



December 6, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

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

Subject: **Record** of the November 29, 2022 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Anne Brown, Deborah Butler, Liska Chan, Bob Choquette, Emily Eng, Cooper Foushee, Michael Griffel, Michael Harwood, Ken Kato (chair), Moira Kiltie, Carrie McCurdy, Juliette Setudeh Nejad, Savannah Olsen, Eric Owens, Kelly Pembleton, Janet Rose, Daniel Rosenberg, Madison Sanders, Avi Shugar, Cathy Soutar, Laurie Woodward

CPC Staff: Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning)

Guests: Janell Cottam (CPFM), Nick Gioello (City of Eugene Planning), Lindsey Hayward (Office of the Provost), Justin Mouledous (ASUO), Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning), Martina Oxoby (CPFM), Matt Roberts (University Advancement), Cami Thompson (University Advancement)

## CPC Agenda

### 1. Millrace Millpond Restoration and Enhancement – Meeting One

Background: The purpose of this agenda item was to hold Meeting One for the Millrace Millpond Restoration and Enhancement project.

CPC staff provided an overview of the *Campus Plan* Meeting One procedure, proposed project user group composition, key *Campus Plan* Principles and Patterns, and the Campus Planning requirements diagram.

Martina Oxoby (CPFM) reviewed the primary project purpose, goals, opportunities, location, history, proposed site details, schedule, and funding.

Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning) reviewed the *Campus Plan* process for projects and funding.

Mike Harwood (CPFM) reviewed the goal of the project and the project management and funding process.

Justin Mouledous (ASUO) shared the student support, motivation, and interest in the project.

Discussion:

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

- Members support the project.
- The Knight Campus Building 1 Millrace restoration project provides the opportunity to utilize what was previously learned on the current project. For example:
  - Solutions for sediment abatement,
  - Techniques for increasing water column depth,
  - Working with regulatory partners to identify those depth parameters, and
  - Improving surrounding topography and decreasing invasive plant species, E.g., removing blackberries to improve views to the Millrace.
- Regarding other project and campus opportunities:
  - Create a more natural look to the Millpond.
  - Problem-solve how to maximize water depth without jeopardizing the utility plant that is located only a couple feet above the Millrace, due to the constraint of outfall going underneath the railroad tracks (campus stormwater flows into the Millrace).
  - Potential to incorporate into the design intercepting and treating some of the storm water outfall pipes from campus crossing under Franklin Boulevard, such as the existing previous landscape architecture design/build project.
  - There is great potential and visibility for creating learning landscapes in this location; consider a more diverse planting concept in the area shown as an Ecolawn.
  - Consider potential opportunities at the intersection of Onyx Street and Franklin Boulevard for pedestrian improvements on both sides of the intersection (East and West sides).
  - The Framework Vision Project (FVP) included the idea of a bridge from the Old Quad over Franklin Boulevard. The North Campus Conditional Use Permit also identified that bridge and others over the Millrace as

potential future development. This design should consider those opportunities.

- Regarding project timing:
  - Are there timing conflicts for this project and other nearby projects, E.g., Knight Campus Building 3 or the City of Eugene (COE) Franklin Boulevard transformation project?
  - There are no timing conflicts in terms of one project being contingent upon the other; however, the projects should be coordinated. Funding will be important.
  - Add the coordination of the COE Franklin Boulevard Transformation project design and opportunities to the Campus Planning requirements diagram.
  - What is the project timeline?
  
- Regarding community outreach:
  - Future outreach is intended to be planned with the private student housing residents at 959 Franklin Boulevard and with the City of Eugene (COE).
  - Many students live in the private student housing building located at 959 Franklin Boulevard.
  - Focus groups including students and/or community will be a part of the project.
  
- Regarding user group representation and responsibilities:
  - Members support two student user group representatives to aid in student's schedules and sharing of responsibilities.
  - Ensure complimentary disciplines for the faculty user group representatives, E.g., Landscape Architecture, Ecology, and Biology.
  - What are the primary responsibilities of the user group members for this project?
  - User group representative responsibilities for this project include:
    - Be a thoughtful sounding board for the project,
    - Ensure the design is on track while considering items that will be important to students and faculty,
    - Meet one to two times per month,

- Rely on the design team (Biohabitats) to identify key issues and information, and
  - Receive information, provide feedback, and share that information with respective networks.
- The project consultant team can help to identify potential successful funding sources.

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

- Regarding community outreach:
  - What project outreach has occurred with the private student housing residents located at 959 Franklin Boulevard?

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

- Biohabitats, leading the project, includes a team of engineers that worked on and are experienced with the first phase of the Millrace restoration project.
- Regarding community outreach:
  - As future project outreach is planned, the project will keep Community Relations engaged.
  - The pathway through the Millrace Natural Area is frequently used by students from the private student housing location.
  - Additional community and university engagement will be a part of the schematic design process.
- Regarding user group representation and responsibilities:
  - User group members represent future project users who will want to visit the space; they help identify design opportunities that will bring visitors to the site and enliven the area.
- Regarding project timing:
  - Schematic design will start in January 2023 and return to the CPC for Meeting Two and schematic design review during Spring Term. Continuation of the project beyond schematic design is contingent on additional funding.

- Additional information about the conceptual design and Millrace background documents can be found at: <https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/millrace-document-repository>

Action: With 16 in favor, the committee unanimously agreed that the proposed Millrace Millpond Restoration and Enhancement Project User Group and Campus Plan Requirements are consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that they be approved with the following condition:

- 1.) Work with the CPC chair to select one additional student representative (a total of two students) for the proposed project User Group.