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**COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER**

585-9244

**NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING:**

**Tuesday,  
May 22, 5 p.m.**

**Bldg. 540 Arapeen  
in Research Park**

If you have an agenda item, questions or comments, please contact Kate Stone 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 May 22, August 28 and October 23 at 5:00 p.m. in Building 540 Arapeen in Research Park. Parking is available just west of the building. For more information or to be added to or deleted from our mailing list, call 585-9244.

**NOTES FROM MARCH 27  
COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING****Welcome and Introductions**

*Coralie Alder, Executive Director, University Public Relations*

Coralie welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. She said that several neighbors had called to request a discussion item. In response, representatives from ARUP and This Is The Place Heritage Park (Heritage Park) were invited to discuss a proposal to build a new ARUP building on park property.

**ARUP and This Is The Place Heritage Park**

*Ronald Weiss, M.D., President, ARUP*  
*David Jackson, ARUP*

Coralie introduced Ron Weiss and David Jackson from ARUP and mentioned that a representative from Heritage Park was unable to attend at the last minute. During the discussion, a neighbor said that this issue has received media attention, including a *Salt Lake Tribune* editorial and a story on KSL TV. He also said there are several groups, including ones in Provo and St. George, and the Yalecrest, Emigration and East Bench community councils that oppose this plan. He said this is a significant issue to many in the community.

Their concerns include:

1. The loss of open space.
2. Losing the integrity of Heritage Park
3. Building within 900 feet of the original home of Brigham Young.

4. View impacts, both looking up the canyon and looking down at the valley.

5. The heritage of the land itself. It is a nationally historic site and the "end of the trail."

Weiss stated that ARUP is quickly outgrowing its space. ARUP understands the concerns of neighbors and wants to be sensitive to skylines and site impacts. Their goals are to expand their laboratories and maintain a high level of quality and to keep all testing labs in one complex. While looking at options around Research Park, ARUP and the University administration were approached by the state Heritage Park Foundation to see if they were interested in leasing space in the Park. It seemed to be a feasible option, but no decisions have been made.

Neighbors offered possible alternatives and pointed out the "for lease" signs in Research Park. They asked Heritage Park and ARUP to look closely at these and other options for at least a year before making their final decision.

One neighbor mentioned that if ARUP wants to be centralized and have more control over the laboratories, it would make more sense to be closer to the hospital. Another neighbor spoke about the origins of Heritage Park. The community, legislature, and other foundations in the Valley tried for 40 years to get a park in that location and it was not easy. The land was originally condemned and was not intended to be commercial or residential property. The intent of the legislature was that it would become a park or state park property. This land (originally 35 acres) was initially part of the University of Utah campus. The U transferred the land to This Is The Place Heritage Park in 1968.

The State Division of Parks is hosting a public meeting April 19 at their offices. Their board will meet the following day (April 20) to make their recommendation.



### Supercross Dirt

*Norm Chambers, Assistant Vice President, Auxiliary Services*

Auxiliary Services is working to find a permanent solution for the temporary dirt baseball parking lot where the Supercross dirt is stored. Supercross recently contacted the University to discuss the possibility of coming back in 2008. Events, like Supercross, are very important because of the funding they generate for the stadium. No decisions have been made regarding future storage of the dirt, however, Chambers explained that there is no funding available at this time to build a permanent parking lot at that location. He will provide neighbors with periodic updates at future Community Forum meetings and through the newsletter.

### Salt Storage

*Norm Chambers, Assistant Vice President, Auxiliary Services*  
*Cory Higgins, Director, Plant Operations*

At a previous meeting, a neighbor asked if it were feasible for the University and Salt Lake City to work together to develop a shared salt storage facility. Approximately one year ago, the City and the University's Plant Operations Department looked into it and determined that it was not feasible. The City plans to move ahead this year to set up a salt storage site on its parking lot southeast of the Steiner Aquatic Center. For the foreseeable future, The University has given the city the okay to use its dirt baseball parking lot to access the salt storage site. The City, however, was informed that the current configuration is temporary and access through the parking lot may or may not be possible once a permanent baseball parking lot is constructed.

### Campus Master Plan

*Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management*  
*Gail Collins, Skidmore Owings and Merrill*

Mike Perez introduced the U's consultant, Gail Collins with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM). The master planning process is currently in the discovery phase. SOM is conducting interviews with key campus constituents, including the president, vice presidents, stakeholders, deans and students. The campus

master plan covers all areas of campus, including Research Park. The discovery phase is a year-long assignment.

The U will keep neighbors apprised of the process at future Community Forum meetings, but also plans to host a separate community workshop on May 17 at 6 p.m. at the University Guesthouse that will just focus on the master plan.

### Future Agenda Items

- Stadium noise
- Other?

### CAMPUS EVENTS

**April 26-28** – Gymnastics: NCAA Championships. For more information go to: <http://utahutes.cstv.com/sports/w-gym/utah-w-gym-sched.html>

**April 27-June 16** – *Les Miserables* at Simmons Pioneer Theatre. For more information go to: <http://www.pioneertheatre.org/season/show7.html>

**May 2** – University Workshop to discuss the campus master plan, in Panorama East, Union Ballroom, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**May 4** – University Commencement / Convocation Exercises

**May 11** – College of Law Commencement

**May 19** – Graduation Exercises for School of Medicine

**May 28** – Memorial Day

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/2007\\_Project\\_Updates.pdf](http://www.facilities.utah.edu/2007_Project_Updates.pdf), or to receive a copy in the mail, please contact Kate Stone at 585-9244.

For a Reference Key of Topics discussed at the 2006 Community Forum meetings, go to <http://unews.utah.edu/?action=neighbors> or contact Kate Stone at 585-9244.