UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project
Outreach/Engagement Process

Feedback from February, 2015 Open Houses
Opportunities were scheduled to inform the on- and off-campus community about the UO Campus Physical Framework Vision Project (FVP). Open houses were held from 4:00-7:00 pm on February 16 at the Ford Alumni Center’s Giustina Ballroom, and from 11:00 am-3:00 pm on February 17 in the Gerlinger Hall Lounge.

February 16, 2015 Open House
Attendees (by affiliation): UO staff, UO Foundation staff, UO Student/Employee, UO Staff, UO Community Relations staff, UO Student, South University Neighborhood Association

Comments:
- I hope the new science building gets more funding than the softball field!
- I appreciate campus design + infrastructure much more after this. And how beautiful our campus is!
- I’m most excited about the new College & Careers building. What will replace the Career Center in the current spot?
- Thinking about the campus in all weather. I think a lot could be done with covered walkways, which could invite more outdoor walking, seating and socializing.
- There is a reveal opening in Fenton Hall to show the bones of the building and the recent seismic upgrade. I like to see those kind of things. Our buildings are as varied as our arboretum – well maybe not that much, but it is nice to appreciate the variety and details in all the different buildings.

February 17, 2015 Open House
Attendees (by affiliation): EMU staff, UO Development staff, UO Campus Ops staff, UO Campus Ops, UO Student, UO Student, UO CPDC staff, UO CPDC staff, UO Libraries/CMET staff, UO Clark Honors College staff, UO AEI staff/West University Neighbors, UO Student, UO CPDC staff, UO Campus Ops staff, City of Eugene staff, UO Student

Comments:
- Get Scott Wylie to continue the science walk art throughout the science complex as it grows (Also, the UO should publish a guide to it, decoding all the symbols & their meaning. Pretty interesting.
- The Arboretum scattered throughout our campus is a wonderful asset. I’m always glad when I see labels in front of the trees – would like to see more.
• Let’s preserve open space and long views wherever we can. They allow us all to breathe!

**Feedback from Neighborhood Meetings**

Campus planning staff attended general membership meetings of the West University Neighbors (February 5) and South University Neighbors (March 5) to discuss the FVP and get their input.

**West University Neighbors**

Attendees included an EPD sergeant, four WUN members and two UO students

Comments:

• Love the historic fountain outside Deady; it was restored but because squirrels drown in it the water gets turned off.
• Cascade Charlie is a great feature that was designed by a blind woman.
• The south side of the Knight Library is not very welcoming and could be improved, perhaps additional lighting?
• Councilor Zelenka suggested a monorail that would connect the campus with the Autzen area overhead above the park.
• There is an air quality problem from the PLC parking lot at 13<sup>th</sup>/Alder. A parking garage would have a negative effect on air quality and trigger EPA review.
• Neighborhoods around the edges of campus are attuned to building heights. Need to have reduced building heights around the edges, have setbacks by neighborhoods, and step back from the street to offset height.
• If there is a skybridge that connects the Lewis building with a new science building, need to coordinate with LTD concerning vertical clearance.
• Also consider possible future overhead electric lines for EmX.
• Should make people more aware of campus trees and the tree atlas.

**South University Neighborhood Association**

Attendees included approximately 24 SUNA members

Comments:

• 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue bike connection proposed by the City isn’t as bike friendly as it should be as a prominent access to/from campus. Can the UO influence this?
• There was no planning by the UO before the last increase in enrollment on the effects on the neighborhoods; he is terrified of talk of enrollment increase.
• Further increases in enrollment would be ruinous to the neighborhood.
• Who is doing the planning on impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods?
• Impact on neighborhood isn’t just on parking, traffic and buildings on the edge, but neighborhood character is changing without planning by the UO or the City.
• The proliferation of apartment buildings was done in a destructive way; there is a glut of poorly planned housing.
• Missing in this meeting is the tendency to blame developers.
• There may have been some wisdom in zoning for high density residential next to the UO, but the problem is the single-family rentals that have become party houses. He likes the idea of shifting to faculty as tenants/owners.
• There isn’t a clear picture of the university’s goals – what departments are planned for growth.
• Is there a UO policy about growth and in what areas academically?
• Who governs the academic plan and who can we talk to?
• There are different growth scenarios – can you put potential neighborhood impacts into each of the scenarios?
• Increases in rents; there is a potential to bring houses back to single-family use – there are good schools and easy walk/bike access to school/university.
• The board has asked how it might be possible to recapture single-family housing that has been converted to rentals. Is it possible to have a partnership with banks, the UO, UO Foundation, etc?
• The concept is to acquire houses, assist families to convert to private ownership (and non-rentals), preferably for faculty housing. This could be a great recruitment and retention tool for UO faculty by having housing for families close to campus.
• If UO does get bigger, what should happen to the area between 18th and 19th in SUNA? Could the UO acquire properties? Might be preferable to have classrooms rather than more housing.
• Suggest joining SUNA as neighbors, especially in addressing the City.
• Likes seeing ecological principles and design in the FVP presentation; suggests using design to bridge the UO and the neighborhood
• Many students prefer to live in housing rather than apartments.