

CAMPUS/COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 16, 2017 Meeting

Present

Adrian Borsa
Tara Cameron (Co-Chair)
Tal Golan
Sophia Hirakis
John Hughes
Ramona Ferreira
Shirley Meng (Co-Chair)
Keith Pezzoli
Frank Silva
Charles Sprenger
Cristy Winter

Absent

Matthew Arrollado
Kim Carnot
Mark Cunningham
Neal Devraj
Firas Eid
Lesly Figueroa
Ken Hall
Marlene Shaver
Rand Steiger
David Traver
Joel Watson

Staff

Robert Clossin, Campus Planning
Todd Pitman, Campus Planning
Elyse Sanchez, Campus Planning

Guests/Consultants

Carolyn Sheehan, Nanoengineering

Business Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from July 27, 2017, August 24, 2017, and September 28, 2017 meetings were approved unanimously.

Committee Charge, Overview and Campus Projects

Robert Clossin began the meeting by reviewing the charge to the Committee, whose primary function is to review project sites and to advise campus leadership on capital projects, planning studies, neighborhood studies, and bicycle and pedestrian projects (and other planning issues). The Committee will also have the opportunity to review and comment on the 2018 Long Range Development Plan. Some other upcoming plans to review include the East Campus Neighborhood Planning Study and the Hillcrest Master Plan/Long Range Development Plan. New building projects are brought to the Committee for information, site evaluation, and at schematic design, at which point the design team presents and comments are formally forwarded on to the Design Review Board. Materials including staff reports and planning studies will be shared at least one week prior to the meeting. The Committee is also welcome to request more information on projects in the neighboring community. The Committee members' role includes bringing information shared in the meeting back to their respective Vice Chancellor areas to help socialize the projects. MSPPC and the Open Space Committee are both advisory to C/CPC. Raeanon Hartigan serves as the Executive to the Committee for MSPPC, advisory to VC Margaret Leinen, and comments are made available to C/CPC. The Open Space Committee is led by Todd Pitman, Campus Landscape Architect, and reviews landscape and public realm projects.

Robert proceeded with brief updates on current capital projects. Tata Hall (Biological and Physical Sciences) is scheduled to open in Fall 2018. The Outpatient Pavilion is anticipated to open in March of 2018. The Center for

Novel Therapeutics (CNT) is under construction. Mesa Nueva housing is now open. Gilman Bridge is expected to be completed by early 2019. The Osler Parking Structure will contain 1300 parking spaces with about 50 surface spaces by August 2018. The Light Rail Transit Mid-Coast Corridor is still tracking a 2021 completion. Genesee Bridge improvements are still under construction but largely complete. Most of the new overcrossing will be done and in operation in 2017 and the bicycle overpass will be constructed with a new bike connection to campus at the Campus Services Complex entry. Regents Road widening is scheduled to be completed in the next few months. Mesa Nuevo West will be approximately 800 beds with an additional 80 beds dedicated to patient family housing. Mesa West will begin mobilization immediately. Mesa Nuevo East is to be comprised of 1414 beds. The North Torrey Pines Living Learning Neighborhood will consist of undergraduate housing and underground parking, and will start construction after graduation in June 2018. Osler Parking Structure will open soon after to help balance the loss of surface parking in lots P207 and P208. Open Houses to further communicate about the project and parking changes will be scheduled in early 2018. The Voigt Parking Structure will have 853 parking spaces and will help offset the loss of parking in P502. Co-Chair Meng confirmed with Committee members that the site had been approved and the design team has been advised of our concerns. Additionally, Shirley Meng and Joel Watson sit on the Building Advisory Committee (BAC).

The Design and Innovation Building has been brought forward for site evaluation already and will return for schematic design in early 2018. The Triton Pavilion (Gateway) programming architects have been chosen and a Design-Build competition will be held to determine the build and design team. The agreement with the City of San Diego is under development for the Fire Station. The site is at the northern tip of campus and will displace a tennis court. A new housing project is under discussion for the surface parking lots south of Revelle College. It may become a new academic college at some point. The Expedition Way surface parking lot, near the Venter Institute, is being designed and will remain until displaced by a future project. The SIO Marine Conservation Facility is into Design Development. Todd Pitman added that Ridge Walk improvements are scheduled to begin in December 2018 and will include circulation improvements, new student spaces.

The 2018 Long Range Development Plan will define the outer envelope of development with a 15-20 year horizon. Campus Planning is targeting a September 2018 Regental approval for both the LRDP and the EIR. Committee members inquired about incorporating more gardens into the long range planning, but Clossin explained that gardens are at a micro level of planning, while the LRDP is more at a macro level. Keith Pezzoli added that the campus should be used as a living laboratory, and Meng added that carbon neutrality goals should be met as much as possible on campus as opposed to leveraging offsets. Sophia Hirakis asked about an increase in solar paneling on campus. Clossin explained that currently the cost-benefit analysis for solar paneling on campus is not in our favor, but that we outfit our buildings with conduit in case that changes. Tal Golan asked to continue to study these options further.

UC San Diego enrollment will increase to headcounts close to those of UCLA and UC Berkeley at 42,400 students. The University also hopes to house 65% of students while implementing smart growth strategies. Over time, low density areas will be redeveloped to higher density. Currently, there is a 7:1 ratio of undergraduate students to graduate students, but goals include changing that to a 4:1 ratio. The land use plan allows for flexibility. If the land use is changed, it requires an LRDP amendment and Regental approval.

The Light Rail Transit (LRT) will offer another mode of transit that is expected to shift some commuters out of their single-occupant vehicles. The Retail Council is reviewing new retail and amenities on campus. The Committee commented on the desire for childcare expansion and availability for faculty recruitment purposes. Space planning goals will include better utilization and infill strategies. Charles Sprenger suggested embracing additional options for modes of transport, including the skyway connection from the Coaster to campus.

Information Item: Hillcrest Master Planning Study and LRDP

Clossin reviewed the key drivers for creating a new LRDP for the Hillcrest Campus. The hospital will not meet 2030 deadline for seismic code regulations for hospitals, and the existing hospital cannot be retrofitted.

General land use bubbles noted the potential future organization for the campus, including a large area dedicated to housing. Housing will strive to address housing affordability by possibly including micro-units, but the housing will largely be rental units offered at market rate. Realizing the potential impact to traffic, the number of units is still under consideration depending on the traffic counts for the campus as a whole. Nearly all existing buildings, many of which are temporary, will be demolished and programs will be assessed for replacement space. The development of the campus will be in phases due to the domino-like effect of program shifts. Clossin reviewed the current proposal for phasing. Committee members embraced the potential idea for a skyway connect to the LRT Mission Valley station. They also stressed that housing affordability is a huge challenge for faculty.

The LRDP and EIR are in early stages of development. EIR scoping will be brought forward in Spring 2018, with a public review period likely to be in Fall 2018. Regental approval for the LRDP and EIR is anticipated in Spring 2019. Hirakis commended the plan development so far, noting the community benefit with the future green space.

The Committee discussed a few business items regarding information dissemination and process. Clossin urged all members to actively share the information they heard in the meeting. The Committee also discussed strategies for improving discussion dynamics during the meeting.

This item concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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