



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Rooms 159 & 198 School of Education, UW-Madison

Project/No.: 2015 Campus Master Plan Update

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 8:00-11:00AM

Re: Campus Visit #4, TCC #6
Landscape Work Group
GI/Stormwater Work Group
Transportation Work Group

Notes By: Aaron Williams, FP&M

Attendees:

Faculty/Guests: Kate Christopherson (CoM), Beth Reid (DOA), Alex Roe (UWSA), Kate Sullivan (UWEX), Neil Mack (DoIT)

FP&M Staff: Bill Elvey, Gary Brown, Rob Lamppa, Dan Okoli, Kris Ackerbauer, Julie Grove, Jeff Pollei, Aaron Williams, Rhonda James, Marcella Otter, Patrick Kass, Kurt Johnson, Ellen Agnew, Rick Werre, Pete Heaslett, Harmony Makovec, Marisa Trapp (FP&M)

Consultants: Jon Hoffman, Mary Jukuri, Neal Kessler, Eric Schuchardt, Bill Patek, Dave Wolmutt, Cassie Goodwin (SGJJR), Mike Skowlund, Stan Szwalek (HS), Kevin Krause, Paul Huettl, Scott Moll (AEI), Brian Smalkoski, Kevin White (KH)

Excused/Absent: Jim LaGro (URPL), John Harrington (DLA), John Krogman (DoIT), Drew Beck (CoM), Sam Dennis (DLA), Jeanette Kowalik (UHS), David Marcouiller (URPL), David Noyce, Ken Potter, Dave Liebl (CEE), Doug Rose, Rob Kennedy, Dan Dudley, Jonathan Bronk, Matt Collins, (FP&M), Randy Mattison (UWSA), Anita Thompson (BSE)

TCC MEMBER-ALL GROUP PRESENTATION*****

Schedule & Goals

2015 Master Plan Update goals presented.

Schedule presented:

- Draft Preliminary Master Plan presented December, 2015
- Preliminary Master Plan presented, February, 2016
- Final Master Plan & Documentation presented, April – September, 2016
- Plan Approval, September 2016 through January 2017

Campus Framework

- Existing campus landscape pattern overlaid with the proposed landscape concept plan that envisions: A more intentional, more connected, more engaged, more natural and more iconic landscape experience and aesthetic throughout campus.

Alternatives: West Campus

- Observatory Hill Concept 1: Prairie & Wetland
 - o Need a small area near residence halls for informal active recreation lawn area
 - o Incorporate sledding potential with this informal active recreation lawn area
- Observatory Hill Concept 2: Restore the Hill
 - o P. Heaslett: Driving over Observatory Hill is the only way many people experience the University, it has a lasting impression, would hate to remove this experience.
 - o J. Grove: Wetland idea and celebrating our water location would be a great engagement opportunity.
 - o P. Heaslett: Why remove traffic all together?
 - S. Szwalek: A more complete restoration and respect to the 12,000 year history, removing modern traces in favor of a more natural experience.
 - o Observatory Drive is the only full east/west connection route through campus.
 - o Removing parking on Observatory and adding bike lanes is supported by the group.
 - o Naturalizing should help reduce maintenance, which is attractive to FPM OM budgets.

Alternatives: Central Superblock

- Central Superblock Concept 1: Linden Quad
 - o Increasing density near Lot 20 is appropriate for staff parking desires and to accommodate the loss of Lot 34.
 - o If we expand parking in this location we will need to provide two points of access.
 - o Mid-block east/west would alleviate the Linden Drive traffic if parking is increased internally.
 - o Large courtyard south of the Greater Mall does not frame the mall, it dilutes the area with more green space.
- Central Superblock Concept 2: Interior Quad
 - o Best overall layout, good use of existing grades and respects the Greater Mall.
 - o The more central the parking the better for the users. Placing parking under the shared green space area is preferred.
 - o McCardle building will be one of the first to be deconstructed. It is currently lightly used and has few occupants.
- Central Superblock Concept 3: Courtyards
 - o From a utilities standpoint, the more streets the better for running utilities.

Alternatives: Charter Street

- North Charter Street
 - o What is envisioned for winter maintenance? Stairs will be closed, the potential to look at metal grating to limit snow accumulation may be possible.
 - o Area needs to provide bike parking at the toe of Observatory Hill in this location
 - o What type of use does this path get in the winter?
 - G. Brown: Minimally used since the Lake Shore Path is not maintained in the winter. Want to limit access down this area as it currently exists in the winter. It is not an adequate walking route.
 - o E. Agnew: Does the stair want to go on the east side of Social Science?
 - G. Brown: The 1966 introduction of Social Science to this area created an upheaval with Muir Woods preservationists. The outcome of this was the 1918 Marsh and an agreement to not develop Muir Woods further.
 - o S. Szwalek: The intent is to make this area safer in a more elegant manner.

Alternatives: Charter/Linden Intersection

- B. Smalkoski: The proposed alternatives are trying to solve transit delays while simultaneously allowing convenient pedestrian movements.
- We just took down a bridge over University Avenue, why are we proposing another bridge?
 - o M. Jukuri: The proposed bridge is more analogous to the existing bridge from Bascom Hill to Humanities. It takes advantage of the grade and is a more natural pedestrian desire path. By connecting the bridge at the general assembly halls to the east and the Greater Mall upper promenade we are gathering a large percentage of the intersection users and removing them from the intersection.
- B. Elvey: With the bridge option, does this mean we are then controlling pedestrian movements at grade?
 - o B. Smalkoski: Not necessarily, since there are low volumes of vehicular traffic on Charter/Linden for most of the day, students will continue to cross whenever.
- The College of Engineering has been consistently studying this intersection and feels a scramble will not resolve the current condition. The low volumes of vehicles are the primary reasoning behind their studies.

Alternatives: South Campus

- Concept 1: Blocks and Courtyards
 - o Enhancing Dayton Street as a campus 'local' street is a positive
 - o If Charter is to become more bike friendly, ensure the connections to existing infrastructure are available. A bike station (similar to Millennium Park) would be best in this area of campus.
- Concept 2: Central Quad on Dayton
 - o Mills Street is a primary north/south in campus, especially for service vehicles.
- Concept 3: Urban Plaza on Johnson
 - o Plan should emphasize buildings along Johnson instead of 'green' space. We know the Granger north plaza is a cold space that is not used heavily. Ensure the first floors of buildings are open and full of glass (similar to WID) to activate the street level.

Alternatives: University Avenue

- Concept 1: Northside Cycle Track
 - o The addition of turn lanes, as requested by the city, will impact Park Street and Randall Avenue intersections along this corridor, we need to see the entire corridor to understand these impacts.
 - o Bikers naturally want to be on this side of the street to make turning movements into campus easier.
 - o More conflicts with the transit stops occur in this concept.
- Concept 2: Southside Cycle Track
 - o This side is preferred by the City of Madison. Connection to the regional bike trail on the west is difficult.
 - o P. Heaslett: Where to bikes turning into campus stack? With thinner lanes the concepts need to accommodate where people wait.

Alternatives: Linden Drive

- o Is there really a need for more greenspace around Willow Creek? There appears to be ample greenspace in the immediate vicinity.

- M. Jukuri: We see this as a defining natural element of the West Campus that could be an iconic campus space. With the projected influx of bodies to this area of campus there is an opportunity to restore the water course, increase biodiversity, enhance education/programming and treat stormwater.
 - Does it make sense to focus on the water from campus that comes into Willow Creek? It is 1% of the total watershed, which is primarily an urban residential land use. Would a more cost effective solution be focusing on campus runoff entering the lake directly?
 - M. Jukuri: While we understand the runoff from the upper reaches of Willow Creek are far more detrimental than what enter the creek via UW land, there is a responsibility and desire to address the existing quality of the Creek. It is a unique situation where UW can monitor improvements to stormwater at both a creek and lake perspective simultaneously.
 - We need two points of egress to the VetMed Hospital.
 - Parking ramp as shown on Lot 60 was to accommodate accessible parking, if the ramp is located further east, the plan needs to accommodate VetMed accessible parking.

Alternatives: West Campus

- Union West is not a viable term in light of the current financial climate. This building will continue to be shown as a 'Mixed-Use' building to accommodate a social need on this end of campus.
- Concept 1: Front Door on Observatory
 - The east/west path is a good connection to the Health Sciences campus from the Lake Shore Path.
- Concept 2: Lakeview Gathering
- Concept 3: Lakefront Gathering
 - Can a beach be implemented in this concept?
 - M. Jukuri: The potential exists when you are creating something this different in the area.
 - This concept could be done in conjunction with the dredging of University Bay, one project to dredge and modify the lake edge.
 - Need to accommodate the boat launch facility with minimal parking, or combine this parking lot within a larger parking area.

End of Minutes

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