

Record of Discussion for SCCG meeting, June 26, 2017

AgriFood Discovery Centre

University of Alberta: Anastasia Lim (Chair), Pat Jansen, Ben Louie, Andrew Sharman

Community members: Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), , Wiggert Hessels (McKernan), Peter Rausch (McKernan), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), A. Neupane (Grandview Heights), Lindsay Smith (Grandview Heights), Bob Kamp (Belgravia)

Guests from the UAPTI: Ralph Young (Chair of UAPTI) and Marc de la Bruyère (Chair for Planning, Development and Stakeholder Engagement Committee of UAPTI)

Commenced: 7:03pm with introductions for new members and guests around the table.

- 1) The minutes from the April 6, 2017 meeting were accepted with changes to attendance list.
- 2) UAPTI guests' update:
 - a) UAPTI has limited updates at this time but still wished to connect with the community. The ministry of Advanced Education are in the process of addressing the report of the Auditor General (AG) on how they are monitoring external revenue generating entities, such as land trusts. Until the reports are tabled and next steps are determined, the Government of Alberta (GoA) has directed all entities hold on their proposed activities. The U of A Board of Governors has not been granted an order in council to transfer lands for development.
 - b) A number of institutions are already operating revenue generating opportunities, however we are still on hold.
 - c) Board of UAPTI held some conversations with the City of Edmonton. Little advancement as AG report is pending until GoA lifts the land trust's hold on activities.
 - d) In the mean time, the UAPTI Board remains engaged. Some appointments were renewed (members have staggered terms). Renewed terms include Ralph Young, Kim Krushell, and Keith Fraser. Andrew Sharman and David Turpin take their positions of U of A, VP Facilities and Operations and U of A, President on the board respectively. Don Hickey was moved to a community position until his term is due.
 - e) Website is operational and the bios of the members are available. There is some background but the site is streamlined waiting for direction and ability to operate.
 - f) B. Schwartz asked whether the governance and policies that Kim spoke about at the last meeting with the community were completed yet.
 - i) R. Young replied that roles and responsibilities, policies and principles to guide their work in governing the UAPTI, procedures, mitigation of conflicts of interests are all complete. They approved some funds for legal and governance advisors, totaling approximately \$60,000. No salaries or other expenditures are paid, all board members are volunteers and no CEO hired yet.
 - g) W. Hessels asked to confirm that no lands have transferred yet.

- i) A. Sharman confirmed that until the AG report is tabled, the GoA will not pass the OIC providing authority to the U of A Board of Governors to transfer land assets.
- h) S. Dobson commented that the UAPTI could in principle start planning knowing the lands quoted in the OIC submission.
 - i) R. Young indicated they are cautious to not appear as though they are operating when they have been clearly told to hold.
- i) P. Rausch asked if anyone has spoken to their local MLA to see if they could advance this file.
 - i) A. Sharman indicated the GoA seems to have rolled the discussions in with other overarching post secondary issues such as tuition. He is doubtful that speaking with the MLA would make a difference at this stage.
- j) A. Neupane asked whether the meetings with the City resulted in defined consultation processes and how developments will go forward.
 - i) R. Young said all parties were reluctant to go down a defined path until the GoA gives them authority. He also reiterated that U of C elected to use the City process from the start and that likely the Trust would also proceed in the same way.
- k) B. Kamp asked what relationship will the community have with the UAPTI and how will they have mutual communications.
 - i) R. Young asked in the interim if they could come back to the U of A/Community table from time to time for updates until they receive authority to operate. M. de la Bruyère also indicated that while there was little to report, he asked if this venue be more logical and permitted.
 - ii) A. Lim indicated that SCCG may be the only venue to communicate with the community until UAPTI is granted authority to operate and develop their own committee. The UAPTI needs to maintain an arms length relationship from the university. They can be ad hoc guests in the immediate moment and they are encouraged to form a committee between the community and UAPTI.
- l) B. Schwartz recalled there were significant consultations held at U of C's Trust before they started their developments. Why is the U of A's Trust not doing the same in preparation?
 - i) R. Young stated Calgary reversed their order of activities: they had their OIC and then went to consult on a LRDP amendment and now are developing based on the LRDP. The U of A consulted on and approved their LRDP in 2012 and is now seeking their OIC, therefore has not had a chance to develop yet.
- m) S. Dobson indicated it would be beneficial for the community to understand how the UAPTI will triage, determine options, communicate with neighbours, implement projects, etc. how they will move forward.
 - i) R. Young indicated much of that will be determined once the CEO is hired. The CEO will direct operations and implementation while the Board will focus on governance.

3) Updates on Priority Projects:

- a) P. Jansen distributed Bunt & Associates' Terms of reference related to a study for the proposed Arena project. The report will take into consideration the estimated 600 stall car park that will be staged for construction. W. Hessels asked if it wasn't supposed to be 1200 in the original plans.
 - i) P. Jansen indicated in the full build-out – 1200 is intended per the LRDP. This is staged construction so we build the first 600 to accommodate immediate needs of the proposed arena. The GoA lots are

still allowing overflow parking. Work from Bunt will start mid/late September to more accurately reflect daily movement.

- b) Automated vehicles research proposal
 - i) Pole mounted cameras will be strategically placed throughout South Campus. The initial assessment is that cameras will be situated along 118 St; 60th Ave and 115 St; 63 Ave and 118 St; at the Saville parking lot, along Belgravia and the northeast corner of the Saville.
 - ii) In conjunction with research initiatives, a goal is to capture peak events' car movements and to have indicators to show when lots are full and to re-direct to overflow lots. The technology has capability to track the in/out movements a vehicle in the defined territory of the study via license plate recognition.
 - iii) Phys Ed and Saville GO Community partners are aware of the project.
 - iv) S. Dobson asked about whether it would detect pedestrians or whether pedestrians would then be restricted in the areas where there were cameras.
 - (1) P. Jansen said that it would be a critical consideration for safety and that he would verify.
- c) Arena project
 - i) Still requires funding – 2/3 of the funds are in place and U of A is actively fundraising. City of Edmonton has committed funds on conditions of full funding acquired and parking mitigations in place. F&O is issuing a RFP for a consultant to align the programming, budget, initial design development phases to implementation of this project.
 - ii) A. Neupane indicated the trees planted on 63 Ave end before 118 St – is the intent to have the turn off to the parkade align to the trees ending?
 - (1) P. Jansen said that is the intent but the Bunt study will also help inform if that is the best placement of an entrance to assist with traffic flow management.
 - iii) E. Hudson asked why the U of A has no bus parking for tournaments.
 - (1) P. Jansen indicated that there is dedicated spaces for bus parking, unfortunately other patrons already consume those restricted spaces.
 - (2) A. Sharman confirmed he spent a few weekends with parking staff to see the issues first hand. Saville guests park in restricted areas because they do not want to walk from the overflow lots. The staff confirm the overflow lots are virtually empty. Communications is still a challenge to get attendees to park at designated parking locations and to have enforcement.
- d) Pond and Legacy project
 - i) Landscape is going on and the pond is almost completed. A Neupane asked if the material on the walking trail is the final material.
 - (1) B. Louie indicated for now, the crushed gravel will be the material on that trail. In time, there may be a further consideration to upgrade to alternate products.
 - ii) B. Louie indicated an event was being planned to launch the Legacy project. A Lim confirmed that University Relations and others are planning an event on the Alumni Weekend in September (24th). Details and logistics are still being worked out. The group will not be meeting again until the fall, so please watch for an email invitation to the community to attend the event.
- e) RCRF
 - i) Project is almost complete, painting and dry walling are nearing completion. Racking is currently being installed. Landscaping is also underway. Contractors should be finished on site in mid-September.

- ii) Next steps are hand-over to the library and the undertaking of moving 3.1 million volumes of books/collections. Part of the process will involve cleaning and decontaminating the materials before materials are moved into final storage. The RCRF will be a clean facility for storage.
- f) Maintenance building:
 - i) The building will also house U of A fleet assets. The building aligns to the LRDP and is estimated as a 2018 project, with no earmarked funding yet at this time.
- g) Drone project:
 - i) Nothing to report at this time. The researcher who contacted E. Ball about space for training has now left the university. A question was raised as to which faculty requested the training.
 - (1) A. Lim stated it was ALES for crop research on offsite fields. There were potentially other faculties that could use this type of drone training. Examples include geology, forestry, mountain and water studies, among others.

4) Sharing of news:

- a) A. Lim re-iterated that Jacqui Tam is the new Vice President for University Relations. Many had met her in late fall 2016. Jacqui officially assumes her VP position on July 1.
- b) A. Lim also indicated the land titles search of the West 240 in South Campus project is almost complete. Early indications are that no restrictions exist for the lands. The report was carried out by a third party, the law firm Field Law. Once the report is ready, she will send it to S. Dobson. S. Dobson said the neighbours can refer to this document as it confirms the university's ownership and authorities on its lands and uses.
- c) A. Sharman indicated he was approached by Alberta Infrastructure (AI) who oversees capital developments for all provincial departments. AI is in the midst of planning and exploring various capital projects, one in particular that might fit with the U of A as an adjacent landowner. The proposed project may have research space for the U of A, which is very welcomed. AI are narrowing options from 28 sites to a handful of feasible locations. The project could be on the south precinct of their lands, adjacent to university's South Campus. There were no updates from GoA senior administration about this project as of the business day before the SCCG meeting. Indications were that discussions are ongoing and decisions are with political and senior GOA leaders. AI asked the U of A for advice on engaging with community. U of A's recommendation is that they must engage with the local community and that the U of A could provide them the community contacts for them to pursue discussions. A. Sharman asked the community members to please contact A. Lim to confirm who should be their league's contact and for permission to release their coordinates.
- d) S. Dobson asked if the scope of work for Bunt is to look at the crosswalks in the 60th Ave area. There are safety concerns for children at a number of crosswalks throughout the neighbourhood. The comment is noted and will be forwarded to Bunt.
- e) A. Lim mentioned to please contact her should there be any community relations issues as E. Ball would be away for the summer.

5) Adjournment 8:20pm.