

CAMPUS MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE (CMPC) MEETING

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2015

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Carole Kasper (Chair), Ken Bassett, Vin Cannistraro, Tim Christenfeld, Paula Cobb, Patty Donahue, Renel Fredriksen, Dilla Tingley, Bryce Wolf

Also Present: Carolyn Bottum (COA), Buckner Creel (LPS), Becky McFall (LPS), Dan Pereira (P&R)

Present Representing LLB: Greg Smolley, Patrick Torborg

Guests: Owen Beenhouwer, Sara Mattes, Jennifer Glass (SC), Mimi Borden (PTO); Judith Lawler (LHC)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 30 November at 7pm in the Hartwell Multipurpose Room

CMPC Chair, Carole Kasper called the meeting to order at 8:18am

Approval of Minutes

- Nov 9th Minutes were approved unanimously, with edit (Dilla to make change).
- Nov 13th minutes were approved unanimously, with edit to include time of meeting adjournment. (Ken to make change)

Review and Discussion of State of the Town (SOTT) feedback

Community feedback from State of the Town meeting was discussed. 161 survey results were received out of 238 total voting attendees at the meeting.

- **Gaining additional field space is a worthy reason to reduce the overall school footprint**

53% agreed or strongly agreed; 20% neutral; 25% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

- **Locating parking near building entrances and fields is more**

important than the character of the campus.
60% disagreed or strongly disagreed; 21% neutral; 17% agreed or strongly agreed.

- **Pedestrian walkways should take precedence over vehicular drives and parking lots.**

53% agreed or strongly agreed; 30% neutral; 14% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

- **Campus character is tied directly to the current footprint of the buildings.**

39% disagree or strongly disagree; 25% neutral; 31% agree or strongly agree.

- **We should consider reducing the footprint of the school in order to gain building efficiencies, better educational layout, and more space on campus for playing fields and other uses.**

62% agreed or strongly agreed; 14% neutral; 19% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

- **The value (functionality, appropriateness, and life expectancy) of the projects should take precedence in decision making if the costs exceed the previously projected costs.**

67% agreed or strongly agreed; 19% neutral; 9% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

- **Future projects should aim to reduce the impact on the regulated areas to the extent that it is practical.**

42% agreed or strongly agreed; 25% neutral; 27% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

The committee discussed that the quantitative results as well as qualitative comments received suggested that the work to date has advanced the community's thinking about the individual school and community center projects in the context of broader campus tradeoffs and possibilities. It was

observed that this kind of feedback will be invaluable if Lincoln is selected to participate in the MSBA process in the coming months, during which multiple options for school building projects would be developed and weighed.

It was discussed that educational mission and campus character clearly emerged as critical to the town; balanced by ability to meet these needs without impairing town's capacity to meet other needs of the town.

It was discussed whether we should expand the participation on the quantitative survey to a broader group within the town to increase the participation, e.g. through an electronic link to enable people to take the survey. The Committee's view was that it was important to the quality of the survey results that were received after the voters had heard the presentation of the committee findings, and the discussion at the State of the Town, and that additional results that would inherently be decoupled from this content would not be informed votes. The Committee determined not to expand the survey participation.

There was discussion about how to communicate the survey results to the town. It was agreed that we clean up the raw data and provide the quantitative results to the town on the town website, as well as seek to publish the results or a link to the results in the Lincoln Squirrel. Patty Donahue as CMPC communications liaison agreed to approach the Squirrel.

Discussion on Shaping the Final Report

There was discussion about the degree to which the committee should weigh in on costs of the projects in its final report to the town. It was suggested that the report should frame the kinds of tradeoffs that will be possible for the town to consider at a high level both in the context of a positive selection by MSBA, vs. more constrained environment if not selected by MSBA.

Becky Mcfall clarified that there have been some followup discussions with FinCom post the State of the Town, and that there is not a "hard stop" on town borrowing at \$50M; ultimate borrowing needs and decisions will be nuanced and subject to discussion and debate by the town in the context of

eventual votes on specific projects.

It was noted that in writing the final report, it would be important to compare the feedback received from the town in the CMPC forums and SOTT meeting with feedback provided previously in 2015 Town Meeting, and note the extent to which these findings are consistent or inconsistent.

Meeting on 30 November will be a discussion on which recommendations the CMPC should make firmly in the report, vs. elements where we acknowledge different options.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.