



August 21, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Aaron Olsen, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the August 6, 2019 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Dean Livelybrooks (chair), George Evans, Emily Fenster, Cathy Soutar, Jim Brooks, Hilary Gerdes, Michael Harwood, Ken Kato, Diana Libuda, Christine Thompson, Chuck Triplett

Staff: Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning)

Guests: Bruce Budzik, Becky Thomas, Andy Drake, Colin Brennan, Julia Knowles, Jane Brubaker

CPC Agenda:

Prior to the agenda items the CPC Chair provided an update regarding the City of Eugene's 2021 mural project. At this time locations have been identified for all the murals with the 2021 project. During the May 3, 2019 CPC meeting there was an agenda item to discuss locating a mural on a university building in downtown Eugene. The CPC's role for that meeting was to discuss whether the location was suitable for a mural. During the meeting a guest to the committee expressed strong reservations about the mural content and the conversation during the meeting ended up being more about the content and style of the mural. The CPC's role was not related to mural content and the Chair expressed his regrets for the content of the conversation during that meeting.

1. Zebrafish International Resource Center (ZIRC) Research Restoration and Expansion - Meeting One

Background: CPC staff introduced the agenda item and Colin Brennan, project manager for CPFM Design and Construction, provided an overview of the project. The project is being partially funded by a NIH grant to upgrade the ZIRC facilities. It will be a phased project to maintain operability of the facility. A feasibility study was completed by Rowell Brokaw Architects for the grant application.

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Campus Planning staff reviewed the Campus Planning Requirements diagram included as an attachment in the mailer and referred the group to the *Campus Plan* Principles and Patterns highlighted in the materials. The CPC Chair reviewed the proposed make-up of the project user group membership.

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

- A member recommended inviting a representative from the Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) office to serve on the user group.
- The general location of the expansion looks correct. Displacement of the lock shop is acceptable. The campus planning requirements diagram is laid out well.
- What is the building to the west of the ZIRC facility that would be impacted?
- Construction access around the lock shop will be challenging. There appears to be 10 feet or less between the lock shop and expansion area shown in the feasibility study.
- Pedestrian walks exist through this site. Consider maintaining pedestrian movement through the site.
- ZIRC has other facilities and spaces located in other buildings on and off campus. An inventory of ZIRC's footprint outside of this facility should be completed to determine if consolidating space is worth considering. This is outside the scope of the CPC but Chuck indicated he will follow up with the appropriate people.
- It was noted the work at ZIRC is very important to the scientific community and is considered an international gem. Any downtime is extremely detrimental.
- Consider design alternatives that preserve the existing Chestnut tree, recognizing that expansion opportunities to the north and west appear to be most viable.

The following is a summary of questions and comments from guests to the committee:

- Will the expansion impact the existing parking, Chestnut tree, or Museum of Natural and Cultural History (MNCH) facility north of the existing ZIRC facility?

In response to questions from committee members and guests, CPC staff and the project manager provided the following clarifications:

- The expansion, based on the feasibility study, will not impact the MNCH facility to the north. The tree is anticipated to be removed at this time.
- The building to the west of the ZIRC facility houses IT and storage for ZIRC. These functions will be incorporated into the project and the stand alone structure will be removed.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed site, campus planning requirements, and user group membership for the ZIRC Research Restoration and Expansion project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that they be approved subject to the following conditions:

- Consider design alternatives that preserve the existing Chestnut tree, recognizing that expansion opportunities to the north and west appear to be most viable.
- Consider how secondary pedestrian routes through the site can be maintained.
- Consider inviting a representative from VPRI to serve on the user group.

2. Friendly Hall Elevator Project - Schematic Design

Background: Bruce Budzik, project manager for CPFM Design and Construction, gave a brief project introduction.

Becky Thomas (Robertson Sherwood Architects) presented the project. The project is intended to provide ADA access to all floors of the building and is based on a study completed in 2007. The study determined an external elevator is not a preferred option and the preference is to locate an elevator internal to the building. A dormer, intended to blend in with the existing dormers, will be constructed to accommodate the elevator over run and mechanical equipment. The view of Friendly Hall from the EMU was shown in a photo rendering to illustrate the visual impact from the east side of the building. It is not anticipated for any visual impacts from ground level on the west side of the building (Old Campus Quad). The exact height of the elevator dormer is not finalized but is not expected to be much taller than shown in the rendering. The proposed dormer, materials, and window are all intended to compliment the existing historical character of the building. The design of the interior has not been developed.

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

- A member said the exterior impact appears minimal versus the great benefit of improved access.
- A member noted the proposed location looked logical.
- A member asked whether the dormers are part of the original building.
- A member indicated that CAS should be engaged to review impacts to internal functions and spaces. Cathy Soutar requested the 2007 report and options that were studied be sent to CAS for review.
- It was recommended the Registrar's office be involved to understand impacts to classrooms.
- Materials should match the existing building yet it is not necessary to replicate the dormer. Some members indicated a preference for the proposed window to continue the rhythm of the existing dormers. Other members prefer to not have a window if it is not a functioning window.
- Consider the location of the elevator and how it works best for users.
- Pay particular attention to views from primary pedestrian walks.
- If there is substantial change to the exterior visual impact the project will need to come back to the CPC for approval as is typical for all projects.

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

- The dormers are not part of the original building.
- The window is proposed to be a real window although it will not be operable as it opens into the elevator space. However, other design options are possible.
- The proposed elevator location is based on the 2007 study and is located to optimize

how it functions for users, aligns with the accessible route, and integrates into the structural and mechanical components of the building.

- CAS will be included as the internal design is defined and the exterior design is refined as needed.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed Friendly Hall Elevator project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved subject to the following conditions:

- Thoughtfully consider how best to ensure materials match and tie into the existing building as the design is refined.
- Pay particular attention to views from primary pedestrian walks.
- If there is a substantial change to the exterior visual impact the project will need to come back to the CPC for approval as is typical for all projects.