



Capital Planning & Development  
**CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

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| <b>DATE</b>                  | September 20, 2023   |
| <b>FACILITATOR(S)</b>        | Bob Richardson, ULUP Manager   |
| <b>MINUTES TAKEN BY</b>      | Bob Richardson, ULUP Manager (Zoom Video Recording)  |
| <b>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b> | Joe Majeski, Mike Bailey, Kate MacTavish, Deb Mott, Patrick Robinson, Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Bill Calendar, Yvette Spitz, Suzanne Gray; Gabe Merrell; Jason Yaich, Bob Richardson |
| <b>LOCATION</b>              | Video Conference   |

**I. Call to Order**

Bob Richardson, University Land Use Planning (ULUP) Manager called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

**II. Project / Construction Updates**

Aaron Amoth, Project Manager explained Washington Way is on schedule, and the Dryden and Richardson parking lot will be finished by October 2023.

The traffic pattern on SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street, between Campus Way and Orchard Ave, is now one-way northbound for vehicles, with a contra-flow bike lane southbound and a dedicated northbound bike lane.

Patrick Robinson, UHDS, noted that fire sprinklers have been added to Bloss and Callahan residence halls and some accessibility improvements have been made. Also, the new residence hall construction is moving along as expected.

Bob provided an update on the Monroe Ave corridor project with the City of Corvallis, emphasizing safety improvements for all transportation modes. Stakeholder meetings with OSU and City staff, as well as students, faculty, and business owners, have taken place.

Mike inquired about the communication of 26<sup>th</sup> Street traffic pattern changes, and Yvette noted she has observed vehicles traveling the wrong way down 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Rebecca explained outreach efforts to notify the campus community about the changes to 26<sup>th</sup> Street and offered to review the signage at Monroe Ave to see if there are ways to improve that to prevent wrong-way traffic.

**III. Meeting Summary Approval**

Bob asked if there were any questions or revisions needed to the meeting summary. There were none. Yvette moved to approve the summary; Joe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Schematic Design and Site Approval Requests**

SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street and SW Washington Way Parking Lot Site Approval

Rebecca Houghtaling, Senior Planner, gave a presentation regarding this Site Approval request. She explained that University Facilities, Infrastructure and Operations (UFIO) staff are proposing a new

parking lot on the northeast corner of SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street and SW Washington Way. The proposed parking lot is intended to be an extension of the Energy Center South Lot (3339) with an additional access point from SW Washington Way. Its primary goal is to provide replacement spaces for approximately half of the parking spaces being displaced with the Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex and Benton Place renovation projects.

She described how the proposed location aligns with both the Corvallis Campus Vision and the OSU Transportation Plan for future parking. Specifically identified in the Campus Master Plan, the site is easily accessible from SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street, which is an arterial street in the City's Transportation System Plan. The Corvallis Campus Vision designates the proposed site for either E&G or parking uses. Other parking locations on this side of campus are in Sector A, where there is limited remaining development allocation. The development constraints in other Sectors of campus, along with design synergies with the current Washington Way project, make this site suitable for a parking facility. Additionally, the parking lot will be linked to campus via an established Beaver Bus route and, with the Washington Way reconstruction, connected to the center of campus via a lighted sidewalk and cycle track.

Rebecca noted that the location is identified as a future parking lot in Campus Master Plan Figure 7.3. This aligns with the Corvallis Land Development Code Section 3.36.08.c, which requires consistency with parking locations in Figure 7.3. The design of the parking lot is expected to address pedestrian connections to and through the site, including exploring how to address gaps in pedestrian connections on the north side of the Energy Center South Lot. Apart from the potential addition of a commercial driveway from SW Washington Way, no significant street work is anticipated. The project, however, will be required to provide internal pedestrian connections to adjacent facilities and parking lots, in accordance with the OSU Transportation Plan, Design and Construction Standards, and the City Land Development Code.

Rebecca identified one item to be addressed by the Design team, which is that the project needs to comply with applicable development standards.

Yvette asked where parking displaced from the Collaborative Innovation Complex and Benton Place projects would go. This question led to discussion regarding strategies for how to balance parking replacement with encouraging alternative transportation, including plans for mobility hubs and potential parking structures. Safety, lighting, and access issues were raised, with a suggestion to address them in more detail as the parking lot project progressed.

Discussion concluded with a motion made by Gabe and seconded by Patrick to approve the site approval, contingent on addressing specific concerns highlighted in the staff report. All present voted in favor of this recommendation.

## V. Other Business

### Temporary Sign Policy

Bob reminded the CPC that last month he raised the issue of amending the Campus Sign Plan, specifically addressing the inclusion of temporary banner signs. He explained that ULUP receives numerous requests at the beginning and end of each academic year to hang banners with messages like "Welcome Students" or "Congratulations Students." While intended to be temporary, these banners don't meet

the criteria for temporary signs or fall into any other category in the OSU Sign Plan. Bob referred to the memo in the CPC packet, presenting draft changes to the Sign Plan.

Discussion ensued about the installation period for banners, with consensus reached to allow them to be installed up to two weeks before and after the start of Fall Term and the end of Spring Term. There was also discussion on allowed sign materials, particularly the use of canvas. Consensus was reached that the proposed wording, "non-rigid, durable weather resistant," was sufficient and allowed for various materials, although materials would typically be similar to vinyl.

Input was sought regarding the need to limit the number of banners on a building. Consensus emerged that the cost and effort involved in making and hanging banners would be self-limiting. If the number of banners becomes problematic, the issue can be addressed later. Bob agreed to remove section 10.2.3 from the draft.

#### Meeting Locations

Bob asked if there was interest among the CPC members to return to in-person meetings, or to keep them remote either. Multiple CPC members expressed concerns with a hybrid approach and suggested keeping them either fully remote or fully online. Yvette suggested holding in-person meetings when there are new CPC members.

#### **VI. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is scheduled for November 15, 2023.

#### **VII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM