

CAMPUS/COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 21, 2023 Meeting

PRESENT

Adrienne Gallo
Belinda Zamacona
Carlos Coimbra
Cristiana Winter
Elizabeth Winzeler
Francisco Salinas
Jefferey Kaplan (on behalf of VC Health Sciences)
John Hughes
Kadaveru Sreevatsank
Kevin Hovland
Michael Salas
Mohan Paturi
Richard Garfein
Robert Brill

ABSENT

Drew Hunsinger
Emily Ryzak
Ken Hall

CAMPUS PLANNING STAFF

Amy Ly
April Alarcón
Elyse Hegstad
Ingrid Stromberg
Jennifer Mora
Lauren Livers
Rae Hartigan
Robert Clossin
Todd Pitman

GUESTS/CONSULTANTS

CPM – Megan Francis
Facilities Management – Jason Kayne, Michael Hogan (on behalf of Bryan Hooks)
Project Quality Management – Walt Kanzler
Transportation – Jose Perez, Rachel Hawkins
VC CFO – Jeff Graham
VC RMP – Steve Jackson
Flad Architects – Andrew Cunningham, Phillip Ra, Steven Ryder
McCarthy – Kevin Baker
OJB Landscape Architects – Colby Alston, Kyle Fiddelke

BUSINESS ITEM – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 16, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved without further comment.

COMMENT TO DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – MULTI-DISCIPLINARY LIFE SCIENCES (Rae Hartigan, Megan Francis, Flad Architects, OJB Landscape Architects)

Rae Hartigan introduced the Multi-Disciplinary Life Sciences (MDLS) project and explained it was first presented to the Committee in December 2023 for site endorsement and returns this month for Committee comment to the DRB on the schematic design. Hartigan presented the MDLS team, Project Manager Megan Francis, Flad Architects and OJB Landscape Architects, and explained the project will deliver space for Health Sciences, Biological Sciences and Academic Affairs that includes labs, teaching and collaboration spaces, offices, as well as a vivarium.

Philip Ra located the MDLS project site in the Health Sciences West neighborhood, south of Biomedical Sciences Way and west of Pharmacy Lane. The building parcel will be in between South Parking Structure and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Building. A new roadway will connect Biomedical Sciences Way to the South Parking Structure eastern entry and the MDLS building service yard. Ra explained utility work and enhancements to pedestrian and micro-mobility safety and wayfinding will extend northwest of the building parcel, encompassing a portion of Biomedical Sciences Way and Library Walk South. The overall project site will be approximately 134,000 SF. Ra described the MDLS building will create terraces and covered sidewalks in support of creating a node for Library Walk South, as recommended by the Health Sciences West Neighborhood Planning Study. The ground floor will primarily be teaching space and conference space. The existing pathway connecting the parking structure to Pharmacy Lane will remain, and a bridge connecting the building to ADA parking at the third level of the parking structure is proposed in response to the 20 ft grade on site being unsuitable for ADA requirements; 5 existing EV parking stalls in the parking structure to be displaced at point of connection. The building façade design aims to control heat gain and glare on the western edge with minimal windows, and naturally light the eastern edge with shade panels. Building and bridge materials include glass, metal panels and concrete. Sustainability features in the building include use of recyclable and low carbon footprint materials, low water-use fixtures, and access to daylight and outdoor spaces; in the landscape these include stormwater biofiltration, native and adaptive plant species, use of reclaimed water, and transplanting existing trees impacted by utility work.

Kyle Fiddelke explained public realm improvements will focus on enhanced pedestrian-oriented design through use of sidewalks, crosswalks and tabletop paving on Biomedical Sciences Way and Pharmacy Lane, and through use of informal seating and gathering space at Library Walk South and along the building's northern and southern edges. Library Walk South's southern terminus will be realigned to direct pedestrian traffic east, toward the crosswalk at the entrance to the South Parking Structure; the current alignment of Library Walk South will be redesigned into an informal court with decomposed granite and moveable chairs and tables. Materials will be cohesive with those at the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building and the Medical Education and Telemedicine Building. A solar analysis showed approximately 2 hours of sunlight on Pharmacy Lane in summer and winter; Biomedical Sciences Way could reach up to 14 hours of sunlight in summer and up to 7 hours of

sunlight in winter. Fiddelke explained the sun analysis informed the creation of three plant palettes; one for Biomedical Sciences Way, a second with low water and light needs for the very shady Pharmacy Lane; and a third for the service roadway. The tree palette proposes Drake Elms and Tipu trees in replacement of impacted Eucalyptus and Melaleuca trees on Biomedical Sciences Way, and Catalina Cherry trees for Pharmacy Lane and in replacement of impacted Flame Bottle trees at the building's north edge. At the service roadway, transplanted Brisbane Box trees are proposed to create height.

Todd Pitman summarized the Open Space Committee comments to the C/CPC on this project, explaining the OSC supported the overall public realm design and noted their appreciation of efforts to preserve the campus tree canopy. The Committee expressed concern over pedestrian safety and survival of the proposed plantings at the realignment of Library Walk South, where the resulting informal court overlaps with recurring maintenance vehicle access routing into the area; the OSC encouraged further consideration of both alternative and modified maintenance vehicle access, while still providing an intuitive and protected pedestrian path. Furthermore, the OSC requested consideration to enhanced protections for both existing and new trees, as well as the surrounding infrastructure. The OSC also suggested consideration to alternative solutions to direct access ADA parking and stressed the project team coordinate with Transportation Services regarding ADA parking at South Parking Structure. The OSC also requested more detail on connections to Rita Atkinson Hall and multi-modal device storage.

At discussion, the Committee spoke on the lack of food options in the Health Sciences West neighborhood and received confirmation of the proposed building programming. The Committee also highlighted the OSC's comment on recurring maintenance vehicle routing into Library Walk South. Hartigan explained this project will be presented to Regents for approval in July.

Comment to the DRB:

1. *Maintenance access:* The Committee asked the design team to consider ways to accommodate maintenance vehicle access on Library Walk South, from Biomedical Sciences Way.

BUSINESS ITEM – LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UPDATE (Robert Clossin & Lauren Lievers)

Robert explained the university's Long Range Development Plan guides land use, frames planning objectives, and reports population and development growth projections for campus. The accompanying EIR analyzes potential impacts from the growth on campus and provides mitigation strategies. Development that is consistent with these two documents enables a more streamlined process for capital project approvals. The La Jolla campus has its own LRDP and EIR from 2018 and the Hillcrest campus has its own from 2019; these plans and reports were created with a 15-year planning horizon, projecting population and development capacity up to approximately the year 2035. However, the La Jolla campus population is nearing the 2035 projected campus population. In addition, by fall 2026, La Jolla's West Campus could be close to exceeding the square feet projected by the LRDP. As a result, the La Jolla campus LRDP and EIR must be updated to analyze and address environmental impacts that may result from the additional growth and capture any changed conditions; this

update will be documented in the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) that will also extend the planning horizon to 2040.

Lauren Lievers explained the SEIR will focus only on topics that will be affected by increased growth, and does not require a complete redo because much of the analysis of the 2018 LRDP EIR will still be valid and the identified mitigation framework can still apply. Key topics to be reevaluated in the SEIR include Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, etc. Clossin confirmed this update to the LRDP and SEIR will not change fundamental goals and objectives of the 2018 LRDP, but reassess impact analyses and conclusions to ensure future projects can be consistent with the LRDP EIR and SEIR, and have appropriate mitigation strategies ready, ultimately streamlining the approval process. Background studies are ongoing and expected to be completed in Spring. The final SEIR will be presented to Regents for approval in January or March of 2025.

At discussion, the Committee considered all the additional facilities and infrastructure that will be required to accommodate an increase in population, including dining, walkways, classrooms, etc. Clossin confirmed that campus growth leading up to 2040 will be significant and explained the LRDP is only a high-level study considering the aggregate population and development potential. The Committee also voiced the need to grow sustainably and discussed decarbonization and climate action planning.

This item concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April Alarcón". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" and last name "Alarcón" clearly distinguishable.

April Alarcón
Associate Planner