

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

Community members: Wiggert Hessels (McKernan), Ray Benton-Evans (Lendrum), Joanne Ellis (Lendrum) Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), Paul Greenwood (Lansdowne), Bob Kamp (Belgravia), Cory Doll (Malmo), Anish Neupane (Grandview)

Commenced: 7:00pm

Minutes from October 2, 2013 meeting – no changes

Chair asked everyone around the table to introduce themselves and provided an update on staff changes in the Facilities and Operations portfolio. She informed the group that Bart Becker has left the U of A to become Vice President, Facilities at the University of Calgary as of February 1, 2014.

Chair asked E. Ball to provide updated information on the 122 Street/63 Avenue project. E. Ball informed the group about the process used to engage community members in a landscape focus group. After two attempts to have a landscape focus group no community members were available to attend and both meetings were cancelled due to poor response. E. Ball asked P. Jansen to review the details of the project with the group. P. Jansen informed the group about the pre-tender activities, the construction lay down plans and the logistics for the RFP and finally the project timelines. R. Benton-Evans asked if the information would be put in the e-newsletter which E. Ball responded that it would. R. Benton-Evans asked if there were any issues regarding the wetland application to the Alberta Government and the U of A reps responded that the application with the Alberta Government went smoothly. R. Benton-Evans also asked about the amount of construction vehicles and materials that may go through the community of Lendrum. P. Jansen told the group they would address this with the contractors. A. Neupane asked about the pathways through the South Campus during construction. E. Ball and P. Jansen reviewed the options they would be discussing with the successful contractor and the COE prior to construction beginning.

J. Ellis commented on the traffic and that there will be an increase in traffic from all directions as the South Campus expands. She asked if there was going to be a future road and if so where would it be. R. Benton-Evans added that plans for the future twin arena must come with a parkade and that the communities oppose any expansion of surface parking lots. J. Ellis added that what is planned should not allow any short cutting that would take people off of 122 Street and through Lendrum. A. Neupane commented that before any changes are made that the group should wait and see how the new access point off of 122 Street works, look at traffic counts and deal with any possible problems after they have been identified.

The Chair updated the group on the South Campus LRDP Amendment. The U of A is awaiting a response from the Minister.

The Chair continued with updating the group on projects from the original priority list:

- Vehicle pool – the U of A has decided to refresh the existing vehicle pool building and then add a Protective Services office to give a security presence on South Campus.
- Twin arena – The U of A is aware that the COE asked for permission on January 20, 2014 from Community Services to look at partnership with the U of A. The Chair told the group that she feels the COE is looking at all possible partnerships and funding options. The item would now be going to Council to seek permission to explore the partnership and that the COE needs to understand what the partnership will look like. R. Benton –Evans commented that the communities – if the project goes ahead – will want to discuss access hours, parking and traffic. A. Neupane told the group that when he met with the COE he learned that consultation will be with users groups first and then the communities surrounding the facility. A. Lim added that if the partnership with the COE does not work the U of A will continue to seek out other partners for the project. A. Neupane asked about parking for the twin arena project and asked for an opportunity to walk through the traffic models for future development to ensure the group has a common understanding of the assumptions. He added that he is not looking for the traffic assessment to be redone rather a review. P. Jansen added that this could be done with the consultant Bunt and Associates.
- P. Jansen told the group that track re-surfacing project at Foote Field is complete and that there will be some remedial work done at Agrifood Discovery Place in the coming months.
- R. Benton-Evans asked about the status of the funding for a temporary dome at Foote Field. A. Lim responded that the U of A is still looking for funding opportunities.
- The Michener Park Sector Plan is going forward with 1 more focus group and 1 additional open house. D. Dawson commented that the Michener Park Sector Plan is a priority project for the U of A as it continues to enhance options for international and graduate students. Quality student housing is a recruitment tool and the goal is to have 25% of student enrollment in student housing

E. Ball gave the group a brief review of the recent project by ALES to look at urban agriculture activities at the University of British Columbia. She reviewed for the group the focus group that she took part in and the lecture from the faculty member from UBC. R Benton-Evans and J. Ellis asked the U of A reps to ensure that information regarding space needs for ALES be shared with the SCCG. A. Neupane also commented that the assumption for Sector 13 is that it will remain agriculture space and that any other activity in that area would be breaking that commitment to the neighbors.

The Chair informed the group that the Planning 101 Workshop was going forward and that they U of A would be working with SCCG members on developing the agenda. C. Doll added that the agenda would take a step back from any one issue and look at other examples and possible collaboration opportunities. He added that it would have an open brainstorming element. P. Greenwood added that the workshop is a good idea and that it could tackle problems free of any one specific issue. A. Neupane added that it would be good to see what the U of A system is, what the COE system is and where the rub points are. A. Lim asked that the SCCG nominate two members to work with the U of A on the agenda and content of the workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.