



July 9, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Liz Thorstenson, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the June 25, 2021 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Dean Livelybrooks (chair), Zak Gosa-Lewis, Michael Harwood, Shawn Kahl,
Ken Kato, Moira Kiltie, Diana Libuda, Christine Thompson

CPC Staff: Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning)

Guests: Chris Andrejko (Rowell Brokaw), George Bleekman (CPFM),
Krista Dillon (Safety & Risk Services), Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning),
Matt Roberts (University Advancement)

CPC Agenda

1. CPC Updates

CPC staff provided an update regarding the remaining CPC 2020-2021 term schedule.

2. Housing Transformation Project – Exterior Emergency Phones Proposal – Exception to the Campus Standard E-Phone

Background: CPC staff reviewed the purpose of the agenda item, as described in the meeting mailing and background materials, and relevant *Campus Plan* principles and patterns. The purpose of this agenda item was to review the proposed locations and proposed non-campus standard emergency phones (e-phones) that will be placed near the Housing Transformation Project sites.

As described in the project description, this proposal is for the installation of 4 new and 1 replacement emergency phones associated with the Housing Transformation Project

using a non-campus standard emergency phone to better respond to the current security landscape on campus. The proposal is to install a non-standard emergency phone, which is similar to the campus standard, but with the addition of a goose neck attachment that includes a pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera and elevates the blue emergency light. There are currently over 65 e-phones located across campus. These new locations offer an opportunity to provide access to e-phones near the new residence halls and designated open space.

Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning) provided a review of the old standard e-phone design, compared to the new standard that was approved by the CPC in 2018, and provided an updated image of the current proposed e-phone. Also reviewed were the proposed locations of the new e-phones. Future refinement of the campus standard e-phone will return to the CPC for review, and will include a campus wide plan for an overall system of e-phones.

Krista Dillon (Safety and Risk Services) provided additional background information regarding the proposed project needs and assessment.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members:

- What is the accessibility and visibility of the proposed non-standard e-phone emergency button compared to the approved standard e-phone?
- When the alert button is activated, is the camera also activated?
- Given the expense of e-phone units, is there a phased approach for implementing new units based on budgetary considerations?
- How do the locations of the proposed new cameras coordinate with the Campus Outdoor Lighting Plan?
- Placement of e-phones helps influence new walkway routes for close proximity to e-phone locations.
- Support future assessment of additional e-phone placement and update to the campus standard design.
- The visibility of e-phones from walkways is important for safety and security.
- Provide outreach to student organizations (e.g. ASUO, Housing) for future changes to the campus standard e-phone and proposed locations.

- The e-phones provides safety along walkways, and students do not view these as an eyesore. For example, sorority members have the longest walk across campus and request additional safety.
- Add the Fairmount Neighborhood Association to the list of possible stakeholders interested in future e-phone locations; neighbors may provide valuable input for locations during a future survey process.
- Carefully consider the proposed e-phone location in the New Green designated open space. E-phone locations are not typically in the middle of a designated open space and the pathway in this location is not a primary campus pathway.
- E-phone sites are not yet fully refined; non-standard e-phone locations will be fully assessed by UOPD, Safety & Risk Services, Housing, and Campus Planning.
- The proposed non-standard E-phones address a public safety need and take priority over aesthetic considerations.
- Support research already completed for this model of e-phone. When updating the future campus standard, provide further insight on history and background of e-phone model selection.

In response to questions and comments from committee members, Olsen and Dillon provided the following clarifications:

- The emergency button is very similar on both models of e-phones.
- On the current e-phone standard, the camera is activated when the phone is activated. In the non-standard proposal, the PTZ cameras are running/active at all times. When the phones are activated, the PTZ cameras can be tilted for views in any direction.
- The proposed future e-phones are more expensive than the smaller unit; however, units that are still in use (units approved prior to the current approved standard 2018 units) are nearing the end of their lifespan. In locations where an older e-phone no longer works, the future plan is to replace or remove, and possibly find other locations that are in need of an e-phone. There is consideration for a funding model that would provide an opportunity to work with future projects on e-phone placement. The goal would be to have central funding because it provides a campus wide safety benefit.
- Future campus wide e-phone locations will be studied to align with the primary pathways and the Campus Outdoor Lighting Plan, and to coincide with night safety.

- Future outreach is planned (e.g. to Housing, ASUO, and Transportation Services), and will be included in the approach for future changes to the campus standard e-phone and locations.
- Any future options or changes to the campus standard e-phone will return to the CPC for review.
- The proposed E-phone sites associated with the **Housing Transformation Project** are not yet fully refined. Locations will be fully assessed by UOPD, Safety & Risk Services, Housing, and Campus Planning.

Action: With 8 in favor, the committee unanimously agreed that the proposed **Housing Transformation Project – Exterior Emergency Phones Proposal – Exception to the Campus Standard E-Phone** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.