



**NEXT COMMUNITY
FORUM MEETING:**

**Tuesday,
October 24, 5 p.m.**

**Bldg. 540 Arapeen
in Research Park**

If you have an agenda
item, questions or com-
ments, please contact
Teri Erick in the University
of Utah Public Relations
office at 585-9244.

Community Forum meetings for neighbors of the U and the University community will be held March 28, May 23, August 22 and October 24 at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to be added to or deleted from our mailing list, call 585-9244.



**NOTES FROM AUGUST 22 COMMUNITY
FORUM MEETING**

Welcome

Coralie Alder, Executive Director, Public Relations

Coralie welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She encouraged neighbors in attendance to share information discussed at the meeting and invite others to attend future meetings to ensure good neighborhood representation.

Traffic/Transportation Committee Report

*Norm Chambers, Assistant Vice President,
Auxiliary Services*

Norm provided an update from the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting. The U extended invitations to UDOT, UTA, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Salt Lake City transportation office, Mayor's office, the VA Hospital, community members, etc. to participate in this traffic meeting and identify traffic issues in this part of the city. There were many participants at the last meeting. The goal of these meetings is (1) to develop strategies for mitigating traffic congestion and improving transportation options in the northeast sector of Salt Lake City, specifically, traffic corridors/roads in and around the University of Utah; and (2) to provide a forum to exchange information regarding the traffic activity trends, transit ridership trends, master plans, land development plans, planned

construction projects, transportation demand management and community traffic concerns.

At the last meeting Alma Allred, Commuter Services, briefed the committee on the Fall Semester 2006 Commuter Service update. Ridership on UTA Bus and TRAX continues to grow. This past year approximately one-third of students, faculty, and staff used UTA as their primary mode of transportation to campus. He reported that shuttle ridership also continues to grow. Kris Peterson with UDOT spoke on traffic patterns along key traffic corridors to and from the University. Kris reported the average daily traffic along Foothill has decreased in the last six years, while traffic on Sunnyside, east of Foothill, has increased. Charles Evans also provided an update on Research Park. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on September 15, at the 6th floor Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower.

The committee considers traffic issues in the entire district, including the Hogle Zoo, etc. They would like all areas to be represented, including each of the neighborhoods.

4th South Development

*Mike Perez, Associate Vice President,
Administrative Services, Facilities Management*

Mike mentioned that a question about potential University presence on 4th South was brought to the Community Forum meeting as an agenda

item in March but was not addressed due to time. Mike stated that the U appreciates the notion that the city may be anticipating the U's presence on 4th South but there are no current plans for development in the sector.

Hospital West Pavilion

Jon Erdman, Architectural Nexus

Jon used graphics to point out the site and location of the hospital expansion. The expansion will include two floors to the Critical Care Pavilion and three floors to the parking structure, which will raise the helicopter pads 30 feet. The helicopter flight patterns will remain the same. The additional floors on the parking structure will add more parking stalls but the parking will be for staff to move them out of the visitor lot. The expansion will also add a west pavilion and a new main entrance for the hospital when construction is complete. There will be approximately 300,000 additional square feet. The expansion will pre-dominantly be private patient rooms, moving from semi-private rooms.

Jon showed proposed renderings of the new pavilion and parking structure.

The preliminary construction has begun and the facility is estimated to open in June 2009. During construction of the parking structure the helicopter pads will temporarily be relocated. Although yet to be determined the likely temporary location may be the Recreation Vehicle lot located south of the Hospital. At this location the flight patterns will not change, they would only vary over existing University of Utah parking. This temporary relocation of the helicopters is anticipated to last approximately 10 months, most likely between October and June.

A question about traffic increase was brought to the table. Ms. Chrissy Daniels, U Hospital Project Manager, stated that the expansion will only add 50 patients because the purpose of the expansion is to provide private rooms. This increase will be offset by the relocation of several specialties to Research Park including Sleep Wake Center, Pain Management Center and the Utah Orthopedic Center. The Hospital continues to make every effort to make its services available in convenient locations for patients both on campus and in the community. It was also noted that University Hospital works hands-on with UTA and is invested in the success of UTA.

College of Humanities

Kathy Wheadon, Cooper-Roberts Simonsen Architects

The Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building will be built adjacent to the Language and Communication Building (LNCO) and the Union. The building will be 55,000 square feet, 4 stories and contain mainly offices for faculty relocating from existing buildings on campus. There will also be a 165-seat lecture hall and an 80-seat classroom.

Kathy showed renderings of the proposed building, floor plans, and landscaping plans via a PowerPoint presentation. Besides faculty offices and classroom, the building will serve for both daytime and nighttime events.

The College of Humanities will have a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building and they will be dedicating the land on September 20. Their estimate of completion date is Spring 2008.

Red Butte Amphitheater/Rose Garden

Rick Johansen, Campus Design & Construction and Jim Bach, Red Butte Garden

Rick displayed the drawing of the master plan for the renovations to the lower gardens at Red Butte. This project is in the early stages; they are currently working to secure the landscape architect.

Jim said the 20-year old garden is completing its initial life-cycle as it now requires work on the lower gardens, first built in the 1980s. The current amphitheater has poor sight lines and it does not have proper facilities for the audience or performers. The rose garden will also be updated and will be used for ceremonies. The project will enhance these areas. The stage will be moved and reoriented so the sun does not set in the performers' or audience's eyes. The new amphitheater will allow 90-95% of the audience to have a good view of the stage. Jim listed additional renovations which include: new restroom facilities, concessions, facilities for performers, and a bridge to the rose garden. They will most likely also create a new entry area.

The design will begin shortly with the preliminary construction anticipated between the 2007 and 2008 concert series. The second phase would then be completed between the 2008 and 2009 concert series. It is anticipated that the Shoreline Trail, due to expansion, will be slightly relocated - staying in the same general area. Jim said current capacity for a concert is approximately 3,200-3,300, and will be 3,500-3,600 after

the renovation. This is less than a 10% increase. The intent of this project is not to expand; it is to improve the experience for both the audience and the performers.

Meeting with the President

Mike Perez, Associate Vice President, Administrative Services, Facilities Management

Mike spoke about a meeting between the community members and President Young. The intention of the meeting was to have the President understand the neighborhood's issues and needs, and to consider a partnership between the U and the community. There was a frank discussion and good conversation. The community asked that the President consider sending a letter to John English, UTA, supporting mass transit especially around the East Bench. The community also requested consideration of a second letter to Salt Lake City advising them of the U's upcoming Campus Master Plan and asking that they participate and that the city consider an update to the city's East Bench Plan which is 20 years old. Annette Daly, with the Mayor's office, mentioned that the city is planning to do an amendment to address the foothills and U corridor, but they will not be updating the entire plan because it is very expensive. Both letters have been sent. The neighbors did compliment Mike Perez and Norm Chambers on the work that has been done and the relationship with the U and the neighbors. They would like for this to continue forward.

Discussion of October Agenda

Group discussion

Coralie mentioned that whenever possible the U will include agenda items for upcoming Community Forum meetings in the newsletter and encouraged people to contact her office if they have suggestions. Representatives from the city, the U and the neighborhoods will also meet two weeks prior to the next Community Forum meeting to finalize the agenda. The Office of Public Relations also sends out email reminders about a week before the meeting which include the agenda. Please send agenda items to Teri Erick at t.erick@ucomm.utah.edu or call 585-9244.

The group discussed ways to improve communication and structure of the meetings. Ideas included:

- A U representative to regularly attend the Community Council meetings in the areas surrounding the U.
- Present projects at the Community Forum meetings that are at a

point at which the community could have input, and then hand out an update report for all other projects.

- Ensure full representation from the city, planning department, and community affairs liaisons, and community members at the meetings.
- A U representative to attend the Mayor's Community Council Chairs' monthly meeting.

CAMPUS EVENTS

September 23-30 – Homecoming Events. For more information visit: <http://www.alumni.utah.edu/homecoming/>

September 29- October 14 – Pioneer Theater Company presents 'Chicago.' For more information visit: <http://www.pioneertheatre.org/season/show1.html>

September 30 – Homecoming football game vs. Boise State at Rice Eccles Stadium.

October 5-6 – Fall break.

October 7 – Comedian /actor Lily Tomlin performs at Kingsbury Hall. For more information visit <http://www.kingsbury.utah.edu/>

October 12 – Rocco C. and Marion S. Siciliano Forum at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. For more information visit: http://www.csbs.utah.edu/siciliano_forum.html

For more events listings go to: <http://www.events.utah.edu/>.

For a complete list of projects or more specifics, go to http://www.facilities.utah.edu/2006_Project_Updates.pdf, or to receive a copy in the mail, please contact Shera Penner in University Facilities at 585-6751.

For a Reference Key of Topics discussed at the 2005 Community Forum meetings, please contact Teri Erick at 585-9244.

