vehicles, like golf carts and Kubotas, will be allowed bidirectional travel. West bound travel is only intended for full-size vehicles.

Action: With 10 in favor and 2 opposed, the committee agreed that the **13th Avenue Redesign Phase A (Kincaid Street/13th Avenue) – Schematic Design Review** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following condition:

1. Ensure clear visual distinction in the pedestrian plaza between the wheel areas and pedestrian areas.

2. Beach Volleyball Storage and Restroom Building – Schematic Design Review

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to review the schematic design for the beach volleyball storage and restroom building.

CPC Staff reviewed the project history, scope of CPC review, and relevant *Campus Plan* patterns and principles.

Devon Shea (Athletics) discussed project goals, benefits of the facility related to the program needs, and operational uses.

Jody Sykes (Athletics) thanked the project team and CPC for their time and effort on this project and expressed gratitude for being able to attend the meeting

Landree Coates (Student) thanked the project team and CPC for their time and effort on this project and expressed gratitude for this program being able to grow into what it can be.

Luke Helm (CPFM) provided an update of the construction timeline for the beach volleyball project and related demolition of the Hamilton Hall project.

Laura Durgerian (Mithun): Provided an overview of the site, beach volleyball facility (approved November 2024), and building design. The overview including integration of the new restroom and storage building, building materials, and compatibility with adjacent structures, use of landscaping for screening, building integration into the site, and rain runoff from the roof. Discussed the use of UO Beach Volleyball branding on the building to enhance visual interest without implying public access. Discussed adjacent uses in relation to the facility and the programmatic needs of beach volleyball. Reviewed relevant *Campus Plan* Principles, including building and landscape maintenance, open-space framework, and campus trees.

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members and guests with clarification comments from Andrew Cohen (Rowell Brokaw), Durgerian, Helm, and Aaron Olsen (CPFM):

Regarding building design:

- Member: What are the dimensions of the building
 - Cohen: The building will be 14 feet x 20 feet which will meet the storage needs of the program and provide space for the restroom facility.
- Member: How many restroom stalls will there be and how was the number of stalls determined?
 - Helm/Sykes: The building will have a single restroom stall and storage. One stall is adequate as the intended use is for the team during practices only. Locker room facilities are located in Matt Knight Arena for athletes and nearby restroom facilities could be used for spectators. During matches and tournaments temporary facilities may be provided if needed.

Regarding site function and maintenance:

- Member: Are the volleyball courts open to students outside of team practices and game times?
 - Sykes: The courts are intended to be used by all students when not in use by athletics.
 - Cohen: The fence seen in the renderings is meant as a buffer, not as securing the site.
- Member: Does sand need to be covered and how is sand loss managed?
 - Helm: Sand does not need to be covered. The low seating walls provide both spectator seating and help prevent sand loss.

- Member: Where will the site for the temporary restroom facilities be and what will the duration be if they are needed?
 - Shea/Sykes: No definite location has been determined. Facilities would not be onsite for extended periods of time (2-3 days at most for a tournament event).
- Guest: Who will maintain the facility, both inside and out?
 - Shea: Likely athletics will be responsible for maintenance unless an agreement is established with CPFM.

Action: With 10 in favor and 1 abstention the committee agreed that the **Beach Volleyball Storage and Restroom Building Schematic Design** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.

3. *Campus Plan* Outdoor Sign Plan – Proposal for Vehicular Wayfinding Signage on Agate Street and 13th Avenue

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to review a proposal for vehicular wayfinding signage along Agate Street and 13th Avenue to improve campus visitors locating the 13th Avenue parking garage, Student Welcome Center, and other typical destinations for first-time campus visitors.

CPC Staff provided an overview of the project and reviewed relevant *Campus Plan* patterns and principles.

Michael Luna (UO Student Orientation) provided an overview of the importance of the proposed signage for first time campus visitors, particularly related to the Student Welcome Center.

Aaron Olsen (CPFM) provided an overview of the proposed locations for signage, campus context, and indicated the design was coordinated with UO Communications to ensure consistency with UO branding.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members and guests with clarification comments from Luna, Olsen, and Emily Eng (Campus Planning):

- Members: Express overall support for the signage proposal for improved wayfinding and decreased visual clutter.
- Member: Where is the exact location of the proposed signage?
 - Olsen: The exact location of the signage is still being considered and will require coordination with the city due to this being a city ROW.
- Member: Is lighting proposed on the signs?
 - Olsen: No, the signage is not proposed to be lit.

- Member: Has signage along 15th and 18th Avenue been considered?
 - Olsen: There is interest in evaluating wayfinding more holistically across campus, but that type of project will take a larger project to address.
 - Luna: Most visitors enter campus from Franklin Boulevard. This proposal seeks to address visitors entering campus from this roadway.
- Member: Are the signage panels designed to be permanent?
 - Olsen: Permanent signage panels are determined to be the best option from a maintenance perspective.
 - Luna: Temporary signage (i.e. sandwich boards) can be used for specific events as needed.

Action: With 11 the committee agreed that the ***Campus Plan Outdoor Sign Plan – Proposal for Vehicular Wayfinding Signage on Agate Street and 13th Avenue*** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved

4. CPC Chair Updates (related to student membership on CPC) – Continued Discussion

The CPC chair withdrew the request for student membership priorities. No further discussion took place. No formal action was taken.