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MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Eleni Tsivitz, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the July 27, 2018 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Diana Libuda (acting chair), Jane Brubaker, George Evans, Kassy Fisher,
Michael Harwood, Bitty Roy, Christine Thompson, Chuck Triplett

Staff: Eleni Tsivitz (Campus Planning)

Guests: Ivan Chen, Reed Dunbar, Kevin Farthing, Josh Kashinsky, David Mason,
Gene Mowery, Aaron Olsen, Matt Roberts

CPC Agenda:

1. 13th Avenue Bikeway (City of Eugene) - Discussion

Background: Emily Eng (CFPM) introduced the project and described how it was initiated by a study by the LiveMove student group on campus. Aaron Olsen (CFPM) noted that the City's 13th Avenue Bikeway design process will be running roughly concurrently with the UO's 13th Avenue Conceptual Design Study. The latter seeks to study ways to redefine the visual character of 13th Avenue Axis from Kincaid Street to Franklin Boulevard. The intent is to understand how it could align more closely with the university's vision of 13th as a pedestrian- and bike-first corridor, incorporating sustainable design strategies, stormwater elements and enhancements to campus gateways. As these two projects are in proximity to one another on 13th Avenue the city and the university will work closely to align their visions.

Reed Dunbar (City of Eugene) described the plans for and the intent of the 13th Avenue Bikeway as presented in the advanced meeting mailing. It is part of a larger planned (but not yet funded) protected bikeway system connecting major destinations in Eugene. The primary goals of this system are to respond to climate change initiatives by increasing active modes of transportation and to increase the safety of bikeways. Dunbar described a number of mechanisms that are being proposed to address safety of bicyclists particularly at points where conflicts are most likely (e.g. traffic intersections and entrances to

driveways).

The portion of this bikeway system on 13th Avenue between Lincoln Street and Alder Street is funded and is 30% through the design phase. The pedestrian environment along the corridor will be enhanced simultaneously to improve safety and enhance universal access. Engineers and surveyors are currently field-verifying the proposed designs. Dunbar described other elements of the system, which are planned but not yet funded.

There will be another presentation to the CPC when more information is known about the point of intersection between the city's bikeway project and the university's 13th Avenue Conceptual Design Study.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- A number of members expressed enthusiasm for the project and discussed the benefits of collaboration between the city and the university on the plans each entity has for the future of 13th Avenue.
- Carefully consider how to preserve the mature tree canopy along 13th Avenue.

Action: No action was requested.

2. Collier House - Site Selection - Discussion

Background: CPC staff introduced this agenda item and described how this topic has been discussed in previous meetings. The Collier House was built in 1886 by a faculty member in a location that was outside the campus boundary at the time. Over the last century, the campus has expanded significantly, such that the Collier House is now at the very heart of campus. That fact has raised the question many times over the last fifteen years about whether a more intensive academic use would be more appropriate there, especially given the high development pressure for these uses. The question been raised again with the Classroom and Faculty Office Building (CFOB) project. The Collier House site is one of the five primary sites being analyzed for the placement of that new building. Other sites include:

- The site north of Dad's Gate Station
- The PLC Parking Lot
- McArthur Court (reuse or build new)
- The South University Site – (between Jane Sanders Stadium and University Street)

Consultants for the CFOB project will present an analysis of those five sites at an upcoming CPC meeting. Each of the sites presents challenges - there are three sites that act as gateways to the university and two sites (McArthur Court and Collier House) with historically significant buildings on them. There have already been a number of studies

done about Mac Court studying reuse and build new options, as well as studies about how University Street might be improved and how extending the open space framework in that part of campus would help to extend academic campus further south along University Street.

Collier House is another site with a historically significant building on it, but it has not yet been studied to the same degree so it deserves some additional assessment to determine whether or not it is a viable site for the CFOB. To this end, the CPC has already discussed a study that was done pro-actively to determine the feasibility of relocating the Collier House.

The Relocation Feasibility Study determined that it is physically feasible to move the Collier House. Now it remains to be determined if there is a good relocation site. Therefore, a site selection study will be initiated for the Collier House relocation.

Staff presented the proposed site selection process for the Collier House relocation site and pointed out future opportunities for input. She also showed an aerial map with all of the sites indicated that might accommodate the Collier House while making good use of the university's limited land resources.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- Relocating the house is preferable to demolition.
- A representative from the School of Music and Dance noted that every room in the Collier House is used for instruction as there are a many one-on-one instruction sessions. There are two or three main classroom spaces - the 1960s dining room addition (now a 32-person classroom), the living room (45 seats used for recitals), and a fireplace room which is used for seminars. The GE offices in the basement are also used as instruction space.
- The School of Music and Dance representative met with the family of the great great grandson of George Collier (the builder and original occupant of the house). He informed the family that the university is contemplating a different use of the Collier House. The family understood the context of this consideration. Campus Planning staff will be reaching out to the family to provide them with more information and solicit feedback from them.

In response to questions from committee members or guests, the project team provided the following clarifications:

- In the analysis for the CFOB sites, the design team is taking into consideration the ecological benefits of the Collier House site as it is today.
- The original, historically significant parts of the Collier House would be moved. The 1960s additions would be demolished.

- Cost implications for relative distances of various sites will be accounted for in the criteria.
- A number of the sites would require cutting the house in half to navigate narrow streets. These situations will be avoided if better alternatives exist.
- Any uses displaced by relocating the house (and demolishing the 1960s addition) would need to be replaced as part of the CFOB project.
- It is not definitively known what uses would occupy the house if it were to be relocated, although it is noted that the space is currently used by the Early Music program. The construction type, materials, and sizes of the rooms in the house are uniquely suited for the instruments used by that program.
- Sites that have similar features to the original site (topography, landscape elements, relationship to other built elements) would be preferable from a historic preservation perspective as they would help to evoke a similar feeling to the building in its original location.
- Three or four trees of historic significance on the Collier House site are being considered by the project team in their analysis of the CFOB sites.

Action: No action was requested. The committees comments will be considered as the site selection study proceeds.

Please contact this office if you have questions.