



Campus Development Advisory Committee – CDAC

Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

10:00pm to Noon

Education Building, Tech Room #130

Attendees: (taken from sign-in sheet – for those who signed in)

Steven Alan Yourstone	Anderson School of Management
Chris Vallejos	Institutional Support Services
Efthinos Maniathis	School of Architecture
Jorge Colon	School of Architecture & Planning
Petra Morris	City of Albuquerque, Planning
Jorge Wernly	School of Medicine
Melissa Vargas	Provost’s Office
Nancy Dennis	University Libraries
Bob Doran	University Architect
Joan Green	Student Affairs, ARC
Walt Miller	Student Affairs
Dennis Dunn	Office of University Secretary
Suzanne Mortier	University Landscape Architect
Steve Hawley	
Peter Kelton	Graduate Student, School of Architecture
Rick Campbell	Psych Neuropsychology
Rick Henrard	Capital Projects Office
Maria Dion	Capital Projects Office
Roger Schluntz	School of Architecture
James Foty	SAAP Community Regional Planning
Barbara Morck	Parking and Transportation Services

Guests:

Tony Sylvester	City of Albuquerque
Michael Borowski	Van Gilbert Architects
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Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Steven Alan Yourstone, Chair

CDAC Business

August 23, 2013 minutes approved.

1. Mid Regional Council of Governments (MRCOG, UNM/CNM Transportation Study)

Presented by Tony Sylvester, Special Projects Planner, Mid Regional Council of Governments, City of Albuquerque.

Tony presented the results of a two year study on the challenges and opportunities of bus transportation around the university area, in regards to long range transportation needs. This included not only UNM, but the north campus and hospital, south campus, and the CNM area. The study began at Menaul and University, and followed a proposed new route south on University to the Sunport, and then back up to Menaul, where a Park & Ride would be constructed. This would be a Rapid Transit bus route. (see map below)



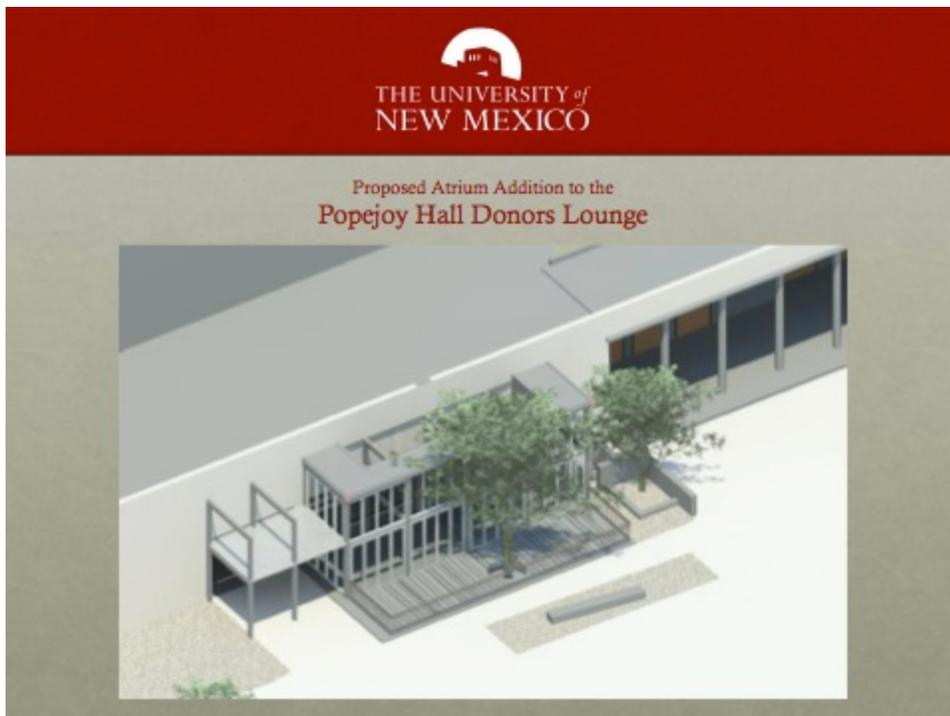
Proposed University Blvd. Rapid Ride Route

There will be approximately thirteen stops along this proposed route, along with a new stop at University and Central. South of Central Avenue there will be key stops at the stadiums, Lobo Village and the Sunport. They are working with Lobo Development to see how future land development south of Central Avenue can work with the new bus route. There will be the elimination of approximately thirty parking places on campus to accommodate the bus's route up Yale from Lomas, and around campus on Redondo Drive, and then back out onto University at Martin Luther King Drive. There is also discussion with the Girard neighborhoods on creating a separate bus route to serve their area.

Potential ridership will be about seventeen thousand people per day, with long operating hours and short waiting periods for busses. Capital costs for this project will be between sixty two million dollars and sixty five million dollars, with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding up to eighty percent of the cost, once they review and approve the project. Annual operating costs will be three point two million dollars per year.

For additional information on this project please go to www.mrcog-nm.gov, and click on Special Studies.

2. Popejoy Hall Donor Lounge
(presented by Robert Doran, UNM Architect)



UNM Popejoy Hall Donor's Lounge

The UNM Planning and Campus Development was asked to design an extension to the front of Popejoy Hall, which would be a glass enclosed space, five hundred square feet, that would be a lounge to be used by the UNM Donors, during special Popejoy events. When the lounge is not being used by the UNM Donors, it would be a comfortable meeting place for faculty, staff, and students to enjoy. The Donor Lounge is transformed for events that is currently used as Administrative Offices for Popejoy Hall Staff. Existing trees would remain. The cost of this project is still being researched, but it will be covered one hundred percent by the donors.

3. Comments on the Science & Math Building Phase 2 Project (presented by Michael Browskie, Gilbert Architects)

This is a follow up presentation from the original presentation of August 23, 2013, to address questions about certain design features of the Science & Math Building's Phase 2 construction project.

Concerns brought up at the last meeting include:

- The west side entrance to the three story addition - concerns were raised over the three story “canyon” opening in the building . (*see drawing below*) Redesigning this “canyon” was discussed.
- The walkway area (16’ wide x 75’ deep) that could provide a safety concern for a student who could get caught in this “dead end” walkway. Solutions suggested included the creation of a glass wall and better twenty four hour a day illumination. Also, the installation of gates that would have panic bars, for exiting, and be key card controlled.

Unfortunately, there is no extra money in the budget to address these concerns beyond the above suggestions, but the committee members agree with the architect’s suggestions. Gilbert Architects will continue to work with the design issues associated with Phase 2, especially the safety issues. Petra Morris (City of Albuquerque) suggested UNM speak with the Albuquerque Public Art office about having a large piece of art placed on the Math & Science Building.





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Math & Science Building (*showing the Phase 2 addition*)

4. Comments on the Digital Signage Project (presented by Bob Doran and Chris Vallejos)

This is a follow up discussion regarding President Frank's August 23, 2013 suggestion of placing electronic billboards at the four corners of campus to promote the university to people driving by. This project is also referred to as the Gateway Project.

Issues raised:

- Safety concerns for traffic at those busy intersection around the campus and the possibility of accidents due to distracted drivers. Steven Yourstone's graduate assistant, Peter Kelton, has done research in various studies, from around the country, on the safety of these digital billboards and traffic. (*these articles are available in the CDAC Dropbox.*)
- Cost. Each billboard could run over two hundred thousand dollars, and it was discussed that this money could be better spent in other areas besides electronic billboards. Possible one by the bookstore, was suggested. An opinion was expressed that these types of billboards are much too commercial in nature to properly reflect the universities image.

Action: Chair Steven Yourstone will collect the opinions of the CDAC members regarding the electronic digital billboards, and draft a memo for President Frank expressing these opinions. This memo will be presented to the president by Chris Vallejos.

5. Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety on Campus (presented by Roger Schluntz)

The issue was raised concerning pedestrian safety along Redondo Drive, and the Cornell Mall area. Also mentioned was the entire stretch of Central Avenue and University Boulevard, and to a lesser extent, Girard. Lomas Boulevard is also a problem since there is only two cross walks for entering the campus, which is over a half mile stretch of road. The primary issue of these areas is the safety of pedestrians crossing these roads in order to enter the campus. Bicyclists, coming up from CNM, are on a defined bike path, but the path ends at Central, and access onto the campus is dangerous at that point. Los Lomas, at night, is very poorly lighted, especially near the president's house.

Since the issue of the transit study was raised earlier in the meeting, the installation of pedestrian cross walks being installed along these roads was suggested.

Twice a year the campus holds a student "Safety Walk", in which students, faculty, staff, and the UNM community, walk the campus looking for safety issues, such as lighting, signage, or too much vegetation. The next Safety Walk is scheduled for November 15, 2013, at 7:00pm. Participants will meet in SUB Ballroom C.



UNM Safety Walk

Action: Melissa Vargas suggested opening a line of communication with Rob Burford, who works with the Dean of Students Office and Student Affairs, and who coordinates the Safety Walk.

Action: One hundred thousand dollars is available for upgrading lighting on campus, and Chris Vallejos suggested he could meet with Mary Vosevich, who heads up the committee overseeing these funds, and invite Mary, and members of her lighting committee, to a future CDAC meeting.

Next Meeting: Melissa Vargas and Steven Yourstone will present on the Higher Education Department's hearings, which were held on August 6, 2013. Covered at this meeting were three major main campus academic priorities:

- Ferris Engineering – Twenty three million eight hundred thousand dollars. The state has already contributed eight hundred thousand dollars to this project.
- Physics and Astronomy – Eighty five million dollars
- Anderson School of Management (new building) – Forty eight million dollars.

A representative from the Health Sciences Center was not present at this hearing, although they are in the process of updating their Master Plan. A third addition to the Domenici Building is being planned.

Melissa suggested a thirty minute presentation, for the next meeting, covering these priorities for both the main campus and the Health Sciences Center.

Action: Dennis Dunn, Office of the Secretary, will create a Dropbox which will serve as a centralized point where CDAC documents and opinions can be deposited for easy access by CDAC members.



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Agenda items not covered in today's meeting will be addressed at the next meeting.

Steven Yourstone will send out a poll to all members in order to plan a date for the next CDAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned: Noon