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**Campus Planning Committee**
Minutes
February 19, 2016

**Members**

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Robert Boyd, John Bushoven, Kirsten Corey, Rick Finden, Tom Gaffery, Paul Halajian, Brad Hyatt, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Frank Lamas, Jeff Macon, Sara Mitchel, Chris Pluhar, Donald Stengel, Mike Tillman, Rich Vaillancour, Sandra Witte and William Wright

Absent: Taylan Bennett, Eric Chan (C.O.), Mike Coles, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Dennis Nef and Fred Nelson

Guests: Kevin Ayotte, Lee Ayres (Tree Fresno), Devon Fullner, Amy Luna, Raymond Maggi (Stantec), Michael Mosinski, Cristian Sarabia (ASI), Josh Sawyer (Stantec), Syroun Sanossian (SZS) and John Valentino (Tree Fresno)

Meeting called to order at 8:08

1. Approval of February 19, 2016 agenda. It was MSC to approve the agenda.

2. Approval of the December 4, 2015 minutes.

   Mr. Gaffery moved to take action on the December minutes at the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Hyatt, motion carried.

3. ADA Master Accessibility Plan/Path of Travel (*Informational*) – Syroun Sanossian (SZS)/Sara Mitchel

   Ms. Syroun Sanossian with SZS Consulting Group presented on the ADA Master Accessibility Plan a process that has been in the works with the Office of the Chancellor since 2008 and now includes 10 CSU campuses.

   The plan includes a comprehensive review of all paths of travel, identifies deficiencies in access and provides a recommended course of action. The main focus is based on the point of arrival, how to get to each building, and how to get through that building. The scope of work includes:

   1. Provide an accessible network of pedestrian connections.
   2. Identify physical deficiencies (barriers) to achieving an accessible pedestrian facility.
   3. Provide a recommended course of action to correct (removal/repair, directional signage, etc.).

   With this plan the campus hopes to simplify future Division of the State Architect (DSA) review of projects by demonstrating a connection to the campus-wide accessible pedestrian grid and streamline future design and construction by establishing verifiable barriers to access associated with buildings or spaces.

Work tasks include:

1. Identify primary points of origination (parking lots/bus stops) and destination (buildings) for on-campus trips.
2. Find, document and propose routes of travel that are accessible or can reasonably be made accessible
3. Assign barrier severity ratings
    - Tier 1: Necessary to Correct (hazards)
    - Tier 2: Recommended to Correct (high severity)
    - Tier 3: Hindrance to access
    - Tier 4: Low severity barriers (non-compliant but usable)
    - Tier 5: Technically Infeasible barriers (remediation not possible)

The plan was completed in the summer of 2015 and presented to the President's Committee on Disabilities and Access (PCDA) during the fall semester. Chair Astone commented that Facilities Management will be working with PCDA to prioritize the needs and coordinate efforts with future projects. The goal is to address areas identified in the plan within the next 5-10 years.

Chair Astone mentioned that the University received an inquiry from the Office for Civil Rights regarding a complaint with accessibility at Bulldog Stadium. This plan and the data that was gathered is very helpful in helping the University determine how to best address these issues.

4. Demonstration Garden at the Horticulture Center (*Action*) – Vaillancour/ Ayres/Valentino

The proposed teaching and demonstration garden for public and school use was first presented to Campus Planning on October 23, 2015. The exhibit, to be housed at the Horticulture Center, is a great way to promote the idea of creating useful and sustainable spaces by developing an interactive garden that one can walk through.

The committee was supportive of the project and requested review of the path of travel to ensure accessibility. As part of the recommendation, the project team added an ADA accessible parking stall and accessible pathway to the garden.

Dr. Doub moved to approve the project as presented, seconded by Mr. Finden. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

5. Proposed New Student Union & Faculty Development Center (*Informational*) – Lamas/Stantec

Dr. Lamas introduced Stantec architects Josh Sawyer and Raymond Maggi who provided a presentation on the feasibility study that was completed as a result of the meetings, workshops and forums conducted in fall 2015 with regard to a new student union and faculty center.

The information has been shared with Associated Students, Inc. and the University Student Union Board. One of the main goals with this presentation is to make constituents aware of the proposed site, size and scale and solicit feedback with regard to these items as well as parking and proximity to other buildings.

The building will be approximately 100,000 gross square feet of space, with 10,000 of that square footage and assignable square footage dedicated to the faculty center. The building will include study and lounge areas, student involvement space, faculty center, the ballroom, and dining options. The majority of the functions will happen on the first floor where a lot of the activity will take place. The second floor will include meeting rooms, student leadership area and the faculty center. Finally, the third floor will include additional meeting room spaces. Lounge and seating areas will be available throughout the building.

Mr. Sawyer walked the committee through some of the design concepts of the building and the current bird's eye orientation. He also discussed the actual site and some implications the site selected has on the floor plan and layout.

Three different sites were considered with the area adjacent to the Amphitheater emerging as the preferred site. The proposed site is near the University Center in close proximity to the Henry Madden Library and existing University Student Union.

Chair Astone commented that the importance of not losing parking space was stressed to the consultants. Mr. Sawyer confirmed that alternate arrangements are being made to replace parking that would be temporarily unavailable due to construction.

Many of the focus groups talked about the University's relationship to agriculture and the National Parks. The idea of the orchard, very structured in nature, and the more open and random nature of the parks provide a very interesting opportunity to marry those two concepts together in the building, very structured organization to the south and a more organic structure to the north.

Another major component of the building will be the ballrooms. The campus expressed the need for a mid-range gathering facility that is smaller than the Save Mart Center but larger than the other facilities currently available on campus.

There was discussion regarding parking, service routes for the building and existing buildings, potential elimination of the roadway that that would be located south of the new building, and the vistas achieved with the current location and layout.

The faculty center concept still needs to be develop. The project team is working with the Chair of the Academic Senate, the Provost and others to develop the plan.

Chair Astone reiterated that this is a feasibility study. This presentation will be made to other constituent groups on campus. The project will come before this group multiple times before commencing schematic plans or anything more official.

Additional information is available at http://www.fresnostatenews.com/BoldNewU/

6. O'Neill Park Improvements Phase I (*Informational*) – Boyd/Vaillancour

Mr. Boyd and Mr. Vaillancour presented conceptual drawings for O'Neill Park and the phases for the proposed work that will take place in the coming months. The footprint, parameters and intended use of the park are not changing.

Some of the priorities in the redesign are to improve the visual image along Barstow Avenue and address drainage concerns.

The first phase will deal with the perimeter of the park and will include hardscape, turf, parking, street trees, 4 foot-high painted steel fence, and the overall infrastructure. Phase two will include improvements to the barbecue area, seating, covered structure, lighting, the bike lane, and potentially the restrooms. This will be dependent on the budget. The total build out for this project is roughly estimated at the $4-5 million range with the first phase in the $700,000 range.

There was discussion regarding the treatment and improvements that will be made to Barstow Avenue and coordination of the projects that are taking place in this area (e.g., Jordan Research Building, Bike Lanes Project and Electrical Infrastructure Project).

Committee members expressed concern with regard to the 4 ft. fence. Mr. Vaillancour added that there will be a 10 foot-wide sidewalk between the fence and the roadway/bikeway, as well as an additional 10 ft. area of organic material or other surfacing with trees. It was recommended that additional consideration be given to the fence so as to discourage individuals from climbing it. Mr. Gaffery suggested reviewing and discussing some of the work that Alta Planning + Design did for this area for additional recommendations with regard to fence placement.

Mr. Mosinski reiterated that the replacement trees being considered for this area are larger than the standard size, possibly 48-inch box trees. Additional trees will be planted along Woodrow Avenue bringing the replacement value to approximately 2:1.

The project will be presented to the PCDA. Chair Astone reminded the group that this is an informational item and will return to a future meeting for action.

7. Van Ness Residence Repairs and Maintenance (*Update*) – Robert Boyd

   Mr. Boyd provided a listing of necessary repairs and deferred maintenance that was completed at our University residence during fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16. The total expended was $212,244.44.

   The projects include complete installation of the security fence along Holland Avenue as part of a project previously reported. This also included a seal coat to prolong the useful life of the driveway.

   The windows were also upgraded with energy efficient windows to address safety concerns and energy efficiencies. Due to the age of the home, many of the windows were inoperable, drafty and had lead-based paint on the window seal which caused debris and potentially a hazardous condition when operated.

8. Other Business

   Due to time constraints, discussion of the remaining items and the parking update will be postponed to a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 a.m.