

UK Master Plan Update

Faith Community Meeting Minutes

Location: King Alumni House

Date: October 16, 2012

Attendees:

Representatives from the UK Christian Student Fellowship (CSF), Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) and Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church (MSP)

I. Master Plan Overview

Martha Tarrant of RossTarrant Architects provided an overview of the master plan process including project goals, timeline and work completed to this point. Dall Clark of UK Capital Projects provided an overview of the status of the new housing plan.

II. Discussion of Master Plan Update

Tom Harris of University Relations led a discussion based on the following questions:

- What opportunities, issues or concerns are there with being located near the UK campus?
- How can UK, the surrounding neighborhoods and the faith institutions form a closer, mutually beneficial relationship?
- Does your institution have a UK student focus? If so please explain.
- What percentage of your congregation is UK based?
- Is your current location adequate for needs? Do you plan on remaining at your current location?
- Do you have future expansion plans or desires at your current location?

Location/ Student Involvement

- CSF – We have a mixture of students from UK, BCTC and Transy, but UK students are the largest customer by far. It is essential to this ministry to be near or on campus and to have convenient access for students. It is also helpful to use UK facilities for some meetings and events. We support students by offering a fun and safe environment that is easily accessible to residence halls, the Greek community and off-campus students. Most of our 20 staff members have lived in the UK dorms at one time.
- BCM – We need to be near students. Many stop by our offices during lunch time or other times during the day just to chat. Students need to be able to get to us without having to use a car.
- MSP – Our members are both Lexington residents and students. Students who are members of our congregation generally become involved in our downtown ministries..

Programs

- CSF – We offer numerous programs and special events at no cost to students. We try to provide safe, fun social opportunities for students and have programming most nights of the week. We are sometimes referred to as the night-time student center.

Much of our programming involves freshman. K-Week had about 30,000 participants. One of our most popular programs provides pancakes to students on Friday nights.

- BCM - We consider ourselves a connecting point for students. New students can make smoother transitions by connections with others with similar interests. We have a long term commitment to service these students as well as others around the state through the Baptist Convention. We have committed millions of dollars to these programs over the years.
- MSP – We emphasize leadership and community service with our students.

Issues

- Awareness of faith based organizations by UK. CSF is the largest student organization on campus, but we feel we are sometimes forgotten when new students ask about available activities at UK. We could be used as a recruitment tool in some circumstances. Recently, we've had several students tell us that the active CSF was one of their main reasons for choosing UK.
- Parking. What are the plans to make up for the current parking that is closed due to the construction of the new housing? MSP depends on UK parking lots during services and other functions.
- Are there any plans for the leased land on Maxwell & Martin Luther King? Will UK be able to expand within their current footprint? Does UK have plans to purchase any of the properties that our organizations are currently located on? (UK responded that there are no current plans for any of these.)
- Are there plans to demolish Good Samaritan Hospital in the near future? (UK responded that the life span is about 10-15 years.
- Will UK have detailed conversations with the neighborhoods if they expand in that area or widen streets? (UK responded that we've begun communication with the neighborhoods and will offer feedback on any ideas that are suggested in the Master Plan. We will partner with the City if there were any needs that are under their jurisdiction like widening of streets.)

Future Plans

- Any plans CSF might have to expand would depend on land and parking availability either through land acquisition or arrangements with UK. They would like to expand and are in the middle of a study of their space and financing needs. Need to remain next to students as they grow.
- BCM has no plans for growth at this time.
- MSP cannot expand at this time because of parking constraints/city parking regulations. They own three properties but are not able to do anything with them at this time.

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