

South Campus Consultation Group

Wednesday, April 6, 2017

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), Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), Paul Greenwood (Lansdowne), Wiggert Hessels (McKernan), Peter Rausch (McKernan), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), A. Neupane (Grandview)

Commenced: 7:00pm

The minutes from the October 19, 2016 meeting were accepted.

Update on priority projects

- 1) South Campus Community Ice Arena
 - a) U of A made another presentation to the City of Edmonton in November. Conditions to move the project forward are focused around financial alignment, parking arrangements, overall operational agreement outlining U of A vs. City roles, and use of facility
 - b) Funding looks like it is getting close to agreement – no decisions announced yet.
 - c) Design and delivery options centered around the best value for the project.
 - d) Bunt and Associates has been retained for the parking analysis. We were made aware that Bunt is also conducting the traffic assessments for the Lendrum Housing Project.
 - e) Community members requested to see the Terms of Reference – P. Jansen will share the document.
 - f) Parkade and arena will go forward together although construction will be staged in phases with the parkade starting later as it takes less time to build.
- 2) Storm water management pond and Canada 150 legacy project
 - a) The pond grading is done on the north side of 63 Ave. Discharge of water is to go into the ravine as per engineering requirements. The work on landscaping and for the walking trail around the storm water pond has already started. The pond is the main collector on South Campus – the flow of water naturally goes to that location before it discharges.
 - b) B. Louie showed the initial designs for the Legacy Project next to the storm water pond at South Campus.
 - c) Some initial work has also started for the Legacy park project. There is a six meter in diameter center stone. There is consideration for a fire pit but not confirmed yet. Five stone markers will symbolize the U of A's five campuses, there are possibility of more, depending on the final design. South of the pavilion, we may have a pavilion (to be determined). Electrical provision is also being considered for lighting; however, it is not anticipated to have very bright lights.
 - d) All is to be completed by late summer 2017 with a potential opening in early fall. More details are to come.
 - e) Community also indicated the paint markings on the crosswalk at 63 Ave and 118 St may need to be refreshed.
- 3) RCRF
 - a) Progress is caught up since winter. Great progress and the construction team can boast of a great safety record on this project.
 - b) Anticipated construction completion by September 2017 and then the library takes over. It will take approximately 6-9 months to move inventory, cleanse and code materials as necessary.

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- c) Neighbours can expect to see 40-50 foot trailers in and out of south Campus during the move. There are 3.1 million book volumes to move over to the new facility.
- 4) Foote Field dome
 - a) Dome is coming down by the end of April. It will be back in October. Currently stored in the shed in the back of Foote Field.
- 5) Rogers Tower update
 - a) The location proposed is right next to the current tower on South Campus.
 - b) We have no updates from Rogers, otherwise. They are responsible for holding the consultations according to CRTC rules and regulations.
- 6) Maintenance building proposal
 - a) North Campus currently provides all services at South Campus. Over the next two years, U of A needs to put maintenance and better utilities at South Campus to serve their current and future needs. More information as planning and discussions advance.
- 7) Grant for car automation research project
 - a) Research approached the F&O team about testing auto drive in cold climates. A loop for testing is proposed. Very confined locations on South Campus. There would only be one or two, maximum three cars ever going in a defined loop around South Campus.
 - b) City of Edmonton also working on a grant application for a similar research project.
- 8) Proposed drone training on South Campus
 - a) U of A researcher approached the campus to propose training for unmanned aerial vehicles (ie. drones) usage in research. These drones would be used in field research to survey water, mountains, and lands that are not easily accessible.
 - b) Drones are about 3.5 pounds and have a fly time of about 30 minutes. It sounds like a lawn mower and cost about \$2000. Drone usage is heavily regulated, even for training and learning purposes. Training is extensive and the user must be certified.
 - c) The researcher is proposing to use a parcel of South Campus lands for training only. They are requesting a designated location on South Campus, Monday to Friday from 9 am – 5pm, within 30 meters of visible view, and NO flying over people or over the homes nearby.
 - d) The permits must follow Transport Canada rules and we must work with STARS air ambulance to ensure safe fly zones.
 - e) No decisions have been made yet, but the training could be beneficial to researchers with remote locations, needing monitoring.
- 9) UAPTI
 - a) No updates at this time. Order in Council is still with the Government of Alberta.