



November 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

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

Subject: **Record** of the November 9, 2021 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Dean Livelybrooks (chair), Anne Brown, Liska Chan, Stephen Duff,  
Zak Gosa-Lewis, Shawn Kahl, Ken Kato, Moira Kiltie, Stephanie Prentiss,  
Kevin Reed, Madison Sanders, Cathy Soutar, Philip Speranza,  
Christine Thompson, Chuck Triplett, Laurie Woodward

CPC Staff: Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning)

Guests: Jamie Moffitt (VPFA), Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning),  
Matt Roberts (University Advancement),  
Cami Thompson (University Advancement), Timothy Withrow (EMU)

## CPC Agenda

### 1. Campus Planning Committee – New Member Welcome

Background: Jamie Moffitt (VPFA) welcomed new members and thanked continuing members for their service.

CPC staff provided an overview of the 2020-2021 committee's activities, highlighted anticipated activities for the 2021-2022 academic year, and typical CPC meeting procedures. The CPC preferred meeting format results were also shared. At this time, CPC meetings will remain on Zoom, and staff will explore meeting format options for upcoming terms.

Action: No formal action was requested.

## **2. EMU Amphitheater Confederated Tribes Flag Display Interpretive Sign – Schematic Design Review**

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 concept for adding an interpretive sign to the Confederated Tribes Flag display around the EMU amphitheater.

As described in the project description, in 2015, the EMU in partnership with the UO Long House, Native American Student Union (NASU) and a group of students from the College of Business completed a 2-year process that resulted in flags for the 9 confederated Tribes of Oregon being displayed at the center of campus. Those flags are presently installed in the Amphitheater just outside of the EMU. This proposal is for an addition to the project that was approved in 2013. At that time, the idea of interpretive signage for the flag installation was discussed, however was not completed.

Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning) gave an overview of the history, context, and location of the project. Information from *Campus Plan* Principle 12, that project proposals in this space are reviewed by the Campus Planning Committee and the EMU Board, was also shared. Specifically, this proposal is for an interpretive display constructed of a quarter inch thick steel plate with graphics mechanically attached to an existing concrete wall in the EMU Amphitheater.

Timothy Withrow (EMU Board) shared that the EMU Board is supportive of this proposal. The project will provide greater context to identify the flags, their purpose, and reason why the flags were originally chosen to be placed in the EMU Amphitheater. Next steps were shared that the project team will work with NASU, the Long House, and relevant stakeholders to further design the specific content.

Laurie Woodward (EMU) provided an overview of the project background, goals, and a history of student and community involvement. The significance of the project, the process for finalizing project details, and the intended use were also shared.

### Discussion:

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

- The EMU will work with various community groups and artists on the final interpretive sign design.
- Will there be lighting for the interpretive sign?
- Support lighting the interpretive sign.
- Are there further *Campus Plan* considerations in this location (EMU Amphitheater)?
- Will the voter box and concrete ballasts (near the proposed sign location) be relocated to reduce clutter?
- Recommend cleaning the concrete wall prior to sign installation.
- Support considering relocation of the voter box and the concrete ballasts.
- Is control of the voter box regulated by the university?
- The voter box is an important element of the free speech plaza. If the voter box is moved, consider alternative locations within the vicinity (the EMU Amphitheater area).
- Regarding lighting, the Campus Outdoor Lighting goal is to light the interpretive sign from a pedestrian perspective. Assess existing campus lighting in the vicinity.
- The committee cannot monitor and determine the level of site maintenance. The committee can ask: Is the design appropriate and maintainable? The committee can share with the EMU that maintaining the concrete wall is important.
- The wall becomes a part of the interpretive display and should be considered a part of this acknowledgement. It will be read as part of the environment of the sign; therefore, give high regard to the concrete wall.
- Support the importance of the wall as integral to the interpretive display, and support continued maintenance and cleaning of the wall.
- This committee does not oversee operations. CPFM and EMU will manage; trust that operational obligations to maintain the space will be fulfilled.

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

- Consider consulting Lane County to coordinate relocation of the voter box.

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

- Assessing the existing campus standard lighting in the area will be a part of the design consideration.
- This design is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and the project was previously approved at the CPC December, 2013 meeting. The proposed interpretive sign

location is responsive to primary pathways, flow of pedestrian movement through the EMU Amphitheater, and appropriate in relation to the activities within the EMU.

- The concrete ballasts are the anchors for temporary tent placement; they are stored next to the wall when not in use. The EMU will find a new location for the ballasts.
- The voter box could also be relocated; will consider further.
- Support for the scope of work to include power washing the concrete wall prior to sign installation.
- Campus Planning and EMU will consider ideas for relocating the voter box. The EMU will consider relocation of the concrete ballasts from an operational standpoint.
- The voter box is symbolic of student government's efforts over the years to encourage students to vote.

Action: With 14 in favor, the committee unanimously agreed that the **EMU Amphitheater Confederated Tribes Flag Display Interpretive Sign Schematic Design** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved with the following condition:

1. Carefully consider relocating concrete ballasts and voter box to reduce clutter and pay respect to the interpretive sign.

In addition, the committee strongly recommends that attention is paid to maintaining the concrete wall. This is in recognition that the concrete wall face is an interconnected feature of the interpretive sign; therefore, it is important to maintain the concrete wall in order to protect how the sign itself is perceived.