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Minutes - Special Meeting to Discuss Safety Issues at the Cornell Parking Structure

Friday, January 27, 2017 9:00pm to 11:00pm

GSM Building (Parish Library), Room 226

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

Steven Alan Yourstone Anderson School of Management

Roger Schluntz Professor School of Architecture & Planning

Scott Ney Music

Amy Coburn University Architect

Mark Manzitto

Michelle Peeples Parking & Transportation
Saran Scott Parking & Transportation

Che Nyanboli

Lisa Marbury UNM Institutional Support Services

Dennis Dunn University Secretary's Office

Meeting called to order – 9:00am by Steven Alan Yourstone

This meeting was called to discuss recurring safety issues at the Cornell Parking Structure and was organized by UNM's Parking & Transportation Department.

The Issues:

- UNM's Parking & Transportation Department, along with the UNM Police Department, would like to put a fence around the top of the Cornell Parking Structure in order to prevent further suicide attempts. There have been two attempted suicides, one of which resulted in a death.
- A second issue concerns the use of the parking structure by skateboarders.
- The overall safety of people use the parking structure was raised, along with incident of vandalism.

Recommended Solutions:

- The installation of a higher fence around the top of the Cornell Parking Structure. (*Please see attachment below*).
- Additional "No Skateboarding", "No Loitering" signs, and more cameras.
- Turn off the parking structure's elevator on the weekends.
- Close off the top floor of the parking structure when parking needs are light.
- More studies need to be done regarding the safety of UNM's other parking structures and obtain costs estimates.

Other Business:

- Discussion of the overall parking plan for the UNM campus.
- A possible new parking structure at Central & Girard.



- Concerns about changes to the "A" Parking Lot, by Central & Girard, where access will be changed due to construction of the Area Rapid Transit (ART) Project. The parking lot may lose up to 82 parking spaces, but the redesign should capture those spaces back.
- There was a general discussion regarding underground parking structures, and it was pointed out that underground parking structures can cost up to three times that of above ground parking structures.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined, based on upcoming projects, or when Parking & Transportation Services has more information on parking issues.

Adjourned: 10:10am.

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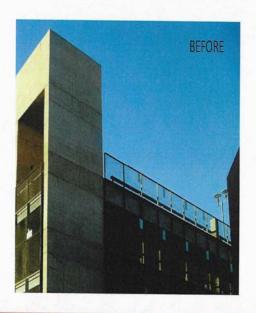
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DESIGN

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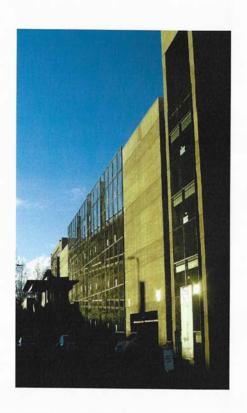


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THE PLAN

• Increase the height of the existing safety fence on the Cornell Parking Structure.



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PURPOSE

- To provide additional safety by increasing the height around the upper floor level of the structure.
- Our hope is that this will mitigate accidents and suicide attempts at the Cornell parking structure.

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DATA

- Since the Cornell Structure was constructed, there have been two incidents where an individual has fallen off the top of the structure.
- One of those incidents resulted in death.
- Multiple incidents of suicide attempts have been addressed; Already this year there was another potential suicide attempt but UNM PD was successful in rescuing the individual.
- Multiple incidents of skateboarders, BMX bikers, and people walking/playing on the parapets have been reported and addressed.

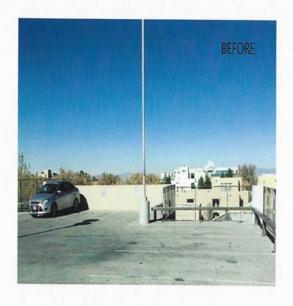
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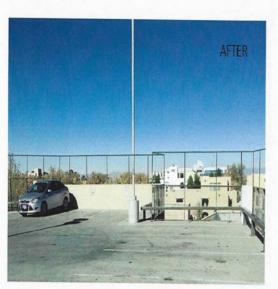
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