

Campus Master Plan Committee Meeting, November 6, 2000

Attending:

Membership

David Arnold Chemical Engineering

Alvin Winters Biological Sciences

Duke Park Civil and Environmental Engineering

George Brown University Recreation

Ed Stephenson Biological Sciences

Kate Ragsdale University Libraries

Jackie Potts

Community Member

Steve Reinhart FECG, Inc. (local business)

Student Representatives

Jim Hurt SGA Student Senate

Tenley Garvich SGA Student Senate

Monica Moss Student Representative

Faculty Senate Representative

Marcia Barrett University Libraries

Ex Officio Members

Jr. King for Lisa Skelton Residential Life

Liaison Members

Douglas Behm Land Management

Joe Orosz Construction Administration

Pat Whetstone Alumni Association

Jeff Neighbors Facility Planning

Adrian Straley City of Tuscaloosa Planning Department

Gina Johnson Auxiliary Services

Meeting was called to order by David Arnold, Chairperson. Clarification was made as to the voting positions on the committee as per the Provost. All committee members vote except for the ex officio and liaison members.

Joe Orosz opened the discussion on the impact on green space of East Campus Projects. He wants clarification if the committee truly wants developers to avoid designated green space. Dr. Park requested an Environmental Assessment to quantify campus green space. Jeff Neighbors pointed out that Woolpert Associates conducted an assessment and consulted with University biologist at the time of the Campus Master Plan 1999 Update (at a cost of \$138,000).

David Arnold opened discussion on the Game Day RV Park currently planned for location on the property immediately east of the intersection of Bryce Drive and University Boulevard, along north side of University Boulevard. Highlights were:

- More information needed on impact on green space.
- Location not best suited for RV parking. Location should be less visible to the entrance of the campus. Resolution presented for developer to find a more suitable site that avoids campus designated green space.

There was a short discussion on Welcome/Information Center location, which is proposed to be located in southeast corner of east campus area (northeast corner of intersection of Bryce Drive with University Boulevard). Highlights were:

- Jim Hurt and Tenley Garvich, both student representatives, voiced concern about location being too far from the main body of campus. They both suggested another look at a more suitable location, maybe on the southwest corner where Game Day RV Parking was being considered. This would be a much better location due to walking tours for prospective students and their families.

George Brown opened discussion on the proposed projects for expanding the Student Recreation Center. Highlights were:

- Why are Varsity Tennis Courts being relocated? George stated that it is his understanding that Athletics would construct a new field house located between the Varsity Tennis Courts and the Women's Soccer Field that would be shared by both. There is currently no field house for Women's Soccer teams.
- George stated that there could be some small changes in location of field arrangements if necessary to avoid green space.

Discussion was opened on the location of the Ambulatory Care Medical Facility and the current Capstone Medical Center. Highlights were:

- Issue raised again concerning the impact on green space.

- What will the Capstone Medical Center be used for after the completion of the Ambulatory Care facility? Unknown at this time.

Committee members expressed great concern regarding the physical and visual effects of the locations of these projects on the entrance to the university campus. David Arnold asked all members to think about these projects in more detail and email any resolutions to him for consideration by the committee.

Committee Recommendation:

A resolution was passed that the developer of the Game Day RV Park look for a more suitable location.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. David Arnold, Chairperson

Cc/ Dr. Nancy Barrett

Mr. Robert A. Wright

Attendees

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