

South Campus Consultation Group

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Agri-Food Discovery Place

University of Alberta: Anastasia Lim (Chair), Emily Ball, Ben Louie, Andrew Sharman

Community members: Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Paul Greenwood (Lansdowne), Wiggert Hessels (McKernan), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), Lindsay Smith (Grandview), Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), Bob Kamp (Belgravia), Levi Bjork (Malmo)

Commenced: 7:00pm

The minutes from the June 18, 2018 meeting were accepted as presented.

Update on priority projects

- a. Michener Park – A. Sharman informed the group that as a follow up to K. Huising's report of June 18, 2018, Michener Park would close on August 2020. The U of A will assist students as they begin to make plans for moving out. The U of A will consider – based on vacancy rates for the 2019-2020 academic year – if selective demolition will take place. E. Ball told the group that the U of A is open to meeting with the Malmo at any time to provide an update to the Executive or any neighbourhood group.
- b. Status of UAPTI – A. Sharman informed the group that that the U of A has been part of discussions with the City of Edmonton (COE) regarding planning around Michener Park with regards to transit oriented development. A. Sharman also told the group that he has spoken to the Councillor for the area – Michael Walters – about what kind of development could take place on the Michener Park site and what kind of amenities could be included to support community. He added that the OIC for the transfer of land to the UAPTI has not occurred and perhaps will remain on hold until after the provincial election. S. Dobson asked why the OIC has been stuck with the provincial government for 4 years. A. Sharman responded that initially the provincial government had indicated that the Ministry did not understand their role in the generation of revenue but most likely approving the OIC was not on a priority list. The UAPTI Board continues to meet every two months with two Board members in the process of stepping down. A. Sharman added that his portfolio continues to try to advance the OIC and potential UAPTI projects while the U of A waits for the OIC to be approved.
- c. South Campus Community Ice Arena – A. Sharman informed the group that the project is still intended to be a joint facility with the COE. He also discussed with the group the scope of the project, budget and that the schematic design for the project is complete but awaiting further funding to proceed. Once the funding is in place the schematic design will go to a design development stage of planning. W. Hessels asked if the COE is still committed to the project and A. Sharman responded that the COE is still very committed to the project and the U of A is waiting for funding from the Government of Canada. L. Smith pointed out that there is no access to Saville parking from 65 avenue. B. Louie indicated that this is true and that access to the Saville parking from 65 avenue would mean having to drive around to 60 avenue.
- d. South Campus signage and infrastructure update – B. Louie provided the group with a presentation about the upcoming signage and infrastructure projects that will be implemented on South Campus in the coming months. The project will improve pedestrian and vehicle access along with improvements to signage. E. Hudson asked if these improvements are incident driven or proactive. A. Sharman responded that the improvements are

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- both incident driven and proactive. S. Dobson asked if safety issues/incidents get reported to the U of A. A. Sharman told the group that there have been incidents reported. B. Schwartz asked if there would be an open house to show community the improvements. E. Ball told the group that the improvements are part of on-going infrastructure updates and maintenance so there would be no open house.
- e. Storm Pond - Phase 2 and soccer fields – B. Louie presented to the group 2 slides showing draft conceptual plans for location of proposed soccer fields. B. Louie told the group that given that funding has not been received from the GOA, the proposed project will most likely not be ready until 2020 and may be phased based on the budget allocation from the GOA. E. Hudson asked for confirmation that at the earliest the soccer fields would be available spring of 2020 to which B. Louis responded yes.
- f. GOA Hub Lab and parking – A. Sharman told the group that the U of A has presented numerous parking scenarios to the GOA for consideration. He added that he now understands the GOA has decided to pursue a different option associated with the Alberta School for the Deaf lands. E. Hudson asked if A. Sharman was inferring that parking options on U of A land are still be discussed with the GOA. A. Sharman told the group that yes the U of A is still open to discussions about parking options.
- g. South Campus power structure – CUBE – B. Louie presented to the group a series of slides regarding the CUBE project that including images of the schematic design of the building and the site where it will be built.
- h. South Campus parking and parking operations – A. Sharman told the group that the GOA has installed new parking stalls in a lot along 113 street. The U of A is in the process of completing an agreement with the GOA to use the new additional stalls for overflow parking for the Saville Centre. A. Sharman also told the group that the U of A is in the process of negotiating a paid parking scenario with the GO Venture group and he is hoping a plan will be in place by the fall of 2019. L. Smith told the group that he has in the past talked to the group about the possibility of surrounding community being able to use the parking lots off hours to go to Rogers or the Winspear. A. Sharman told the group that when the paid parking model goes forward there will options to pay for parking after hours that will be very reasonable.
- i. South Campus feed mill – A. Sharman informed the group that his portfolio (Facilities and Operations) is working with the Faculty of ALES on the future of the feed mill. The feed mill was originally designed to produce feed for animals but is no longer needed for that purpose. New technology and machines are now used to produce small targeted amounts. The future of the feed mill now has to be considered. There is no current time line to make a decision about what will be done with the feed mill but the SCCG will be kept up to date on the future of the facility.
- j. Cross country skiing – E. Ball gave the group a brief summary of a request that was made to the U of A to have snow mobiles create cross country trails on the South Campus. E. Ball told the group that the South Campus ALES Manager indicated that this would not be possible. S. Dobson told the group that he has forwarded the response to the community of Lendrum. B. Louie told the group that the U of A is going to begin to look at Sector 12 as a place for possible cross country, running, and jogging trails that will benefit the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation but also community. B. Schwartz added that snowmobiles anywhere on South Campus is a problem that could result in people parking in neighbourhoods while they ride their snowmobiles.
- k. Telecommunication tower – E. Ball told the group that this project is now complete and operational.
- l. MOU vision (to inform redraft) – S. Dobson told the group that the last time the MOU between the U of A and the SCNS was reviewed there were no changes to the documents. The MOU will come up for renewal in one year and he asked if anyone had any changes they would like to see happen. P. Greenwood indicated that perhaps there should be 4 meetings per year.

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Other

U of A Community Engagement Consultation Table Top – E. Ball lead the group through the Community Engagement Consultation (CEC) tabletop exercise.

Adjournment/Next steps

W. Hessels moved that meeting be adjourned at 8:40 pm.