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## Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, October 5, 2009 10:00 a.m.

**SUBJECT:** Recreation, Open Space and Athletics Master Plan Task Force

**LOCATION:** UMC 415-417

**ATTENDEES:** Ceal Barry  
Rob Schubert  
Cheryl Kent (Gary Chadwick)  
Herb Kienle  
Clayton Hamilton  
Tom McGann  
Don Inglis  
Richelle Reilly  
Maren Additon  
Kirk Kincannon  
Phil Simpson  
Robin Suitts  
Megan Rose

1. Introductions of committee members/what you bring to the committee?
  - a. Ceal Barry – Athletics
    - i. Welcome everyone to the committee. Mission is to accomplish the charge and to have fun doing it!
    - ii. Remember that decisions made during the next five weeks must remain constant with the Flagship 2030 framework
    - iii. Time frame of 2010-2020 – Think about how much athletics has changed in the time frame of 1999-2009
      1. New soccer complex
      2. New golf course
      3. Volleyball used to practice in Carlson Gymnasium (with too low of ceilings) now they practice in Coors Events Center
      4. Indoor bubble was built – accommodates football, soccer and golf
    - iv. In 2020 there will definitely be change in recreation, open space and athletics
      1. Have to consider adding a minimum of two sports – what does that mean?

2. Intramural sports will continue to have high demand
  3. Need for open space to remain constant with the needs and desires of the Boulder culture (biking, hiking, enjoying free space)\
  4. Hand out: Report from the Facilities Task Force
- b. Clayton Hamilton – Athletics
    - i. At CU for 2 years
    - ii. Works with budget
    - iii. Has been involved in a similar process at other Universities
  - c. Don Inglis – Outdoor Services
    - i. At CU for 3 ½ months
    - ii. Has experience with public open space and infrastructure
    - iii. Understands what space we have and what needs are necessary for more open space and facilities
  - d. Richelle Reilly – Campus Landscape Architect
    - i. At CU for 3 ½ years
    - ii. Representing the planning department
    - iii. Also is responsible for the beautification of campus grounds
  - e. Tom McGann – Athletics
    - i. Knows the ins and outs of athletics, especially in the game day aspects
    - ii. Experience with transit, parking and sustainability
  - f. Maren Addition – Student Affairs
    - i. Works with budget
    - ii. Has years of experience on BCPC
    - iii. Building Chair of Center for Community
  - g. Rob Schubert – CIRES
    - i. In 1979 was Grounds Manager for Facilities Management
    - ii. 1990 moved over to CIRES
    - iii. Had direct influence on implementing more intramurals for example worked with staff council to initiate a softball league
    - iv. Many years of experience with CU and Facilities Management
  - h. Herb Kienle – Rec Services
    - i. Been at CU for 28 years
    - ii. Knows the ins and outs of the Recreation Services
  - i. Gary Chadwick – Health and Wellness
    - i. Sitting in for Cheryl
  - j. Kirk Kincannon – City of Boulder
    - i. Parks and Facilities
    - ii. Has worked with the Master Planning process in other areas
  - k. Robin Suitts – Planning, Design and Construction
    - i. Been at CU for 10 years
    - ii. Was at CCHE for 4 years prior to coming to campus
    - iii. Responsible for background information or research for the group
  - l. Megan Rose – Planning, Design and Construction
    - i. Been at CU for little over a year – graduated from CU before that
    - ii. Point of contact for meetings, documents, agendas, etc..
  - m. Phil Simpson – Campus Planner
    - i. Charged with creating a Master Plan
    - ii. Here to facilitate the process
    - iii. Task Forces are a broad representation of CU, with the ability to work from the bottom up
    - iv. Opportunity to have a closer working relationship with City of Boulder
    - v. Responsible for keeping the ball rolling!

- n. Ted Snow
  - i. A swimmer from childhood (club and YMCA teams), high school, collegiate teams, and Masters swimming.
  - ii. A member of several CU committees involved with athletics here: the BFA committee on athletics (where I was an author of the policy on athletic events interfering with classes); and a member the Boulder Campus Athletics Board when it started.
  - iii. A member of the East Campus planning committee (about 10 years ago), when a similar planning exercise like this took place.
  - iv. Note to those who don't know me: I had a serious stroke four years ago, consequently I now have a speech impediment. I can be understood, but if anyone has trouble understanding me, speak up and I'll try again.
- 2. Timeline: Quick and brief process
  - a. Only required to create a 3-5 page report at the end of the Task Force
  - b. 5 meetings in total
- 3. Brief Ground Rules:
  - a. There should be a certain level of trust, we should assume most of what is said is confidential
  - b. No such thing as a stupid idea
  - c. The ideas that the whole group agrees with will be made public in the report at the end of the process
- 4. Hand out Presentation:
  - a. Robin went over the Facilities Task Force findings
- 5. Q: What is the footprint of East Campus?
  - a. Arapahoe – Colorado and 30<sup>th</sup> – Foothills
  - b. Goals to make it less divided, and more multi-use
  - c. Will we acquire the private buildings?
    - i. Next 10 years, maybe
    - ii. Next 20 year, probably
  - d. Gary wants to emphasize the ideas of long term facilities on East Campus – not just an area for temporary storage of fields, space, etc..
- 6. Robin: Keep in mind the idea of having a similar ratio to campus of open space and un-programmed space
- 7. Maren: What is the deal with CU-South?
  - a. Not much desire to attack CU-South
  - b. There is limited possibility for recreation fields and a very mild athletic structure
  - c. Limited support for faculty and staff housing
  - d. Citizens of Boulder liked when there was a higher percentage of faculty living in Boulder
  - e. However, CU-South is stirring the 'political pot'
- 8. Ceal: Focus on building out East Campus, stay away from South Campus
  - a. Clarification: goal is to establish what we need not where it needs to go
  - b. Also we must consider the flood plain, and need information from other task forces to make some decisions
- 9. Other clarifications: In this time frame we are planning for the addition of 3300 students, also must consider how many we can accommodate now
  - a. ALWAYS CONSIDER IDEAS IN LAND USE PRINCIPLES – guiding ideas about how land should be used, big picture ideas
- 10. General ideas of governing land use on East Campus
  - a. Strict MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for east Campus
  - b. There is 4 million square feet of land that can be developed on East Campus
  - c. Want to try and move towards the same levels of density as Main Campus

- d. Moving from a corporate park concept to a campus quad concept
  - e. 1987 was last negotiation with the city
11. General ideas of South Campus
- a. State laws keep us from expanding utilities unless SC is annexed
  - b. Right now we have junior water rights, and electricity would not be a large problem
  - c. For the purpose of this task force: consider we have full utility and leave politics aside
  - d. Berm protects 200 developable acres
  - e. 34-40 acres reserved for flood storage (usable for rec fields)
  - f. 210-250 usable acres on South Campus
12. Existing Recreation Services studies
- a. Has an existing 10 year plan that is for now until 2020
    - i. Feasibility plans for both indoor and outdoor services, moving into a program plan
    - ii. Students voted on \$5 million of projects to be placed on South Campus (didn't happen on CU-South)
    - iii. Some of these projects instead were built on campus ( Farrand Field and Franklin Field)
    - iv. There are existing plans that are flexible
    - v. Rec center did have a consultant come in that produced tons of field use data
13. How big of a role does budget play in these conversations?
- a. Budget comes into consideration after we can identify the issues
  - b. Next phase: The task force reports will be analyzed by a consultant
  - c. We can also consider combining sources of funding to accomplish some goals, for example a mix of student and city fees
14. Things to consider from the Athletics perspective:
- a. Division I teams are required to sponsor 16 teams at any given time – we currently have exactly 16 teams
  - b. it is a good idea to have 2 teams as a buffer
  - c. The bubble is a temporary solution for an indoor practice facility
  - d. Athletics would like the cluster idea to be considered when placing facilities/teams
  - e. Coors Events Center has a very overloaded schedule: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball, and scheduled tests
  - f. In most categories CU is ranked either 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> in quality of both rec and athletic facilities
  - g. One perk of having nicer facilities is the ability to host NCAA tournaments
    - i. Direct correlation to hosting and getting prime in state recruits
    - ii. Encourages students to want to come to a Division I school that hosts regionals etc.
15. Things to consider from the City's perspective:
- a. The city is currently about 2/3 of the way through their facility plan
    - i. Lots of opportunities for collaboration
    - ii. IBM leases, 3 recreation facilities
  - b. From our end, if there are partnerships, the City can take advantage of top coaches and athletes to give clinics
16. Time for us to get back in the forefront of facilities on campus compared to our peers
17. What about the area North of Boulder Creek?
- a. Currently is out of date housing that lacks the revenue for needed renovations
  - b. There are flood plain issues

c. Rec services has looked into the area in the past

Action Items:

City, Athletics, Open Space, Rec Services: All put together a list of needs to accommodate the students know and the anticipated 3300 students to come. In the list include a short rationale for the need.

Rob Schubert: Offered to find and bring a grad student to the next meeting, let me know so I can add them to my e-mail list!

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. UMC 415-417