

CAMPUS/COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 15, 2018 Meeting

Present

Ramona Ferreira
Tawnee Gomez (for Tara Cameron)
Ken Hall
Jeff Kaplan (Co-Chair)
Russ King
Marlene Shaver
Frank Silva
Charles Sprenger (Co-Chair)
Joel Watson
Cristiana Winter

Absent

Adrian Borsa
Matthew Arrollado
Tara Cameron
Robert Clossin
Firas Eid
Neal Devaraj
Tal Golan
John Hughes
Keith Pezzoli
Rand Steiger
Andrea Tao
David Traver

Campus Planning Staff

Raeanon Hartigan, Campus Planning
Todd Pitman, Campus Planning
Ginger Stout, Campus Planning

Guests/Consultants

Stephanie Ellsworth, Student
Harry Helling, Birch Aquarium
Hemlata Jhaveri, HDH
Joel King, Design and Development Services
Carolyn Sheehan, Nano-Engineering

Business Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 18, 2018 meeting were approved, with the following comment: Charles Sprenger asked to have the minutes reflect that he was the Committee member who noted the intersection of Villa La Jolla Drive and Gilman Drive is an important entry to the Main Campus and care should be given the look and feel of the Pepper Canyon housing at this intersection. Ginger Stout will update the minutes.

Business Item: Undergraduate Housing Plan (Hemlata Jhaveri, Todd Pitman)

Hemlata Jhaveri informed the Committee there are currently 11,620 undergraduates living on campus in spaces designed for 9,270 beds, meaning there are 2,350 beds over design capacity. The long term goal is to allow for decompression of existing housing while balancing out the total student enrollment to 4,000 students per college. Through both new construction and conversion of existing housing, the 39% of students housed on campus today will increase to the goal of housing 62% by 2028. The Village is home to both transfer students and undergraduates from each college due to the insufficient number of beds within their assigned colleges. The Village is anticipated to become Seventh College, which will allow shared beds with Roosevelt. Bed sharing and spillover of students could also occur between Revelle and Eighth College (located south of Revelle), and

between Muir and Sixth. New construction of housing is anticipated at North Torrey Pines Living and Learning (currently under construction), Marshall College at the Extension Site, redevelopment of Marshall Lowers, Pepper Canyon West, Pepper Canyon East, and Eighth College. Rita Atkinson apartments and Warren grad housing could convert to undergraduate housing once those graduate students move to the under construction Nuevo East and West graduate housing. A small number of School of Medicine students live at Rita Atkinson Apartments, and it is thought the number is small due to the amenities offered at Mesa Nueva, including the pool and proximate parking. Rita could become transfer student housing along with 1,100 beds at Pepper Canyon East until new transfer students housing can be constructed. Transfer students prefer lower density in the units, and request to be free from required meal plans. These locations allow for better access to the future Light Rail Transit, anticipated to be operational in 2021. Charles Sprenger asked who will be living at the Village in 2020, and Jhaveri responded that the Village could accommodate first-year Seventh College students by 2020, with dining for those students being accommodated by The Bistro, The Market, and Café Ventanas at ERC. Seventh College would need academic advising space incorporated into the space. This allows for the campus to more quickly address the needs of accommodating Seventh College. Sprenger inquired if an academic vision has been identified for Seventh College. No vision has been set yet. Marlene Shaver asked where Camp Snoopy is located, and it is in the location where Pepper Canyon West housing would be constructed. Currently, all undergraduate colleges serve more than 5,000 students, except Marshall, which is within 50 students of that number.

Graduate student housing would be accommodated in the Mesa Housing Neighborhood with the creation of a complete neighborhood oriented to graduate and professional students that offers a shared community experience. A new bicycle and pedestrian bridge will allow Mesa Housing residents access to campus by connecting grad students to Gilman Bridge. Approximately 8,700 beds are anticipated to be constructed at Mesa over 10 years. Retail amenities are being planned along Regents Road to help serve the grad students, families, and new faculty/staff housing.

Todd Pitman then provided an overview of a series of proposed public realm improvements associated with campus housing areas. In addition, a long range maintenance plan for existing housing includes: upgrades to fire and life safety at Warren, Canyon Vista dining remodel (2019), refresh of Café Ventanas, and Roots (2022) and Pines (2024) upgrades at Muir College. Nuevo East and West have anticipated completion dates of 2020, and Coast Apartments rebuilt for approximately 300 faculty units by 2024. Charles Sprenger inquired what phase these planned projects are in, and Mesa East and West are in construction now, but the South Mesa renovation is a very long range plan and has not even been presented to The Regents yet. Ken Hall asked how 300 units for staff housing at Coast was determined. Jhaveri said the number is still very preliminary and no massing has been studied yet. The newly created apartments would be faculty only, which may be controversial and will be further studied. Charles Sprenger asked if the Coast site is already planned, and Joel King mentioned it is not designed but will be a P3 project (it was included in the SIO Master Plan Study). It could be developed in phases per the SIO Master Planning Study. The tennis court area to the north would not be involved in the housing redevelopment. La Jolla del Sol apartments could be converted to graduate students once Coast becomes faculty housing. Sprenger asked how a project moves from the planning phase to having a site drawn. King explained how items come to C/CPC for information and comment to guide the process. Joel Watson inquired which locations are scheduled to go through the P3 process, and the Mesa Housing Neighborhood faculty/staff housing and Coast faculty housing are the only ones. P3 partnerships are qualification based and involve a design component. Sprenger mentioned Coast Apartments are a unique amenity for graduate students and asks that graduate students be involved in this process.

Todd Pitman gave an overview of the activating campus open spaces projects identified across campus and within each college neighborhood. Three categories of activation were assigned to the various locations based

on the need identified; program, design, and mobility. These include identifying who owns the space for 'programming', adding seating and shade components or design interventions for 'design', and recognizing the need for access and mobility in the spaces outside of buildings. Examples of locations identified include: outside of Center Hall along Library Walk where pedestrian and bicycle connections could be incorporated from the new Osler Parking Structure and the north side of Rita Atkinson Apartments with the addition of seating and shade to create usable open space. Jeff Kaplan asked how the prioritization is decided and Pitman explained there is not a formal process yet, but some areas have been chosen due to a nearby project, based on timing, and based on opportunity. Sprenger inquired if open space/landscape projects go through the same campus review process as a building project. Pitman described a typical process for approval of public realm projects, noting that often these areas are reviewed in conjunction with building projects. When standalone open space projects are contemplated the process is similar to building projects with the formation of an advisory group and socialization via standing campus committees. The primary difference is that funding of these is somewhat harder to secure and that feasibility studies are often conducted to get a better sense of program, cost and donor opportunity. Shaver inquired about the status of the Ridge Walk improvements. Phase 1 is being designed now and includes the area beginning at North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood (NTPLL) south to Reville Plaza. Phase 2 will be from NTPLL to North Campus. Approximately 23 projects are identified to be activated within the colleges over the next several years.

Business Item: Birch Aquarium Revitalization (Harry Helling)

Harry Helling introduced the conceptual revitalization plan for upgrades to Birch Aquarium. The buildings are over 25 years old and need upgrades to the outdated systems. The aquarium strives to be a self-sustaining enterprise. The workspaces for staff are inadequate, and the buildings are the least energy efficient at SIO. A document titled 'Revitalization Project Report' exploring the revitalization vision was completed in March, 2018 and can be used to guide the aquarium to become 'a world-class aquarium and behind the scenes Scripps experience'. The new mission is to 'connect understanding to protecting our ocean planet'. The new visitor experience will be organized into three overlapping zones: Discover, Invent, and Connect. An architect team was tasked with creating a space plan based on this mission and these organizing principles. A new entryway was visualized that includes art, interactive whale sounds, a video wall, integrated Scripps technology, and a new location for the gift shop. The first phase of the plan is anticipated to include redevelopment of the outer edges of the existing footprint. A boardwalk with views to the south and a new café, plus husbandry arts and a jellyfish touch pool have all been envisioned. A leopard shark tank with immersive experiences is included in the document. The largest sea dragon tank in the world is currently being installed and will open in May. The kelp tank would include a new acoustic and visual component. The upstairs area would become a conference center and auditorium. An Education and Center for Science Translation would serve as an overnight classroom experience for k-12 students. Sustainable features would be proposed throughout the improvements to align better with the mission of Scripps. Biomimicry and bioluminescence components would be incorporated. Over the next 3-6 months, Birch will be gathering input from internal and external communities, raising funds for schematic design, and organizing work groups to prepare for schematic design. Birch is working with donors to identify funding for the revitalization schematic design. Birch has met with the Coastal Commission three times during the process so far and they seem very supportive. A feasibility study from 20 years ago identified the opportunity to use sea water to cool the buildings, which would improve the sustainability of Birch. The study phased the improvements in such a way to not have to close the facility.

Joel Watson wondered if a market study has been done and what sort of traffic is expected with the upgrades. Helling mentioned that a market study has not been completed, but is a good idea. The goal of this location is more educational, and the partnership aquarium in downtown would be more recreational. Birch was sought out by the downtown developers to have a collaborative relationship. Watson asked who the group is

downtown, and Helling mentioned it's the local developers who won the contract and then reached out to Scripps. All funding will be separate and no student fees or money will be used to build the downtown branch.

Sprenger added that a connection from Birch down to Scripps would make the research component more real for Birch visitors. Helling expanded on that idea and mentioned the dream is to incorporate the research with the campus education experience, and said he'd like to make Birch into a place with high visibility like a JPL or NASA.

Business Item: Voigt Parking Structure (Todd Pitman)

Pitman updated the Committee on the status of the Voigt Parking Structure, which was intended to be an 840 stall structure. The location previously identified, northeast of Geisel and south of Voigt Drive, was not supported by the local Coastal Commission staff and would likely not have received approval by the Commission had it moved forward, but the campus is still pursuing public realm improvements in the area. Pitman explained that several operational changes are being evaluated to maximize current inventory and provide alternative access to programs near that site. The Campus Planning office is continuing to evaluate options for other ways to add parking inventory. A site has been recently identified for study on the surface parking lot to the west of the baseball field on East Campus. Watson inquired if shuttle stop changes would be changed to accommodate those needing access to Franklin Antonio Hall. Pitman responded that operational changes are continuously examined to create the most efficient and effective service.

Business Item: Campus Updates (Rae Hartigan and Todd Pitman)

Raeanon Hartigan informed the Committee that the 2018 La Jolla Long Range Development Plan was approved during the Regents' November meeting.

Hartigan extended an invitation to the Hillcrest Open House being held on November 28th from 6-7:30 PM at the First Unitarian Universalist Church.

An Urban Studies and Planning class is hosting a pop-up event on campus on November 28th from 10AM to 1PM at The Hump near the Old Student Center. Prof. Leslie Lewis' class 'Healthy Placemaking' along with a student run group called 'Urban Changemakers' are hosting the event titled 'YouCSD' for building stronger ties within the campus community.

Pitman informed the Committee that a micro-mobility workshop will be hosted in January, on a date TBD, to help determine best policies surrounding the various types of personal mobility devices. A reminder will be sent to the Committee.

This item concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ginger Stout
Associate Planner