



March 7, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

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

Subject: **Record** of the March 5, 2019 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Dean Livelybrooks (CPC chair), Mark Donofrio, Emily Fenster, Kassy Fisher, Hilary Gerdes, Michael Harwood, Ken Kato, Diana Libuda, Steve Robinson, Amy Salmore, Cathy Soutar, Christine Thompson

Staff: Eleni Tsivitz (Campus Planning)

Guests: Hannah Allington, Jane Brubaker, Emily Eng, Bill Madden, Aaron Olsen, Lara Rose

CPC Agenda:

1. University of Oregon 13th Avenue Conceptual Design Project - Update

Background: The CPC chair introduced the project and reminded the committee that they had discussed this project at their February 13, 2018 meeting. Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning) stated that the project is in the second half of its conceptual design phase and will be wrapping up conceptual design in June 2019. Once the project is complete, Aaron will present the results to the CPC.

Lara Rose (Walker Macy Landscape Architecture) described the project area and reviewed project goals. She reviewed the site analysis and the Public Space Public Life survey that was led by Gehl Studio and conducted with the participation of many students and other volunteers from the campus community. She described the design drivers, reviewed the concepts and options developed so far, and shared the feedback that was received from open houses, advisory group meetings and the public lecture. Rose said that the resulting preferred concept was developed, incorporating that feedback. She showed some preliminary ideas that build upon the preferred concept.

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

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members and guests:

- A member noted that there is some benefit to the controlled chaos that exists now on 13th, because it forces cyclists to use slower speeds. This helps to prevent collisions with pedestrians, especially as so many pedestrians now use headphones while walking.
- Currently, navigating bikes is more of a challenge than navigating vehicles for pedestrians crossing 13th Avenue.
- Bike parking clutter along 13th is, on the other hand, an identity feature - an indication of the biking culture at the UO so it wouldn't be ideal to hide all of it.
- It is good that the analysis captured the shift of pedestrian flows to the Promenade on the eastern portion of 13th. This is likely because of the more pedestrian-scaled design as well as the preferred crossing on Agate Street from the Promenade.
- The Lokey research labs need access for service and delivery vehicles from 13th.
- In the current preferred option, a member noted that an excellent feature of the design is that there is a swath of added landscape adjacent to pedestrian circulation on the north side of the street (which receives the most sun).
- The preferred option does not incorporate the idea of a formal allee of trees. This feature would be beneficial because it would act almost as an architectural element, reinforcing the corridor and directing pedestrian, bike and wheel flows and views. Incorporating breaks in the trees at the plazas allows the opportunity for sunny outdoor spaces along the corridor.
- The building access points is beneficial for access shuttles, ADA parking and drop-off areas for students with mobility issues.
- In the preferred option, plan for some large canopy trees on the north side, because these are much more iconic and impactful than a much larger number of small canopy trees would be.
- Ensure that the paved areas are structured for high impact so that they can resist heavy loads over many years.
- Consider ways to train cyclists to share the corridor. E.g. the University of Boulder has a bike etiquette training program in which flaggers provide training and enforcement for acceptable bike etiquette throughout the first month of the academic year.
- Planning for bike parking to bookend plazas is a good idea because it helps to cue cyclists to transition to walking at plaza areas and it provides clear crossing areas for pedestrians.
- Consider employing surface treatments aimed at deterring high speeds for bikes and motorized skateboards, while considering safety for skateboarders and cyclists as well.
- The university should consider employing a strategy for a centralized deliveries to manage the frequency of deliveries by large trucks especially for smaller, less sensitive deliveries.

In response to questions from committee members and guests, Rose and Olsen provided the following clarifications:

- Rearranging the way that bike parking works along 13th Avenue might alter utilization

patterns. This project will be proposing more covered bike parking along 13th than currently exists.

- Although the volume of pedestrian flow currently decreases towards the eastern edge of the project boundary, changes on Franklin e.g. the crossing at Moss Street, the development of the Knight Campus, the construction of the Millrace Drive Parking Garage and the Housing Transformation project could all help to shift this pattern over time.
- The access to the parking lot at Friendly Hall would be adjusted, but the parking lot itself will remain because it provides ADA parking and fire access.
- The intent would be to provide service vehicles with a number of opportunities to leave 13th Avenue rather than requiring all vehicles to exit through the Kincaid Gateway or exit southward, through the Heart of Campus. Another goal is to reduce the number of visitors who attempt to access campus in their cars from Agate and 13th and are then forced to turn around at Volcanology.
- It is very important to provide opportunities to shelter from the rain along 13th Avenue and these amenities are largely missing along the axis now.
- The Street Faire will be accommodated.
- The existing trees are not exactly aligned along the 13th Avenue, so that may not lend itself to a formal arrangement of trees in the future.

Action: No formal action was requested.

2. Matthew Knight Arena Enhancement Project - Track C Discussion

Background: CPC staff gave some background information on this agenda item and reminded the CPC that this project was introduced at the January 25, 2019 meeting. In addition, she reviewed information on Track C projects from the Campus Plan and described that this project falls under the Track C designation as it is privately controlled.

The CPC chair received a memorandum from the Vice President for Finance and Administration describing the project scope, user group, process, and site, as well as the desired level of review and comment from the CPC. Identified in the memorandum were also principles and patterns from the Campus Plan that are relevant to this project. The CPC was invited to comment on the latter or to suggest any additional patterns or principles that might have relevance to the project.

Mike Harwood (CPFM) stated that design ideas for this project will be shared with the CPC as the project progresses.

Discussion: No additional patterns or principles were proposed.

Action: No formal action was requested.