

South Campus Consultation Group

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Agri-Food Discovery Place

University of Alberta: Anastasia Lim (Chair), Emily Ball, Ben Louie, Pat Jansen

Community members: Frank Weichman (McKernan), Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), Paul Greenwood (Lansdowne), Bob Kamp (Belgravia), Anish Neupane (Grandview), Gail Faurschou (Grandview), Wiggert Kessels (McKernan).

Commenced: 7:00pm

The minutes from September 29, 2014 meeting were accepted with no changes. Chair asked everyone around the table to introduce themselves.

Records, Collections Retrieval Facility (RCRF)

Chair (A. Lim) introduced the topic of the RCRF to the group and asked P. Jansen to provide an update. P. Jansen told the group that the U of A archives assets consists of 1.3 million volumes of work worth an estimated \$750 million. This asset needs to be protected and needs a suitable place to be housed. The RCRF will be developed to be such a place. The RCRF was approved to proceed as a new build and new asset to the U of A. Building a new facility for the RCRF also makes the most sense financially. A request of qualifications design build will be going out in the coming months. The timeline at this point is to have the building occupied in 2017. The scale, height, materiality have not yet been decided but public access element will be included. There will be a small number of staff 5 – 8 people but people will see traffic during the move in process. E. Ball outlined the consultation process for the project. The process will follow Appendix 18 of the LRDP. The representative from Grandview asked if the SCCG group could look at the plan for the project prior to the first open house. E. Ball indicated that the plan would be to show the SCCG draft open house material prior to the first open house to get feedback from the SCCG. This will help to ensure the material is useful and meaningful to those who would attend the open house and to also see if any information that would of interest to neighbours is added. Representative from Lansdowne asked how deep the building will be. P. Jansen indicated that that depth and height of building has yet to be determined. Soil and water conditions need to be studied and reviewed before decision is made. Representative from Grandview told the group that he thought that focusing development near the LRT was a good idea.

Utilities at South Campus

A. Lim asked P. Jansen to give the group an update on utilities on South Campus. P. Jansen told the group that there will be some utility work done on South Campus in the spring so neighbours can expect to see some trucks and activities in that respect. He added that electrical operations are at capacity but when it comes to utilities on South Camps there is a master utilities plan that the U of A is following. Future activities for upgrading existing utilities will be driven by the RCRF project. Representative from

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Grandview asked for a confirmation that there is a broad utilities plan for South Campus and P. Jansen replied that there was.

63 Ave project – status of landscape, pedestrian and traffic management

A. Lim asked P. Jansen to provide an update on the 63 Avenue project. P. Jansen told the group that a landscape company had been retained to update the landscape plan based on the feedback from the focus group meeting that was held in August 2014 with interested neighbours and U of A staff. The work was going slow but he expected to have something from the landscape company by the end of March with the various landscape features better defined. P. Jansen told the group that he expects the landscape work to begin in the spring and continue into the summer. The overall project is not complete though there are few operational issues that are still being ironed out such as the gate north of the poultry center. The gate is expected to be operational sometime in the spring. Representative from Grandview made the following comments: snow clearing from the road is an issue in that the walking/cycling path is close to the road so when snow is cleared it is falling onto the path and speed is still an issue that could be dealt with through better signage.

East LRT overflow (temporary) parking re-location

P. Jansen updated the group about the overflow temporary parking lot located near the LRT. He told the group that the temporary parking lot would be built as soon as the weather permitted i.e. spring. He added that the temporary parking lot will be for U of A permit holder and will help with overflow on evenings and weekends. Representative from Lendrum asked if a permit meant Monday – Friday from 9 -5. P. Jansen confirmed that is generally the case for permit holders. P. Jansen added that vehicles will access the lot off of 113 Street and 65 Avenue.

Twin arena status

A. Lim told the group that there were no updates on the Twin Arena project. P. Jansen added that as the group knows and had been told in the past – a business case had been completed along with some imagery that has been shared with the SCCG and will be shared with potential donors. To date there have been some discussions with potential donors but no donations to date. The U of A continues to work with City of Edmonton to finalize a MOU. He added that the project includes a parkade to which the representative from Grandview asked if the surface parking will then go and P. Jansen responded that other elements would have to fall into place for the surface parking to go.

Foote Field - bubble and turf updates

P. Jansen updated the group on this potential project and indicated that the bubble has been studied at length but currently is not proceeding. It is important though to take into considerations the

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infrastructure required for a bubble and that infrastructure is being considered as plans for replacing the turf go forward. P. Jansen told the group that it makes sense to provide for the bubble infrastructure when doing the new turf so that if/when a bubble goes forward the site is ready for it. It is possible the bubble will be in place for the winter of 2015 and updates will be brought to the SCCG as discussions for the project go forward.

Land trust update

A. Lim told the group that there are no updates on the land trust. The U of A is waiting for an Order in Council (OIC) to establish the trust and that has not occurred to date. The representative from Lansdowne told the group that his community is very interested and concerned with the land trust and are wondering if the formal establishment of the trust is being held up until the new President (Turpin) arrives. E. Ball told the group that there is no plan to hold up the establishment of the trust until July 1, 2015 which is when President Turpin will begin his term.

Michener Park update

P. Jansen updated the group indicating that the Michener Park Sector Plan was formalized and required no further work. Student housing options are being looked at on all campuses and any future plans for additional student housing will be brought to the SCCG.

Coyotes/hay bales burning

E. Ball informed the group that staff from ALES burned a group of hay bales on the West 240 recently. It had been brought to the attention of the ALES staff that coyotes were using the bales as dens. It was recommended to ALES by the City of Edmonton to get rid of the bales. Information about the burning of the bales had been sent to the Chair of the SCCG as an FYI e-mail. E. Ball added that an expert in coyotes had been asked to speak to the Lansdowne community about the how/whys of coyotes in Edmonton. The group had a general discussion about the challenges of the coyote population in the area of South Campus and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Storm water pond to off leash dog park/ Lendrum's petition for restricted parking in the area

E. Ball told the group that the community of Lendrum was considering a request from a community members to turn the storm water pond into an off leash dog park. She told the group that she has been working with the representative from Lendrum on this topic and asked him to update the group. The representative from Lendrum told the group that the community of Lendrum was considering supporting a move to turn the storm water pond into an off leash dog park and residents appear to be supportive. In order to do this a public meeting will need to be held and that there were some possible issues such as keeping the dogs and wild animals (such as coyotes) apart, dealing with dog droppings,

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fencing and possible parking issues. The representative from Lendrum told the group that the more pressing issue that Lendrum was working through though was pursuing a possible resident only parking program and that he was gathering the signatures needed to proceed with the parking program in the coming weeks. He told the group that consultation around a parking program took place in November and that people want it and he expects that by September there will be a 2 hour parking restriction in the areas around 56 Avenue north and 113 Avenue west. He told the group he would update them on both topics at future meetings. E. Ball told the group about the “permission” the U of A would have to give the COE if an off leash dog park was implemented at the storm water pond. She told the group that the COE would have ask the U of A for permission to use the land for something other than what is indicated in the agreement between the U of A and COE and that the COE would have to change the agreement. The U of A’s concern is that if there should ever be a time that the area should be not be used for the purpose that the COE uses it for and how it impact the surrounding residents.

Infrastructure readiness on South Campus

P. Jansen told the group that people may see a some point a construction trailer (or possibly two) on the South Campus. The trailers will be used for capital project support for the RCRF project.

Summer track and field games at Foote Field

E. Ball briefly reviewed some of the sporting activities that will take place at Foote Field and the Saville Community Sport Centre over the coming months.

Adjournment/Next steps

A. Lim adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.