

South Campus Consultation Group

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Agri-Food Discovery Place

University of Alberta: Jackie Tam, Acting Vice President – University Relations, Andrew Sharman, Vice President – Facilities and Operations, Anastasia Lim (Chair), Emily Ball, Pat Jansen, Ben Louie

Community members: Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), Peter Rausch (McKernan), Michelle Watts (Aspen Gardens), Tricia Mullen (Grandview), A. Neupane (Grandview)

Commenced: 7:00pm

The minutes from the April 20, 2016 were discussed. Changes requested were - under the heading Foote Field Temporary Dome – change last sentence by taking out the word “not”. Also under sharing items – point “C” add the word “plan” to first sentence. With corrections the record of discussion was accepted.

Introduction of new Vice President, Facilities and Operations, Andrew Sharman and Acting Vice President, University Relations, Jacqui Tam – A. Lim introduced A. Sharman and J. Tam to the group. A. Sharman told the group that he has read the Long Range Development Plan in great detail and all the consultation material from the various consultations over the years. He added that he has an understanding of the concerns and challenges that the community and the SCNC have voiced in particular with parking and traffic. A. Sharman added that he understands the value of the MOU with the SCNC and the value of the SCCG and is very interested in working with the SCCG to address community concerns. J. Tam told the group that she echoes A. Sharman’s comments and added that when she first came to Edmonton she was very impressed with the community league system and that she highly values the SCCG and that she has great confidence in the UA team.

A. Neupane commented that when the group uses the term “community” and when we talk about community impact certain impacts are on people right across the street and development directly impacts their homes. He added that it is important to understand community at the local scale also.

A. Sharman told the group that he will be seeing all SCCG agenda and discussion items going forward. He told the group that he has met with Councilor Walters and will continue to meet with him to remain up to date on community topics related to South Campus. He added that the new Institutional Strategic Plan (ISP) – For The Public Good - ties into the City of Edmonton and that South Campus is a valued piece of land and unique in Canada and as we move forward both the UA and the community needs to be engaged.

B. Schwartz introduced himself to A. Sharman and J. Tam and told them he attended President Turpin’s installation and was impressed with the President’s comments about how the university’s philosophy of building relationships was important and remains to be seen how this is implemented. He added that he has personally worked for 5 presidents and in particular was impressed with President Horowitz but that this new president may be different but needs to work together with community towards the mutual benefit of both groups.

J. Tam told the group that President Turpin’s ISP was approved by the Board of Governors after a yearlong consultation process. She added that President Turpin was involved in 100’s of meeting and group sessions where people developed the document and plan.

S. Dobson asked if A. Sharman or J. Tan had considered how to utilize and involve communities in technical issues related to South Campus development.

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A. Sharman responded that on a specific project if the impact is something the community needs to discuss the UA would address those issues to its best ability.

A. Neupane commented that community can guide questions and concerns and they can research and study these questions and how they impact community. He added that these concerns should be addressed very early on so they are not missed during the planning stages of development projects.

B. Louie commented that it is an effective tool to use to ensure that during planning we do not miss critical topics. He added that there are always operational issues on completed projects but as long as the SCCG and UA share information the solution will be a better one.

Update on priority projects

Foote Field Temporary Dome – P. Jansen informed the group that the Foote Field dome was slightly behind schedule due to wet weather conditions. He added that the dome arrival and installation will be late October and erected by the second week of November followed by a commissioning process for December 1, 2016 activities. He also added that the dome will come down May 1, 2017 and stored in a small storage facility at the north end of Foote Field.

Research and Collections Resource Facility – P. Jansen informed the group that the RCRF project was progressing well but was also impacted by wet weather. The plan to have the facility occupied by September 2018 is still the goal. P. Jansen added that exterior walls would be going up over the next few weeks. The logistics of moving 2 million pieces will be provided at future meetings.

Community Twin Arena status – P. Jansen reported that the UA has been working with the COE on the operating agreement all summer. He added that the business case continues to evolve with more input required, costing review, and infrastructure assessments. The COE is asking for more refinement to the business case and needs an update by end of November. The UA and COE continue to look at a vertical parkade to be part of the project, updating the BUNT traffic study but no RFP's have been issued as the UA waits to hear from the COE.

A. Neupane asked if the parkade was still part of the project. P. Jansen responded that yes it is and it is connected to the arenas. A. Neupane added that community does not want the COE to have a park and ride program in the parkade. P. Jansen responded that the parkade is scaled to accommodate the seating capacity of the arenas. He added that the commitment to the COE for the arenas is 1.25 prime time ice sheet. The COE has a large inventory of single pad ice at the end of use. S. Dobson indicated that BUNT was doing a study for an 8 story apartment complex in Lendrum and wondered what the scope of the study was for the UA. P. Jansen told the group that BUNT is being asked to update the 2014 study which was the last study done and included a parkade and twin arena. The UA needs to validate the use of 63 Avenue with the update. A. Neupane asked how the COE is going to handle the traffic that the new UA development brings to the area. S. Dobson added that it would be good if BUNT could widen its scope to understand the impact of the new CHA apartment structure along with development at UA and plan for solutions. A. Neupane added that he uses the area every day and that in the past BUNT indicated that there would be no short cutting through 63 Avenue but that is exactly what is happening. B. Schwartz asked if the UA is taking

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into consideration the impact of the multi-unit rental buildings will have on South Campus. P. Jansen told the group that their questions were important and could be taken into consideration.

South Campus storm water management pond – P. Jansen informed the group that the pond project has been tendered and logistics for the construction of the storm water management pond were currently being working on. The UA is looking at schedules, planning steps, multi-use trail, traffic directions and all safety concerns. A. Neupane asked if there would be a water feature and P. Jansen indicated that the UA will bring a landscape plan to the next meeting. B. Louie indicated that the pond has a specific purpose but that the planning and design are trying to make is appealing and not include concrete.

South Campus power upgrade – P. Jansen told the group that the warranty on the 63 Avenue road project is over. He added that the South Campus has limitations on utilities so an electrical update is required which will be a 2-3 year process. To begin the UA will be developing work and site plans and will be working with EPCOR. He added that this project is in the very early days. P. Rausch asked what building/projects will guide the upgrade. P. Jansen responded that the arena project will be the tipping point but will incorporate the whole South Campus plan. B. Louie added that the design guidelines help with the utility plan in that we do not want utilities going through development sites and utilities will follow a grid.

UAPTI – A. Lim informed the group that the only update is that there is no movement on the OIC. She added that when the UA receives word on the movement of the OIC it will be shared with the SCCG. A. Neupane asked how this update impacts future development. P. Jansen responded that it changes nothing because projects that are being considered are not connected to the UAPTI.

Sharing items

Coyote and off leash issues – A. Neupane told the group that a few coyotes had been seen in Grandview. B. Schwartz added that there is a sign on the West 240 indicating that coyotes had been observed on the property and to put dogs on leash. He added that a UA professor had spoken to his community last year but B. Irving from the UA continues to be concerned about people not following the rules of leashing dogs.

Rogers proposed cell tower – E. Ball reported that there are no updates at this time.

Other – No other times discussed.

Adjournment/Next steps

A Lim adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.