
Meeting Location: School of Education Room
159, UW-Madison

Project/No.: 2015 Campus Master Plan Update

Date/Time: Thursday, Feb 25, 2016 8:30 to
10:00AM

Re: Campus Planning Steering Committee
Meeting #5

Notes By: Aaron Williams, FP&M

Agenda: (attached)

Attendees: Seth Blair, Gary Brown, Chris Bruhn, Thomas Chitwood, Aaron Crandall, Bill Elvey, Michael Pflieger, Lance Raney, Karl Scholz, Petra Schroeder, James Skinner, Katharyn Vandebosch (acting chair), Katharine Cornwell, Mark Guthier, John Horn, Eden Inoway-Ronnie, Patrick Kass, Rob Kennedy, Jocelyn Milner, Jeff Novak, Lisa Pearson, Kate Sullivan, Mark Wells, Dan Okoli, Kim Todd, Bill Patek, Jon Hoffman, Mary Jukuri, Dave Wolmut, Eric Schuchardt (SGJJR), Kevin White (Kimley-Horn), Stan Szwalek, Mike Skowlund (Hoerr Schaudt), Paul Huettl, Scott Moll (AEI)

Absent/Excused: Lori Berquam, Deborah Biggs, Brian Bridges, Paul Broadhead, Luis Fernandez, Mike Grady, Pete Heaslett, Andy Howick, Jason King, Kari Knutson, Bruce Maas, Scott McKinney, Everett Mitchell, Sue Riseling, Alex Roe, Kari Sasso, Karen Soley, Ralph Turner, Bill Vanderbloemen, Sarah Van Orman, Steve Wildeck

Agenda:

1. Approve December 10, 2015 minutes (CPSC meeting #4) ***ACTION ITEM***
2. Revised Draft Master Plan Update Presentation & Discussion
 - a. Campuswide Vision and Principles
 - b. Landscape and Open Space Recommendations
 - c. Green Infrastructure Recommendations
 - d. Transportation and Parking Recommendations
 - e. Utility Recommendations
3. Final Review and Adoption Schedule

Kate Vandebosch called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

Presentation:

M. Jukuri: Presented agenda, where we've been and reviewed overall campus plan. The presentation varies from the agenda in that it is divided into six sections which correspond with the six master plan goals.

Support Our Mission:

M. Jukuri explained the campus capacity to grow, based on the 2005 plan by an additional 0.7 Million Gross Square Feet.

Manage our Resources:

S. Szwalk: Reviewed significant additional information in the landscape plan and overviewed the master plan graphics highlighting the existing quads and how proposed quads/green spaces are planned to integrate with the entire campus system. The landscape intentionally becomes more natural (organic) as you move toward the lake and especially toward the Lakeshore Nature Preserve on the west campus.

M. Jukuri: Green Infrastructure is playing a major role in the Campus Master Plan to not only meet our DNR permit requirements in regard to sediment and phosphorus removal, but also to increase the educational value to the campus community, enhance the campus brand, provide habitat, and interject more 'green' open space into the south campus. While our goal is to promote green infrastructure wherever possible, the area of campus north of University Ave is very different than the area south of University Ave and as such, has different strategies for implementation.

- North of University Ave: Larger watershed based stormwater management practices with more naturalized solutions.

- South of University Ave: Project by project and site by site with more urban solutions.

P. Huettl: Utility Infrastructure

- Presented the existing and proposed utility infrastructure capacity based on the proposed building opportunities in the next 30 years.
- Major recommendations include the potential for adding addition capacity at the West Campus Cogeneration Facility around the year 2035 (5,000 tons).
- Renewable energy recommendations included a discussion about transpired solar collectors and photovoltaic opportunities on future buildings and parking structures.

Make Travel Easy:

K. White: Transportation

- Presented overview of recommendations including recommended bike/pedestrian improvements as well as street vacations/additions.
 - Noted the addition of a dedicated left turn lane off of N. Charter Street onto east bound West Johnson Street would help alleviate the existing back-up of Charter Street at the late afternoon rush hour.
- Overviewed the 'Superblock' and the proposed street additions to that area. Streets will favor bike/pedestrian/transit over vehicular circulation but does provide less traffic congestion at the Linden/Charter intersection.
- The master plan will continue to show a connection of the campus drive shared-use ped/bike path south of the existing Meat Science building connecting to Babcock Drive. The Meat Science Lab will need to be pulled back and reduced in size to accommodate the future path. In the near future, the Meat Science facility will be renovated for the Seeds/Plant Germplasm program.
- Parking was summarized as UW-Madison being a national leader in Transportation Demand Management (TDM), which allows for the existing and future constrained parking resources and lower than average parking ratios compared to our peer universities.
 - Currently we provide parking for staff and faculty only and offer a constrained demand of 13,000 spaces (.34 parking spaces/staff & faculty only), which includes approximately 1,400 spaces for visitors and 2,600 campus utilities/service vehicles.

- UW-Madison would like to add 2,000 visitor designated spaces over the course of the long range campus master plan.
- K. White indicated the location of additions and reductions for indicated parking in the overall plan. The general theme is about putting structured parking in convenient locations throughout campus near major arterial streets for easy access.

Celebrate our Lakeside Setting:

S. Szwalko: This goal includes the removal of parking from our lakefront and internalizing it to where the demand is the highest. Restoring the function, view and historic landscape aesthetic of Observatory Hill is a major recommendation for the master plan. Addition of a major stormwater management facility for educational purposes combined with thinning of the vegetation to create a more historically appropriate oak savanna ecosystem in this area are two of the larger recommendations. Also removing street parking along Observatory is recommended to provide better pedestrian accommodations and increase the scenic quality of the overlook from the top of this glacial moraine called Observatory Hill.

M. Jukuri: The west campus landscape recommendations indicate how to visually connect this area to the lake while creating indoor and outdoor gathering spaces. Incorporated into these outdoor spaces is opportunities for green infrastructure and the potential for redirecting stormwater with the loss of Lot 60 and an overall 'greening' of this area of campus.

Revitalize Outdoor Spaces:

M. Jukuri: The focus for this goal is the introduction of green space that is currently lacking particularly in the area south of University Avenue. This includes a block-by-block approach to adding larger green areas when development is proposed. As a topographically low point of campus it also affords stormwater management opportunities.

Be Good Neighbors:

K. White: Campus Welcome:

- The primary entrance gateways into campus have been identified which will include recommendations for major signage and landscape enhancements. University Avenue is consistently identified as a major divide between the north and south campuses, but is also a primary branding opportunity for the campus. Over 60,000 vehicles a day travel through the University/Johnson corridor.
 - University Avenue recommendations include a combined two-way bike path that is protected from vehicular traffic via a vegetated median. The recommendations favor comfort to a larger bike user contingent, reduce overall conflicts, and support the future bus rapid transit (BRT) potential currently being discussed along the corridor.
- The Henry Mall 'intersection' with University Avenue is another multi-functional area with a variety of conflicting uses. With the future extension of Henry Mall/Engineering Mall through the existing Engineering building toward the Camp Randall Memorial Park and a desire for pedestrians to cross at this point, the plan will indicate a number of improvements to support these goals:
 - Aligning and designating a defined pedestrian and bike crossing point connecting to the cycle track in this area currently recommended for the east side of Henry Mall.
 - Providing a distinctive campus arrival aesthetic in this area.
 - Providing vertical barriers in the medians to prevent pedestrian midblock movements that are unsafe.
 - Relocating the existing traffic signals to the east (University Ave side) and bus shelter to the east (Campus Drive side).

A. Crandall: Is there a separate bike and pedestrian crossing at Henry Mall?

K. White: Yes, a continental walk for the pedestrians and a colored bike crossing.

M. Jukuri: Next steps.

- April 13 & 14, 2016 campus visit.
- CPSC plan adoption April or June 2016
- Executive Leadership Team review and approval September 2016
- City of Madison approval, October/November 2016

J. Skinner: For the Linden/Charter pedestrian overpass, how do people use it at the ground level? How many people will feasibly use it?

M. Jukuri: Our planning studies and video reviews have indicated we will be able to redirect many of the east/west pedestrians, perhaps up to 50% using the intersection today. There will always be an at-grade crossing present for some pedestrians moving through the intersection at grade.

K. VandenBosch: There are two concerns remaining. The closing of Linden Drive from the Horse Barn going west, due to us being an Ag Campus we have a large quantity of big trucks and program interaction that street currently allows. Eventual removal of the existing Meat Science building does not fit with the current plan to relocate Seeds into this old building. There are also programmatically related buildings along Linden Drive that removing access off Elm disconnects.

M. Jukuri. We are not proposing to completely remove that building, rather removing 10-20 feet off the south side of the existing building to allow the path to slip by. There is still access from Linden Drive via a 'loop' through this block. But we can look at this area again.

B. Elvey: The existing Meat Science building is actually in the railroad Right-of-Way, which will be an issue going forward. The long term plan is to renovate this building and get it out of the right-of-way, off railroad property and allow the bike path to connect through all the way from the Dairy Barn to Babcock Drive.

M. Guthier: There was mention of the proposed future Humanities Center location. Are there other proposed buildings we know about, but are not being informed of?

B. Elvey: This is exactly why we do the department level master plans to identify where specific programs might be located. We have an idea for many of them, but individual college master plans are our method to determine exact program and size with respect to what program goes into what proposed building opportunity site.

J. Novak: You are taking active programming away from Observatory Hill with the stormwater and reduced lawn area. Can we still have some outdoor passive recreation areas for our residence hall students in this part of the campus.

Jukuri: The stormwater facility is in the footprint of the existing Lot 34.

B. Elvey: Just to clarify, are you talking about active recreation next to Tripp Commons? We can add in a small lawn area east of Tripp Commons. The recommended plans for this area also include lawn spaces west of Elizabeth Waters Hall for passive outdoor recreation.

K. Scholtz: Will the new parking ramp/garage be up and running prior to the removal of Lot 34?

G. Brown: The timing of any new parking facility or removal of any parking at Lot 34 and on Observatory Drive is all hinged on the future development of the corner of Charter and Linden which will contain the 'replacement' parking area below that building complex. No parking will be removed in Lot 34 or along

Observatory Drive until the replacement parking is open and operational. That goes for all the proposed parking facilities. We will continue to anticipate the removal of parking with replacement facilities.

J. Skinner: I worry about a summer CPSC meeting and getting quorum for a final recommendation on the master plan. Is a mid-May meeting better?

G. Brown: We will look into this and see about the potential for taking action on the plan in April.

After a motion and second, K. Vanden Bosch adjourned meeting at 9:43.

End of Minutes

If this report does not agree with your records or understanding of this meeting, or if there are any questions, please advise the writer immediately in writing; otherwise comments are assumed to be correct.

Recorder: A. Williams, Assistant Campus Planner
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