



November 13, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee
From: Liz Thorstenson, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)
Subject: Campus Planning Committee Meeting, November 20, 2020

The next meeting of the 2020-21 Campus Planning Committee (CPC) will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 10am - 12pm in Zoom.

All meetings are open to the public.

REMOTE MEETING

This will be a remote meeting in real-time using the Zoom app on your own device. There is also an option to join on a browser for those who do not have the Zoom app. This meeting will be recorded for internal record keeping purposes. To join the meeting, please click on the following link:

<https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/91293086986?pwd=VnhhToMzTU9SMmlNaGloSmdhWVd1QT09>

Meeting ID: 912 9308 6986

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Agenda:

1. *Campus Plan* Amendment: North of Franklin Boulevard – Action

Background: The purpose of this agenda item is to complete review of and take action on the final draft of the proposed *Campus Plan* Amendment to incorporate the university's land north of Franklin Boulevard.

This amendment will serve to guide essential future campus development and connect people to the Willamette River based on *Campus Plan* principles. The amendment will

be consistent with the new Conditional Use Permit (2018), which was designed to accommodate the university's long-term potential needs.

The CPC held seven previous meetings for the Campus Plan Amendment North of Franklin Boulevard on February 18, 2020, March 6, 2020, and May 29, 2020, October 2, 2020, October 13, 2020, October 20, 2020, and November 10, 2020. A public hearing was held at the November 10, 2020 meeting. Comments and suggestions from these meetings have been considered as the draft proposal was finalized. A full summary of the participation process is available at: <https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/campus-plan-amendment>

The following is a summary of relevant committee member questions and comments from the November 10, 2020 meeting:

- Expressed appreciation for the comments, and time and effort involved for those who have reviewed the proposal. There is a need to continue working to find appropriate spaces for students to recreate, and spaces that address the campus community's wants. Support for the comments except for the exclusivity; there are opportunities for a win-win situation - to continue to grow, attract students and meet student needs, as well as have beautiful spaces supportive of the environment. Support multi-purpose spaces, both indoors and outdoors.
- Supported member's prior comments. Asked how much land would be dedicated to open space compared to city land across the river? Noted that modern recreation fields have modern and ecologically friendly lighting, which is different than fields from 20 years ago. Many technological advancements have helped recreational fields and the environment work better together than in the past.
- There is room for both purposes to work well together. We can preserve what is valued while creating something that is environmentally friendly, fulfilling both purposes.
- Expressed appreciation for these conversations and how the proposal has benefitted from dialogue over time. This has led to a proposed new classification of open space, Natural Areas, in the *Campus Plan*. This process is not meant to represent a vote on floodlit artificial turf fields; this is an opportunity to have a discussion about fields in this location in the future. Any votes to move this forward is not about fields, it is about providing the opportunity for future conversations about development of this space.

- There is pride for progress made in the last couple of years through all of the good, collaborative input. There is agreement that this process is not to vote on the location of artificial fields. There is opportunity for preserving space for recreation, whatever form that may take. Be cautious about overstating the intent, which could limit future growth, teaching, and/or the ability to accommodate students. Consider leaving room to accommodate new ideas. Agree with comments over concern of environment.
- There is appreciation for comments and the different perspectives. The win-win comment could mean different things, depending on the eye of the beholder. Satisfying the goal of preserving the space while still having playing fields may not be a win-win perspective to all.
- Clarify the distance between the river and the southernmost boundary of the Natural Area. Is it worth considering a larger natural area that extends more than 200 feet from the river? The area is about 500 feet from the tracks to river in some locations. There is support for seeing a larger amount of space.
- Clarify that the proposal for the Willamette Design Area sets aside 60% (25 acres) as a Natural Area and a 4% maximum building footprint in the remaining 40%, of which 7 acres could potentially be developed as fields.
- Clarify the meaning of pathways in the Natural Areas description. Thanks to Bitty Roy for asserting this definition and envisioning new kinds of areas.
- What are the next steps in this process? Will there be continued opportunities for editing the language?
- Is additional information needed to help committee members consider suggested wording changes and take action at the upcoming meeting? For example, it might be helpful to provide a brief recap regarding the results of the Recreation Fields Study. There is a rigorous site selection process that we go through as a committee, and nothing has been established for any site.
- The width of the future riparian edge is difficult to define because it will likely extend beyond the designated Natural Area. For example, the existing areas on campus that are not designated open spaces are not filled with buildings; there are many transitional landscape spaces.
- Regarding the other side of the river (north), it would be interesting for comparison to know some of those distances and mix of uses. A cross river comparison would be interesting and worth sharing again.
- There are various roles established for different UO committees. The CPC has the primary role to consider the proposed amendment. The CPC's responsibility

is to take seriously all comments, considerations, and requirements before it provides a recommendation to the president. This includes considering input from the UO Senate along with the UO President's extensive response to the UO Senate's resolution, the ASUO, and many others. The CPC has spent numerous hours and meetings reviewing this proposal. The committee considers all perspectives and all university needs.

Please refer to the attached background materials, including the Proposed *Campus Plan* Amendment for more information.

For additional information about the proposed amendments, please refer to the project website at <https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/campus-plan-amendment>

Prior CPC meeting records regarding this agenda item are located here:

https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/sites/cpfm2.uoregon.edu/files/record_02_18_20.pdf
https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/sites/cpfm2.uoregon.edu/files/record_03_06_20.pdf
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https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/sites/cpfm2.uoregon.edu/files/record_11_10_20.pdf

Previous CPC Meetings 1-7 presentation materials are available at:

<https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/campus-plan-amendment>

Previous CPC Open House materials are available at:

https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/sites/cpfm2.uoregon.edu/files/campus_plan_amendment_-_open_house.pdf

Also, please review relevant Campus Plan principles and patterns:

- Principle 1: Process and Participation
- Principle 2: Open-space Framework
- Principle 3: Densities
- Principle 4: Space Use and Organization
- Principle 5: Replacement of Displaced Uses
- Principle 6: Maintenance and Building Service
- Principle 7: Architectural Style and Historic Preservation

- Principle 8: Universal Access
- Principle 9: Transportation
- Principle 10: Sustainable Development
- Principle 11: Patterns
- Principle 12: Design Area Special Conditions

Action: The committee is being asked to determine if the proposed final draft amendment presented for the ***Campus Plan Amendment: North of Franklin Boulevard*** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and to formulate a recommendation to the president. Typically, the committee takes one of the following four actions:

1. Recommends approval
2. Recommends approval subject to a series of conditions
3. Does not recommend approval
4. Delays action until a future meeting

Please contact this office if you have questions.