Campus Development Committee Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2012

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Present:
Doug Ryder, Jack Bishop Bruce Porter, Margaret Reich, Nancy Jackson, Richard DeShields, Mike Luvera, Jason Berthon-Koch, Sandy Colson, Robert Ford, Michael Chinn, Erin Lehner, Sheri Kinnan, Joanne Hillemann, Bob Tosch, Charles Pringle, Jack Bishop, Greg Poe, Patricia Cutright, Ken Baxter, Pat Nahan, Steve Dupont, Bill Yarwood

Guests: Rebecca Wassell and Cassandra Anderson from Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group

I. Action Items

1. Approval of CDC Minutes from March 12, 2012
   Motion to approve the CDC Minutes from March 12, 2012 as presented. Seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried.

II. Items Reviewed:

1. West Wilson Creek at Brooklane Restoration Project
   Rebecca Wassell, from Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, presented an overview of the proposed project, which is a partnership of CWU, the City of Ellensburg, and Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group. Currently Wilson Creek flows along roadides, through parking lots, under buildings and streets. Project’s purpose is to relocate the portion of creek (which currently runs along the campus east boundary in a ditch east of North Brooklane Street from 18th Avenue to Dean Nicholson Blvd.), into a new channel in a re-vegetated floodplain south and east of CWU’s Challenge Course. The project will involve students, faculty, and community members in creek monitoring and re-vegetation work. It will educate the public about the value and restoration potential of urban streams and set the stage for future downstream restoration work in the creek system. Currently the project is on Department of Ecology’s list to receive water quality grant funding. Although final funding will not be issued until July 2012, planning has already begun and monitoring ground water levels in the project site has commenced. Rebecca explained the preliminary project timeline has engineering work commencing this summer along with coordination with adjoining property owners and neighbors. Project is being projected to bid in May of 2014 and be completed in Fall of 2015. Responding to a question regarding the relocation of the John Wayne Trail, Rebecca advised both projects will be coordinated and the relocated stream will be a nice addition and amenity for the trail relocation project.

2. Sub-Committee/Task Force Reports
   a. Campus Circulation: Bill Yarwood said task force is continuing work with Transpo Group on updating campus circulation parking plans, both of which will be referenced in updated university facilities master plan.
   b. Campus Signage & Wayfinding: Joanne Hillemann task force is continuing with installing more monument signs at academic buildings and new residence hall. Regarding proposed new sign for Police and Public Safety Building, Joanne advised they will have a recommendation for next meeting. She said
subcommittee is still considering campus memorials and recognition plaques integrated into benches. Subcommittee is working on finishing their annual report.

3. Capital Budget Ten Year Plan
Bill Yarwood presented latest unranked 10 Year Capital Array for 2013-2015 with only the top four projects listed in prioritized order. Remaining 5-14 items will be prioritized by administration prior to BOT submission in May 2012. OFM has initiated 2013-15 project scoring system for evaluating capital project requests by state four-year higher education institutions. OFM’s new process has a new sub-category for intermediate projects (between $2 and $5 million total cost) in each major category so that these projects can be evaluated separately from the major projects (over $5 million in total cost). Another change in the process is institutional priority points will be submitted separately to the OFM higher education budget analyst and will be kept confidential until after the panels have completed their scoring. The purpose of this is to ensure a fair evaluation of the projects on their own merits.

4. SEPA for Science Neighborhood Capital Projects
Bill Yarwood advised Science Neighborhood (Science II, Samuelson Communication & Technology Center, NEHS Predesign) SEPA process, which was scheduled for April 2012, has been cancelled. If CWU had received any supplemental capital construction funding as requested, we could have been looking at closing the J-B parking lot before September of 2012. However, because CWU did not receive any supplemental capital funding and Albertson building and property is no longer in the mix, the decision was made to wait until construction funding for the Science projects is secured before we proceed with the SEPA process.

5. Status of Science Neighborhood Capital Projects
a. Samuelson Communication & Technology Center - Bill Yarwood advised Schreiber Starling and Lane Architects are currently in late stages of schematic design. Richard DeSchields expressed concern if items currently being stored in Samuelson have to be relocated because there is no place to move them to. Surplus has a space problem, there is no market right now, and this problem needs to be addressed prior to commencing with construction of Samuelson.

b. Science Phase II – Joanne Hillemann advised Integrus Architects are currently finishing up the schematic design phase and will be proceeding on to design development.
c. Nutrition, Exercise, and Health Sciences Predesign – Doug Ryder advised LMN Architects will have a final draft of the predesign study ready to review in approximately a month.

6. University Facilities Master Plan 2012 Update
Bill Yarwood presented latest 2012 master plan update in new format and advised the new 10 year capital plan (budget) will be included along with updated planning assumptions, specifically the projected FTE for 2017. Margaret Reich advised on-campus forecasting of student populations includes on-line learning. Sandy Colson said the university’s strategic plan has been aligned with accreditation and the campus master plan needs to include reference to the accreditation plan.

7. University Property Acquisitions
Bill Yarwood advised the committee’s March recommendation regarding the following two property acquisitions is consistent with the stated objective in the campus master plan update to purchase private properties contiguous to the Ellensburg campus as they become available. Both of these
properties are located in areas adjacent to the campus where major capital projects are being proposed in the campus master plan. Both of these proposed campus developments could be greatly enhanced if the University could secure ownership of these properties.

a. Residential property at 706 North Anderson Street

South Neighborhood Planning Study 2007 analyzed the historic core of Central Washington University’s Ellensburg campus. The Old Heat Plant located at the southwest entrance to the campus is a historic landmark for both CWU and the city. The 2007 study and a subsequent Old Heat Plant Predesign Study of 2009 identified Old Heat as an ideal permanent location for the campus Welcome Center. The development of this site and the adaptive reuse of this architecturally significant building with its chimney, which is one of the tallest structures in the city, is an important component in the transformation of this area into a vibrant and active connection between the campus and the historic residential district and downtown. Even though the parcel of property, which is adjacent to the south edge of the residential property and yellow house, has been purchased by a private entity, the purchase of the above referenced property with its yellow house opens up an opportunity to significantly improve transportation access from Anderson Street and University Way with a bus pull-off for passenger loading and unloading. The existing alley, once it has been converted to a pedestrian friendly walk, will strengthen the connection between CWU and the city.

b. Residential property at 1721 North Brooklane Street

The West Wilson Creek at Brooklane Restoration Project, presented earlier by Rebecca Wassell, along with the proposed John Wayne Trail Reconnection Project and short and long term use of the large unused area south and east of the Challenge Course, would significantly benefit from the University’s acquisition of the residential property located at 1721 North Brooklane Street.

8. University Way & D Street Improvements

Bill Yarwood advised that until permanent plan for the 3 vacant residential lots on the corner of University Way and D Street have been determined, the University’s temporary plan is to develop a mini-park and the City of Ellensburg has determined a SEPA is not required.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 31, 2012