



November 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Clare Kurth, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the November 15, 2024, Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Bob Choquette (Chair), Eric Alexander, Deborah Butler, Emily Eng, Michael Griffel, Michael Harwood, Norma Kehdi, Erin Luedemann, Taylor McHolm, Eric Owens, Kevin Reed, Janet Rose, Daniel Rosenberg, Amy Salmore, Lauren Stanfield, Rachel Withers

CPC Staff: Clare Kurth (Campus Planning)

Guests: Landree Coats (Student), James Crepea (The Oregonian), Luke Helm (CPFM), Natasha George (Student), Valerie Johnson (Athletics), Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning), Angela Seydel (University Communications), Devon Shea (Athletics), Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning), Community Members

CPC Agenda

1. Beach Volleyball – Schematic Design Review

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to review the schematic design for the Beach Volleyball project to enhance the experience for beach volleyball student athletes and to better improve the hosting of home matches and support facilities.

CPC Staff (Campus Planning) reviewed the project history, meeting resources and procedure, and relevant *Campus Plan* principles and patterns.

Valerie Johnson (Athletics) provided an overview of the program history, current and proposed locations, site conditions, and project needs and goals.

Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning) reviewed the site selection process, project site and details, including adjacent designated open spaces and buildings, CPC meeting history, and landscape.

Luke Helm (CPFM) reviewed the project team, rolls, overall project goals, timeline, program, and programmatic needs, including NCAA standards, capacity, seating, and siting location for future storage and restrooms. Siting goals and additional site changes and improvements were also reviewed, including grading, sidewalks, lighting, fencing, and potential future branding opportunities.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members and guests with clarification comments from Helm, Olsen, Devon Shea (Athletics), and Landree Coats (Student):

Regarding restroom and storage facilities:

- Members: Concern regarding no proposed on-site restroom facility and the location of the nearest restroom facility for athletes and spectators.
 - Helm/Shea: Restrooms are available at Jaqua Center, Unthank Residence Hall, and Matthew Knight Area.
 - Matthew Knight Arena has beach volleyball locker rooms in the design stage and storage facilities for athlete and coach use.
 - Portable restroom units are anticipated for spectator use during events.
- Member: Consider portable restrooms and the expectation for this level of elite, University of Oregon athletes and coaches to have permanent restrooms provided on site. Concern regarding coordination of offsite restroom facilities.
- Members: Support for further study of a restroom facilities location.
- Member: Consider not placing restroom and storage facilities directly adjacent to 13th Avenue if there is another feasible location.
 - Helm: Final site details and locations, E.g., restrooms and storage, are still being considered.
- Member: Consider conducting a cost analysis of labor and management of equipment storage in Matthew Knight Arena versus construction of an appropriate onsite facility.
 - Shea: These elements will be considered and studied further as the project progresses. Additional user input is required to develop the correct facilities for the intended use.

Regarding site drainage, conditions, and equipment:

- Member: Concern regarding site drainage, maintenance, and security.
 - Shea: Civil engineering and landscape architecture design details are underway. The project team includes a sand court design consultant to determine the appropriate sand type and drainage requirements for the climate conditions.
 - Helm: Underground perforated piping is proposed to manage court drainage.
- Member: Will there be auxiliary sand storage and how will it be delivered to the site?
 - Helm/Shea: The project has considered the following:
 - The sand delivery location will be available from 13th Avenue.

- Surfacing material details and ability to withstand vehicle weight and movable fencing components for vehicle access.
- Plan for sand delivery to site versus on-site sand storage.
 - Sand storage is available at other athletics facilities on campus if needed.
- Member: Will nets and other equipment remain available on site?
 - Shea: There will be nets and equipment available for daily use, however, competition nets and equipment will not regularly be left on site.

Regarding spectator seating, team tents, and vendors:

- Member: Will the lawn and other seating areas be reservable, and will there be lawn space available for vendors?
- Member: Will tents be permanent?
 - Shea: Tents will be temporary and only used during events.

Regarding the site design, lighting, and location:

- Member: Why will exterior lighting not be provided for use outside of daylight hours?
 - Coats: Court lights are not necessary as temperatures get too low to practice once it gets dark.
 - Shea: Court lights could be added in the future if determined to be necessary.
- Member: How will the volleyball court integrate with the future adjacent designated open space and adjacent buildings?
 - Olsen: The open space area is a designated open space, and this site is a future designated building site. There are no current plans for a building at this site, however, there could be in the future. When this occurs, this site would be addressed as a displaced use per requirements in the *Campus Plan*.
- Member: How will the design honor this location as a gateway and/or front door location to campus? How will the courts be blended, but also sufficiently branded?
 - Coats: Items that can be used to distinguish beach volleyball facilities are university/team insignia, large score boards, and university/team identification on site.
 - Shea: The design of the court intends to blend with the surrounding buildings and open space.
 - Member: Consider allowing room for successive generations of athletes, coaches, and users to add to the facility and allow for future adjustments.

Action: With 11 in favor, 2 abstentions, and 1 in opposition, the committee agreed that the **Beach Volleyball Project Schematic Design** is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.