

**South Campus Consultation Group**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

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), Bob Kamp (Belgravia), Wiggert Hessels (McKernan), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), Peter Rausch (McKernan), Michelle Watts (Aspen Gardens), Tricia Mullen (Grandview), A. Neupane (Grandview)

Commenced: 7:00pm

The minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting were accepted.

## **Update on priority projects**

**Foote Field Temporary Dome** – P. Jansen informed the group that construction of the footings for the Foote Field temporary dome has begun and is expected to be complete by August 2016. He added that the tender for the dome portion of the project is still out and will be awarded soon with the expectation that the dome set up will be complete by November, 2016. S. Dobson commented that the community of Lendrum is worried about parking problems for what will not be a year round facility.

**Research and Collections Resource Facility** – B. Louie informed the group that site prep work has started and construction trailers were now on site. Various community members asked if information about the project was up on the U of A website. E. Ball told the group that she would ensure that information about the project is up on the Facilities and Operations website.

**Community Twin Arena status and March 2016 Memorandum of Understanding** – P. Jansen told the group that the U of A will be presenting to City of Edmonton (COE) Council on April 25, 2016. The presentation will include a request for funding and a request for the COE to be a partner in the project/facility. P. Jansen added that the U of A and the COE continue to meet to discuss all elements of the project including the business plan, operational plan and community engagement/consultation. P. Jansen also informed the group that the MOU between the U of A and the COE which outlines how the U of A and COE will have dialogue about the proposed project was signed in March 2016. E. Ball outlined for the group the U of A consultation process for the proposed project. She told the group that the U of A will follow Appendix 18 of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) that requires 2 open houses for each substantial development project. She added that prior to each open house the SCCG will be engaged to review open house draft material to assist the U of A in presenting information that the community will find useful and meaningful.

**South Campus storm water management pond** – B. Louie told the group that the U of A is proceeding with the design phase of the South Campus storm water management pond and that this project is being managed by the utilities group within Facilities and Operations. B. Schwartz asked what sector the pond would be located in. B. Louie outlined where it would be located but added that is a later agenda item where he will show a map of Sector 12 and indicated to B. Schwartz where the pond is proposed to go. B. Louie added that if there is an interest from the SCCG group on this topic those arrangements to have someone from the utilities group attend a future meeting to answer questions can be arranged.

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**Assessment of trees and plants along 63 Avenue** – P. Jansen told the group that the U of A will be taking extra efforts to maintain the trees along 63 Avenue to ensure that they thrive. One community member indicated that they have seen watering trucks along 63 Avenue tending to the trees. P. Jansen added that the landscaping is still under warranty so they are watching the trees along 63 Avenue closely. P. Jansen added that the sidewalk at the end of 63 Avenue is scheduled to be re-painted on April 25, 2016 weather permitting.

**Sharing items**

**Sector 12 Campus Planning and Design Guidelines for Implementation** – B. Louie gave the group a brief presentation on the Sector 12 Campus Planning and Design Guidelines for Implementation document. At the end of the presentation B. Louie asked the group for questions.

- A. Neupane – The COE dedicates a small percentage of each capital project to public art – has the U of A considered this? B. Louie responded that this has been discussed in detail at the U of A but this practice has currently not been accepted.
- B. P. Greenwood asked if the U of A has considered donating space for public art. B. Louie responded that though donating space has not been considered he pointed out that great progress has been made on North Campus with wonderful pieces of art being placed in prominent spots over the last few years so progress is being made on this topic.
- C. S. Dobson – Is the U of A working towards the South Campus having the look and feel that North Campus has? Is that the visions for South Campus? B. Louie responded that what he presented is part of the vision for South Campus and the input that the U of A has received over the years from numerous sector plan and LRDP open houses has helped to inform the guidelines.
- D. B. Schwartz – what is the thinking now with Sector 13 and 14? B. Louie responded that his group has been working closely with the Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES) on Sector 13 specifically related to the research and research grants that currently are implemented. B. Louie added that as they work together they have to understand the competing priorities for space and that the Dean of ALES is relatively new, that the President is currently completing the Institutional Strategic Plan (ISP) and that 2017 will be a good time to revisit Sector 13. B. Louie added that Sector 14 will most likely be a sector that will be approached through the land trust and who will lead the design guidelines for Sector 14 is a question that remains to be answered.
- E. B. Schwartz told the group that he has been involved with this group since IBI Group undertook the 2002 LRDP process. He added that he appreciated seeing the guidelines document and presentation because it provided a “heads up” and helps to provide transparency to the U of A planning documents. B. Louie responding that the guidelines document will get a test drive and if successful then it could be applied and tried out on other sectors.
- F. B. Schwartz added that Sector 12 appears to occupy most of the time of the planning department.
- G. E. Hudson asked where this information will be posted and asked that it please make sure the legends are readable.
- H. A. Neupane asked what the SCCG could do to help with the success of this document. B. Louie responded that the group could help by making sure the U of A ‘walks the talk’ of the document, make sure we implement and ask the relevant questions as future development takes place.

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**Rogers proposed cell tower** – E. Ball informed the group that the U of A has been approached by Rogers to have a cell tower located on South Campus. The U of A is considering the request and if it should proceed it will most likely be placed near the current tower. E. Ball reviewed with the group how the current tower came to be on South Campus which was a result of the community of Belgravia not wanting a cell tower placed in their community approximately 12 years ago and approached the U of A to have the tower placed on South Campus. The U of A agreed and the tower was placed in the area of the Saville Centre. E. Ball added that if the current request for a tower proceeds it will be Rogers responsibility to conduct any community consultation and that the U of A is one of the stakeholders that will be engaged. E. Ball asked the SCCG to have neighbours contact Rogers directly if they should have any questions about the proposed tower.

**Adjournment/Next steps**

W. Hessels adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.