

South Campus Consultation Group

Thursday, April 5, 2018

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Agri-Food Discovery Place

University of Alberta: Anastasia Lim (Chair), Emily Ball, Pat Jansen, Ben Louie

Community members: Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Paul Greenwood (Lansdowne), Wiggert Hessels (McKernan), Peter Rausch (McKernan), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), M. Nebozuk (Grandview), Bob Kamp (Belgravia), Sherri Fuchs (Malmo)

Commenced: 7:00pm

The minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting were accepted.

## Update on priority projects

- a. South Campus Community Ice Arena (SCCIA) - B. Louie presented illustrations of the proposed SCCIA to refresh the group's understanding of the proposed project. He reviewed the elements of the design such as the two arenas, the proposed high performance training wing, the back of house elements, plans to accommodate parking and athlete drop off areas. B. Louie informed the group that currently the UA does not have all the funding in place but will be proceeding with preliminary designs to see how all of the design elements can be accommodated. B. Louie told the group that the UA have engaged GEC consultants to look at programming, site planning and preliminary design. The next phase will be the schematic design which will provide more information. Once the schematic design is complete more information about the project will be shared with the SCCG.
  - E. Hudson asked what the seating capacity for Clare Drake is. P. Jansen responded 2900.
  - P. Greenwood inquired about the funding from the City of Edmonton (COE). P. Jansen told the group that the COE is still committed to the project. He added that additional funding may come from the provincial and federal governments along with donations from alumni. B. Louie told the group that given that the funding may come in at different times the project may be phased.
  - P. Rausch asked about the future of Clare Drake. P. Jansen responded that Clare Drake will remain as is and continue to be used on the North Campus.
- b. South Campus Signage and Infrastructure Update – P. Jansen gave a presentation to the group about plans for new signage and infrastructure updates. He told the group that after discussions with South Campus stakeholders and after an audit of decades old signage, there is a plan to replace signs along with kiosks that align with the North Campus. P. Jansen reviewed for the group – with the use of illustrations – pathways, installation of new electronic speed signs, kiosk locations, and signage design. P. Jansen told the group that the project will take some time to implement but will take place over the summer of 2018 and maybe into the summer of 2019.

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S. Dobson asked if the signs were perhaps too small for people who are driving. P. Jansen responded that a consultant was engaged for the signs and that the sign size is based on what is on North Campus but that he understands S. Dobson's point and that if necessary they will augment the signs for drivers.

P. Jansen also added that there is a plan to improve pedestrian pathways and a consultant has been engaged to review 3 specific areas and when this work is completed, an update will be provided to the SCCG.

P. Rausch asked if the pedestrian pathways include cyclists. P. Jansen responded yes.

S. Dobson expressed appreciation for the improvements to Zone B.

- c. Storm Pond - Phase 2 and Soccer fields – P. Jansen showed the group a site plan for the South Campus and land owned by the Government of Alberta (GOA) – referred to as the Neil Crawford site. P. Jansen told the group that the HUB lab that is being constructed by the GOA would impact/eliminate the four soccer fields currently on the site. P. Jansen told the group that the GOA has approved the UA plans to relocate the fields to land on the UA South Campus. P. Jansen presented the proposed concepts for the relocation of the fields and explained how the fields would also be constructed in such a way to provide surge drainage and meet the needs of storm water management. P. Jansen added that the UA is waiting for the funds from the GOA before proceeding with the project. The funds from the GOA have not been received to date.

E. Hudson asked where the parking for the arena would be. P. Jansen indicated where the arena parking would be located which is in a different place from where the soccer fields will be relocated.

M. Nebozuk asked about the garden area that is west of the proposed arena and what the plans were for that area.

P. Jansen responded that the area is designated for housing as per the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

P. Jansen added that the UA has retained BUNT and Associates to look at the impact of parking and traffic for the arena project and expects the report in the coming weeks.

E. Hudson asked if the UA and GOA are talking to each other about parking and traffic impacts. P. Jansen told the group that both groups are talking to each other about parking and traffic.

P. Rausch asked if the new soccer fields will have changing rooms in the new arena. B. Louie responded hopefully yes and S. Dobson commented that the drop off area should be for both arena activities and soccer.

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E. Hudson asked if the fields will be ready for the 2019 season. P. Jansen responded that the UA wants to begin in the spring but that the UA is in a waiting pattern until the GOA forwards the funding.

- d. Alberta Laboratories - Precinct Parking Development – P. Jansen provided a slide showing UA property referred to as South Campus. He also outlined the property the GOA owns and operates in the area/precinct. The UA and the GOA have been exploring options for precinct wide parking solutions. P. Jansen highlighted a stripe of land east of the LRT South Campus station and told the group that this parcel of land has been identified as a potential parking solution for the HUB lab. P. Jansen told the group that this is still very much in the discussion phase and no final decisions have been made.

W. Hessels asked if the parking plan would provide revenue to the UA? P. Jansen responded yes parking would provide revenue but the land is also very valuable.

E. Hudson commented that at the last GOA community meeting regarding the HUB Lab, the GOA indicated that a decision would be made at a meeting that was to take place on March 1. E. Hudson asked what happened at the March 1 meeting. P. Jansen responded that the March 1 meeting was cancelled by the GOA.

E. Hudson commented that the land being discussed is slated for residential use in the UA LRDP. P. Jansen responded that this was correct and that is still what the UA is interested in.

P. Greenwood asked if the HUB Lab parking is underground or a parkade. P. Jansen responded that parking for the HUB Lab is a GOA decision but that he could say underground parking is very expensive so he believe the GOA is looking at a parking structure. P. Jansen added that he understands that there will be some underground parking but only for service vehicles dropping off lab materials.

S. Dobson commented that he has been in discussions with Councillor Walters from the COE and has expressed his concerns about a parking structure next to an LRT station and that once a parkade goes in that spot, the option to develop transit-orientated housing is eliminated. S. Dobson told the group that this issue will be going to COE Council and that the COE will be discussing this with the GOA. S. Dobson added that parking on valuable land is a problem and not in the public's interest. He added he has expressed these concerns to the GOA also.

E. Hudson commented that he is not concerned with placing parking on that land and it does not bother him that there would be no housing.

S. Dobson added that the communities of Lendrum and Parkallen would have to expand their resident only parking programs.

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- e. Information update on autonomous vehicle research – P. Jansen presented illustrations outlining some of the infrastructure plans for the autonomous vehicle research program. He highlighted illustrations that showed where the poles and cameras that would allow the researcher/research team to gather data would be placed. The data will help understand vehicle flow, people flow and parking management. The infrastructure installation and preparation for the research is still in progress.

S. Dobson commented that his community had asked about a possible open house and/or seminar on the topic. E. Ball responded that the UA would not hold an open house on this one topic but that in time perhaps the research team could participate in a community event. E. Ball added that this would be up to the researcher.

- f. RCRF – B. Louie briefly updated the group by reporting that the facility is not open to researchers yet. E. Ball told the group that she would be planning a tour of the facility for the SCCG in the fall of 2018.
- g. Students Who Parent consultation – E. Ball told the group that the UA is undertaking a consultation with current students who are parents. The consultation will take into consideration various elements related to students who parent and that a portion of this will include a discussion about housing.
- h. Michener Park – E. Ball told the group given the consultation with students who parent and the topic of housing, Michener Park will no doubt be part of the discussion. E. Ball told the group that she would provide information to the SCCG regarding Michener Park as soon as it becomes available. She added that if the community of Malmö would like to be communicated with in a specific manner to please let her know and she will endeavor to meet the request.
- i. UAPTI status – A. Lim reported that there are no updates on the status of the UAPTI and the OIC.

**Other: Sharing of U of A or community updates**

- E. Ball informed the group that compost would be available outside of the compost building on South Campus on May 1, 2018. It is a first come first served process.
- M. Nebozuk inquired about the activity of earth moving on the north west end of South Campus. E. Ball responded that the COE was doing a significant amount of sewer upgrade/repairing work in Aspen Gardens and made a request to the UA to temporarily place the earth that they are moving to South Campus. As the project proceeds, the earth will be moved back to Aspen Gardens. E. Ball was told by COE project managers that this project could take up to 3 years.
- A. Lim told the group that Base Camps 2018 would be happening and to please consider community projects for students and to get back to her with community requests.

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## **Adjournment/Next steps**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.