

## **UK Master Plan Update**

### LFUCG Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

Location: 103 Main Building  
Date: September 12, 2012

#### Attendees:

**UK** – Facilities Management, Physical Plant, Capital Planning, Coldstream Research Park, Campus Health Care Facilities, Sustainability, Community Engagement, University Relations (Lisa Higgins Hord, Ben Crutcher, Scott Hogue, Kevin Kreide, Bob Williams, Jim Conner, Warren Denny, Tom Harris, Murray Clark, Dall Clark, Bob Wiseman, Andrew Blues, Shane Tedder, Judy Needham)

**LFUCG:** Traffic Engineering, Engineering, Engineering/Right of Way, Water Quality, Planning, Police (Jeff Neal, Dan Kiser, Hillard Newman, Jim Woods, Keith Lovan, Greg Lubeck, Rod Chervus, Derek Paulsen, Jim Duncan, Chris King, Shannon Gahafer, Kevin Kidd, Gregg Jones)

**OTHER:** Diane Lawless, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilmember; Jeff Fugate, Downtown Development Authority

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**This group meets on a quarterly basis for ongoing coordination between LFUCG and UK. Additional people were added to the regular invitee list in order to discuss the Campus Master Plan Update**

#### **I. Introductions**

#### **II. Master Plan Overview**

Bob Wiseman and Dall Clark provided an overview of the master plan process including the PowerPoint presentation provided by Sasaki that describes project goals, timeline and work completed to this point.

#### **III. Discussion of Master Plan Update**

The following questions and concerns were highlighted regarding topics to be thought through during the Master Plan Update:

##### **Growth along South Broadway**

- Need to balance residential and retail uses for long term stability of this area. Currently, residential is developing at a fast pace without the services to support it.
- Pedestrian and bicycle access need to be addressed, especially in terms of safety and level of comfort for the user. The underpass at the railroad is particularly questionable.
- Need more defined College Town areas on all sides of campus.
- Retail at The LEX is not working. Will this become a sustainability issue? Will completion of the Oliver Lewis Way Corridor help to make it more viable?
- Will the new construction have the same lifespan as the buildings that have been replaced?

### **Student Off-Campus Conduct**

- As residential rental construction occurs the perimeter of ill-behaved students around campus increases and taxes the police force. The west side of campus has become an increasing problem as new rental complexes are built.
- LFUCG Police noted that the off-campus parties they respond to are usually very large and they usually involve guns. The Red Mile corridor has become very active, but this hasn't spread to the Angliana area yet. There has been an overall shift slightly to the west from the previously active Maxwell area. Most parties are hosted by students and other troublemakers join in as the night goes on.
- The University is looking into methods of strengthening the off-campus Code of Conduct. Talks have begun between the President, Mayor and Student Affairs. They are also working on methods of collecting accurate Lexington addresses for off-campus students.
- Bob Wiseman noted that we are scheduling a meeting with adjacent landlords, and asked for attendees to get with him if they have suggestions concerning who to invite.
- Chris King and Derek Paulsen spoke about the need for to continue the cooperative effort between LFUCG and the University to include the sharing of data and the need to strengthen ordinances. Strengthening the UK 'Seal of Approval' for rentals will also lend support to city efforts in areas of rental housing decline as well as student conduct. Sanctions that hurt in the marketplace will be the best motivation for changes in behavior.

### **Traffic**

- Need to look into the pedestrian crossing points along South Broadway. They need to be safer and have better markings.
- Students have been using the railroad bridge over South Broadway as a crossover. They walk the tracks over the road to get across causing an obvious safety issue.
- Dennis Anderson has asked the University for a pedestrian crossing at \_\_\_\_\_. The University is looking into options.
- The Woodland Ave triangle at the park has become extremely dangerous. The collision data is off the charts. It was built for a time with less traffic and needs attention. The corner at Ramsey's has the same problems.
- In regard to the issue of possible increase in scooter traffic, the police responded that they have sufficient State laws and local ordinances to deal with it, and they have not really seen many problems near campus. The majority of their problems have been in other areas of town with greater multi-family housing.

### **Housing**

- Some of the new housing on campus will have mixed-use on the first floor. The University is looking for input into where to put retail.

### **Other Master Plan Focus Suggestions**

- The My Campus interactive survey described in Sasaki's plan should include student off-campus activity as well the on-campus activity shown. Where students purchase essentials like groceries is important.
- Some suggestions to additional categorizing by demographics that could be valuable are:
  - Status as Freshman, Sophomore, etc.
  - Where did you grow up – urban, rural
  - Typology categories such as faith, honor student, etc.

#### **IV. Other Regular Agenda Items**

- Utilities at Spindletop are being upgraded.
- The Woodland Avenue bike lane completes the circle of the core of campus.
- Shriners Hospital Plan – Care at Shriners has been almost completely outpatient, using only 2 beds per day on average. They are changing their operating model completely and have flagship projects here and in St. Louis. The traffic and parking plan for the improvements to UK Hospital included the growth that is expected with the new Shriners plan.
- Downtown Transit Center Study – Although a cinema/entertainment/restaurant model is being suggested, all opportunities are being considered. No plans are in place at this time. Use of the adjacent site owned by UK should complement the new development. Lines of communication are open between the development community and UK on the subject.

Minutes prepared by Judy Needham.

These are intended to be a record of the general issues discussed and are not meant to be a quotation of any individual(s) attending the meeting.

cc: Campus Master Plan Website