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.