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MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

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

Subject: **Record** of the April 18, 2025, Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Bob Choquette (Chair), Deborah Butler, Janell Cottam,  
Cheyenne Dickenson, Emily Eng, Michael Griffel, Mike Harwood,  
Norma Kehdi, Erin Luedemann, Taylor McHolm, Janet Rose,  
Daniel Rosenberg, Hal Sadofsky

CPC Staff: Clare Kurth (Campus Planning)

Guests: Aneesh Aneesh (College of Arts and Science), Mandy Butler (TVA),  
Paul Comery (Transportation Services), Amber Geiger (Student),  
Karen Hyatt (UO Communications), Chelsea McCann (Walker Macy),  
Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning), Martina Oxoby (CPFM),  
Ginger Pan (Student), Dave Reesor (Transportation Services),  
Pam Saftler (TVA), Tom Shapard (CPFM), Benjamin Steingart (CPFM),  
Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning)

**CPC Agenda**

**1. Friendly Hall Deferred Maintenance Project – Schematic Design Review**

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to review the Friendly Hall Deferred Maintenance Project schematic design.

CPC Staff reviewed relevant *Campus Plan* principles and patterns.

Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning) reviewed campus planning requirements, site opportunities and constraints, and significant site features.

Chelsea McCann (Walker Macy) reviewed the site design related to landscaping and stormwater.

Pam Saftler (TVA) and Mandy Butler (TVA) reviewed project goals, and architectural design. Updates were provided to the site and building design since the previous check-in meetings.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members and guests with clarification comments from Butler, McCann, Martina Oxoby (CPFM), Thorstenson, and Saftler:

Regarding the building design:

- Member: Support for the look of the dormer revision.
- Member: Are the dormer materials different on the front and the sides of the dormers?
  - Saftler / Butler: The dormer material will incorporate and integrate with the existing mansard roof using historically appropriate materials, to ensure compatibility of the dormers with the original structure. There will be cedar shingles on the sides to be compatible with the existing roof materials, and the front of the dormers will be traditional wood trim.
- Member: Have other sizing and spacing of the dormer windows been considered to be more aligned with the original window fenestration on the floors below the dormers?
  - Saftler / Butler: The proportions of the dormer windows are the same as the main building west and east facade windows however, have been scaled down in size. The dormers are designed to read as a continuous band rather than individual dormer windows.
- Member: Consider continuing to explore options to minimize the visual impacts of louvers on the east façade.
  - Saftler / Butler: Minimizing the visual impacts of the louver design will continue to be explored to minimize the visual impact while not decreasing the size or changing the location.
  - Thorstenson: There will be additional focus groups to discuss further design refinements.
- Member: What will the new heating and cooling systems be for the 4<sup>th</sup> floor?
  - Saftler / Butler: The 4<sup>th</sup> floor will be fully conditioned with a hydronic system and will meet the UO OMSD energy standards requirements.
- Member: What is driving the change in the dormers; is it the internal organization of the offices or the amount of natural light needed in the offices?
  - Saftler / Butler: The changes are driven by the programmatic needs of the spaces, improving head height and access to natural light in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor offices, and maintaining UO campus standard sized offices while not eliminating existing offices.

## Regarding the Site Design

- Member: Can the trees planned for removal be preserved through relocation?
  - McCann: This can be explored, however most trees planned for removal are not eligible for relocation due to size, species, or maturity.
- Member: What will the size of the new tree plantings be?
  - McCann: The new trees will likely be 2 ½ to 3-inch caliper in size.
- Member: Are trees being removed from the Old Campus Quad?
  - McCann: No trees will be removed from the Old Campus Quad.
- Member: Supports the addition of tables to the outdoor seating area on the southeast corner of the building in addition to the benches.
- Guest: What strategies are being used to mitigate potential future root damage to new paving areas?
  - McCann: The trees will be planted setback from the paving to minimize potential for root damage. Species selection will also be considered for trees that have a less aggressive root system.

Action: With 9 in favor, the committee agreed that the **Friendly Hall Deferred Maintenance Project Schematic Design** is consistent with the Campus Plan and recommended to the president that it be approved.

## 2. UO Long Range Transportation Plan – Check-in & Discussion

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to check-in and discuss the UO Long Range Transportation Plan.

CPC Staff provided an overview of relevant *Campus Plan* principles, patterns, and CPC role.

Emily Eng (Campus Planning) provided context for the UO Long Range Transportation Plan as it relates to the *Campus Plan* and relevant campus planning principles and transportation considerations, and reviewed history of the current *Transportation Plan* and *Bicycle Management Plan* as it relates to the current *Campus Plan*.

Paul Comery (Transportation Services) reviewed the project purpose, background, need, *Campus Plan* relationship, context, travel modes addressed, traffic circulation, travel behavior, project schedule and process, community engagement, transportation corridors and potential treatments, the project website (<https://transportation.uoregon.edu/plan>), and next steps.

### Discussion:

The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members and guests with clarification comments from Comery, Eng, Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning), and Dave Reesor (Transportation Services).

### Regarding the Onyx and University Street Corridor

- Member: Can the timing of the traffic lights be adjusted at the Franklin/Onyx and Franklin/Agate intersections for an increased delay of vehicles, or an increased walk signal time for pedestrians?
  - Olsen: The City of Eugene is working on a Franklin Boulevard re-design project and the University of Oregon will be involved in the planning and design phase.
  - Comery: The plan would be for the UO to work with existing plans.
  - Reesor: The UO is working closely with the city for long term and interim solutions.

### Regarding Riverfront and Agate Street Corridor

- Member: Is there a plan to improve pedestrian circulation and move the mid-block crossing between 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Unthank and New Residence Hall on either side of Agate Street)?
  - Comery: This plan does not look at moving the mid-block crossing, however, looks at ways to create soft encouragement for pedestrians to use the existing mid-block crossing.
- Member: What intersection has been considered for a small roundabout?
  - Comery: The 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Agate Street intersection is being considered.
  - Eng: The roundabout is a provisional idea expressed by some city staff.
- Member: How do pedestrians interact with a roundabout and the vehicles in the roundabout?
  - Comery: The pedestrian and vehicle interactions improve safety for pedestrians in roundabouts versus vehicles waiting for multiple crosswalks to be cleared in a standard 4-way stop intersection.
- Member: What is the cycle track on Riverfront Parkway; how will bicycles cross Franklin Boulevard?
  - Comery: The goal is to isolate bicycle traffic to the west side of the street to decrease conflict with vehicles turning in and out of the Millrace parking garage. This would improve vehicle circulation and bicycle safety. The crossing at Franklin Boulevard is still under consideration. Agate Street South of the intersection with Franklin Boulevard does not allow for a 2-way cycle track in addition to the existing median.
- Student: What considerations are being made for bicycle safety during specific events like move-in day near the 15<sup>th</sup> and Agate Street intersection?
  - Comery: There are fewer marked crosswalks in this portion of Agate Street. The plan is to enhance the safety of the existing crosswalks and enhance the safety of the bike lanes in this corridor. UO is coordinating work with the city to add removable bollards to the bike lanes in this area.

### Regarding 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor

- Guest: Consider that the Powell Plaza does not feel inviting because of the architecture and the benches in the area. There is a lot of walk-through traffic, however it does not seem to promote community in this space.
- Member: Is there any lighting considered along the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor near the south of Knight library? Consider it is dark behind (the south of) Gerlinger and the library during short days.
  - Comery: Lighting is a major component of safety and can be considered.
- Member: Consider the bike route south of the library does not feel like a main bike route and is not particularly inviting; is this route the preferred bike path?
  - Comery: The path south of the library is the preferred bike route and the path north of the library is a dismount zone. Identifying this as the preferred bike route can be improved through wayfinding.
  - Reesor: Consideration of improved bike routes would include recommendations for improved lighting and safety measures.

### Regarding Shuttle Services:

- Member: Do campuses of similar size typically have shuttle service?
- Reesor: Some campuses do and some do not; UO would want to look at a shuttle service as providing a supplement service to the interior of campus to existing Lane Transit District (LTD) services on the perimeter of campus.

Action: No formal action was requested.