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**COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER**

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**NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING:**

**Tuesday,  
August 28, 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.

**NOTES FROM MAY 22  
COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING****Rocky Mountain Power**

*Rod Fisher, Regional Manager, Customer & Community Relations, Rocky Mountain Power*

Rod Fisher, regional manager of customer and community relations for Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), presented an overview of plans to upgrade existing transmission lines and substations to meet the growing needs of university neighbors in the McClelland-Emigration area and to improve reliability for substations served on this transmission loop. Two options exist for RMP: 1) follow through with the existing plan to upgrade lines above ground; or 2) move lines underground, provided the utility service will not be impaired and the city will pick up any extra cost. A recent option of adding a third line has been eliminated.

Above-Ground Plan Details:

- Upgrade existing double circuit line (estimated cost: \$2M, to be completed May 2008).
- Install approximately 43 poles (pole-for-pole replacement; approximately 30 wood and 13 steel). Wood poles will be slightly larger at base; steel poles approximately 5 feet in diameter at base.
- RMP to acquire 41 aerial easements—15 of which have already been obtained—for 8-13 feet behind sidewalk in area.
- Currently in “holding pattern” until estimate for underground proposal is completed and city can determine whether it will pay for work.

Below-Ground Proposal Details:

- RMP to provide estimate to the city for underground circuit work (estimate expected to take two months and preliminary figures show roughly \$10M difference in cost from above-ground plan).

- Some initial concerns are congestion underground from other utilities, engineering challenges, and cost.
- May require five or more large steel termination and switching structures at either end and at tap points in between.

Neighbors are concerned with the proposed activity from Rocky Mountain Power. Some feel it would devalue the properties where above-ground power lines are slated to go and that some neighbors' yards will be taken up by easements. RMP representatives assured meeting attendees that, whenever possible, poles will remain in park strips and the changes are necessary to provide safe, reliable service to customers.

Concerns or questions about this and other Rocky Mountain Power projects can be addressed to Rod Fisher at [rod.fisher@pacificorp.com](mailto:rod.fisher@pacificorp.com) or (801) 220-4561.

**Lime Kiln**

*Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President  
Facilities Management*

The lime kiln, a stone structure on the hillside north of the Block U off Tomahawk Road, sits on property donated to the University of Utah. When establishing the city, pioneers used the kiln to fire and create lime. It is now, however, used in a much different way. According to residents and security officers, people have been using the area to gather and engage in activities that either create debris and/or may cause damage. University officials have met with a number of area organizations (including, but not limited to, The Utah State Historic Preservation Office, the LDS Church, This Is The Place Heritage Park, City Parks and Recreation, Utah State Division of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Forest Service) to discuss options for

Community Forum meetings for neighbors of the U and the University community will be held 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.





preserving the historical value of the site. Unfortunately, because of funding or proximity issues, these agencies will not accept management of the kiln. In addition, the option of fencing the property exists but presents access challenges for those who would like to study the kiln for historical purposes.

Among the suggested solutions to this issue were the following:

- Involve new police officer who is assigned to the area and is interested in knowing what issues exist for neighbors.
- Give project to urban planning students, the Bennion Center, or U of U faculty to determine a solution. This could even be expanded to the entire bench area.
- Organize mobile neighborhood watch groups, trails groups, and the Avenues Community Council to patrol the area.
- Increase Salt Lake Police patrols and University Police patrols of the area.

University Facilities will consider these suggestions. Mike Perez feels that the issue can be resolved in a mutually beneficial way and thanked those in attendance for their suggestions. He will keep members of the Community Forum updated with any changes.

### University Master Plan

*Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management*

On May 17, the university hosted a workshop for community members to meet Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) and to hear a comprehensive plan for U of U construction projects. While Mike felt that the meeting was one of many great steps toward more timely and substantive communication with university neighbors, a few neighbors felt that the meeting seemed obligatory and that the SOM representatives were not listening to neighbors' concerns. Mike also said he felt that the attitude toward the university's growth was such that there is little objection to growth in general as long as it is managed properly. Community

members agreed but also added that a strict definition of "managed growth" is needed in order to be effective.

Meeting attendees suggested that the SOM representatives or designees from the university go to community council meetings to discuss the master plan since the workshop conflicted with community council schedules. Mike answered that getting to all of the individual meetings is difficult, but he and Coralie Alder would organize a Town Hall in which every community council would be invited to discuss plans with the consulting group. In the meantime, SOM will publish the minutes of the last workshop and the questionnaire distributed at the workshop on the Web site, [www.ucomm.utah.edu/masterplan](http://www.ucomm.utah.edu/masterplan), which also shows the comprehensive plan as well as future meeting dates and times. Prior to the Town Hall meeting, a "get ready" meeting will be held with key members of the Community Forum.

### Next Community Forum Meeting

- **August 28**
- **Agenda Items:**
  - **Hillside trails update (deferred from this meeting)**
  - **Utilization of Community Forum for specific projects**
  - **Results of noise testing from Réal Salt Lake games at Rice-Eccles Stadium**

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.