

Campus Master Planning Committee (CMPC) Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Hartwell Meeting Room

September 16, 2015

Present: Carole Kasper (Chair), Vin Cannistraro (Vice Chair), Ken Bassett, Tim Christenfeld, Paula Cobb, Patty Donahue, Renel Fredericksen, Jennifer Glass, Tim Higgins, and Bryce Wolf

Also present: Buckner Creel (LPS), Jennifer Glass (LS Committee), Becky McFall (LPS), and Dan Pereira (P&R). Guests: Jena Salon-Birchby and Jennifer Glass (Lincoln School Committee), Lucretia Giese (Lincoln Historic Commission) and Lincoln residents Owen Beenhouwer and Doug Swain.

Present Representing LLB: Greg Smolley, Patrick Torborg

Absent: Dilla Tingley

CMPC Chair Carole Kasper called the meeting to order at 8:17 am.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 3rd meeting, submitted by Dilla Tingley. Renel Frederickson moved that the minutes be accepted, Bryce Wolf seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Status Review & Update

Greg Smolley provided his reaction to the PTO Picnic/CMPC table – that the kids were more engaged than the parents, but that some parents did stop by to learn more. The “build a campus” exercise created for the kids saw most models with the existing east-west campus orientation.

Greg stated his desire to help the committee get started pulling together the overriding thoughts to help shape the master plan and laid out four guiding principles for how the committee may want to examine the work. These included:

- Defining the **character of the campus**.
- Determining the **focus of the campus** – is it educational, is it recreational, is it a combination of the two,
- Examining the **sustainability** issues, and
- Analyzing the **transportation issues** on campus.

An in-depth discussion took place re: these different elements but primarily on the issue of the character of the campus and its focus. The Committee discussed the need to explore the question of what residents value about the town and how the campus needs to reflect these values but also take into consideration practicality, finances, and functionality.

Greg Smolley noted that the previous studies illustrate that there is a high degree of attachment to the building's façade... and the need to test with residents, "what can we mess with?"

Ken Bassett added that people won't be able to argue with the environmental findings, but the debate will be focused on the roads and the buildings, which many see as a "string of pearls" that help frame the campus.

Bryce Wolf cautioned the committee not to be afraid to take a long-term view of the campus and to look at this opportunity to restructure the Ballfield Road campus comprehensively as it would be the first time the town has ever done so, and it would be a shame to let such an opportunity pass.

Tim Christenfeld noted that community members may be "attached to" various aspects of the Ballfield Road campus – perhaps the façade of the school building, open spaces, gym/auditorium, how to move around the campus vehicles, pedestrians, etc.

The Committee then discussed how to shape the discussion at the October 15th Community Outreach meeting and a strong desire was expressed to review the latest findings and examine the data, specifically around septic, traffic, roadways and parking. The tentative agenda for the October 15th meeting would be:

- Review of the arc of the school and community center projects
- Review of the CMPC's charge + Introduction of CMPC members
- Review of the data/findings
- Introducing three different scenarios with their challenges and opportunities:
 - Maintain the current campus site as is,
 - Maintain most of the campus, but adjust some of the parking lots/roadways, and
 - Keep some of the buildings, but restructure others and change the roadways to better accommodate pedestrian traffic.

The Committee loosely agreed on this tentative agenda for October 15th noting that the State of the Town meeting on November 14th would be the real opportunity to capture the attention of a higher number of residents and that we would be able to be more specific after having gotten some initial readouts from the October 15th public commentaries. More discussion on the October 15th agenda will take place at the next CMPC meeting after the committee looks at the data, which LLB promised to provide in advance of the October 1st meeting.

Patty Donahue provided an update on her communications efforts, including outreach to the Lincoln Journal and using outdoor space at Donelans.

At 10:10 am, Bryce Wolf made a motion, which was seconded by Renel Fredericksen, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st at 7 pm in the Hartwell Multipurpose Room.