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COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER

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NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING:

Tuesday,
October 23, 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. Parking is available just west of the building.

The annual Community Forum Meeting will be held January 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. 540 Arapeen in Research Park. For more information or to be added to or deleted from our mailing list, call 585-9244.



Noise Issues - Rice-Eccles Stadium
Norm Chambers, Assistant Vice President, Auxiliary Services

The Real Salt Lake soccer team is almost finished with its third season at Rice-Eccles Stadium. Norm was happy to report that the number of noise complaints has decreased, due to adjustments of the direction of speakers in the stadium and amplification in the concourse area. As a result of neighbors' concerns, the university looked into many different ways to help minimize the noise volume coming from events. At one point, Norm reported that they may have turned the speakers down too low, because they started to receive complaints from the fans in the stadium. He is hopeful that adjusting the direction of the speakers will help alleviate this problem for future games. Norm reported that Real's new stadium in Sandy is expected to be completed by August or September of 2008. The university is currently in discussions with Real regarding their 2008 season. It is anticipated that Real's games will continue to be held at the stadium, at least through July 2008.

Campus Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan
Pete van der Have, Senior Project Manager, DRU Planning

Three years ago, the University of Utah requested a FEMA grant for pre-disaster mitigation planning totaling approximately \$800,000. The university has been awarded the grant, and for over a year, Pete has been working on a project to be completed by September 1, 2008. There are two parts to this project: 1) Most important, to reduce loss of life and loss of property from a disaster, and 2) To create a computerized model of pre-disaster preparation to share with FEMA and other universities nation-wide. Pete stressed the importance of understanding that this process is not simply what to do during or after a disaster strikes the university, but rather, steps that can be taken by the university prior to a disaster taking place. These steps can be as simple as moving fragile equipment to a more stable building on campus. In addition, not only natural disasters are

considered, but the scenarios can range from man-made disasters to natural disasters to terrorist attack.

Pete's committee, which reports to the senior vice president for academic affairs, will collect over 200 fields of data on inventory (facilities, human, assets, etc) that will be given to FEMA. FEMA will then calculate and identify potential problems which will be prioritized and given to President Young for his action. This information will break down into three main categories: mission critical, mission core, and mission support. Once the information is submitted to the president, the grant requires that there be public knowledge and interaction. It is Pete's desire that the administration will implement the recommendations so that FEMA is more likely to provide funding should a disaster strike. He feels the administration will be very cooperative, especially since statistics say every \$1 spent to reduce risk before a disaster equals \$4 spent after a disaster. Pete will continue to provide public updates through Community Forum meetings and other presentations.

**Maximizing Relations with
Community Councils**

Esther Hunter, East Central Community Council

Esther Hunter asked for time on the agenda so that the Forum could discuss utilization of community council efforts that are already in place in order to strengthen the good will and flow of information from city councils to the university and vice versa. The 21 community councils in the immediate area (to 2100 South) have created The Coalition for Orderly Development to discuss issues of land use. Esther would also like to utilize this major network for university issues and has presented the Community Forum to this coalition. The coalition meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sweet Library in the Avenues. Esther proposed finding three to four times per year, or once per quarter, that the Community Forum could include members of the coalition. Esther will follow up with Coralie Alder and Mike Perez to determine the best approach to this schedule.

Universe Project and Updates

Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management

Mike Perez outlined three projects the university is undertaking that will affect the campus community and the university's neighbors. He feels that key players in the following three projects are working closely together and will provide information to the campus community and neighbors in a timely and transparent fashion. Mike is happy that all are also keeping each other informed through the processes.

Universe Project. This project is a mixed-use development that the university is considering for the west end of the Rice-Eccles Stadium parking lot, just east of the TRAX station. The U has assembled a committee including three community members and other university constituents. Officials at the U feel this may be a great opportunity to enhance the aesthetics of the TRAX stop while providing unique office, retail, housing, and other types of spaces.

The universe project represents the true nature of a university environment. It started as a graduate student exercise in the College of Architecture and Planning. The dean of the college brought it to the attention of the administration, which in turn created a committee. The committee has hired Wikstrom Economic & Planning Consultants, Inc. to do market analysis to determine what the area can bear.

The committee meets again in October, at which time Wikstrom will present a package structure for mixed-use development. They will also have a better understanding of the size of this project and the best focus for the area (retail, residential, academic, etc). Once the analysis is complete, a request for proposals (RFP) will go out nationally. Wikstrom feels that this will be an attractive project for developers.

Brenda Scheer, Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning, has briefed the mayor and city officials about this project. City Council members who represent districts adjacent to or near the universe project have been briefed. Mike expects an RFP to be sent by the end of 2007 or early 2008. He further expects it will take about three months to entertain the proposals and determine if a project will materialize. Mike feels the universe project is well in line with the university's master plan, which has been given to Wikstrom, especially in consideration of maintaining the TRAX stops.

Campus Master Plan. Mike informed the group that the campus master plan is generally on schedule, with a small delay coming from summer. The discovery phase has concluded and Mike has been actively engaged in obtaining input from university stakeholders. Ira Fink and Associates, one of the two best-known planning and assessment firms in the country, is providing an exhaustive needs assessment for the university master plan. They have just completed computer modeling of collected data.

Members of the community are invited to attend the next Community Workshop on October 4, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C at the University Guest House. This workshop will provide university neighbors an update and discussion of the university master plan. The full master plan, updates, and schedules can be found at <http://campusmasterplan.utah.edu/>.

Traffic and Transportation. Another topic in the October community workshop will be growth projections from a traffic consultant for select areas on campus. The Traffic and Transportation Committee is taking these projections into consideration and is looking at the Foothill corridor and east bench master plan along with city officials.

Research Park. Charles Evans, director, Research Park, announced that NPS Pharmaceuticals has recently sold their Research Park building to the University of Utah. Many existing researchers will relocate to this building and a number of University Science Technology and Research (USTAR) faculty will work out of the NPS building until the new USTAR building is constructed. These researchers will not have a specific home department, as they cover a wide range of disciplines. Health Sciences will control the NPS building in the short term. In addition, Idaho Tech has purchased the drilling research lab and will remodel the building by bringing the height up to that of the existing tower on the back. Charles does not expect the footprint of the lab to be increased. ARUP is also looking for a solution to their building needs. Charles expects they will look to the area south of Huntsman for this. Myriad Genetics has agreed to use approximately 2.5 acres of the Williams land, which was approved by the foundation and Williams. This project will start next year. There will be little impact for most, including that to traffic from the Idaho Tech building project.

Capital Development. Mike Perez noted that five projects will be submitted to the Board of Regents in September, the Building Board in October and the State Legislature during their next session. Usually this information is given to the Community Forum at the January annual meeting. Mike wanted to inform everyone as soon as possible, however, so that any discussions or questions can be raised. Of these five proposals, two are state-funded (School of Business and College of Pharmacy), and three are not state-funded (Red Butte Arboretum and Gardens Visitors' Center, Northwest Parking structure, and the University Neuropsychiatric Institute).

1. A proposal to remodel the School of Business was originally approved for non-state funding, but it has been determined it would be a better value to demolish the Madsen and Garff Buildings and replace these with a new structure. The new building would provide additional square footage and classrooms.
2. The College of Pharmacy project was also approved previously. The proposal is for a new building south of the existing Skaggs Building. This building would be used primarily for research and would provide a newer and better facility.
3. The Red Butte Arboretum and Gardens Visitors' Center would be increased by approximately 1,800 SF allowing for administrative staff currently using a Ft. Douglas structure to relocate to the Red Butte site.
4. A parking structure at the northwest portion of campus. There is a critical need for venue parking in this district of campus and site options are currently being determined. The campus master plan will assist in determining the best location for this structure.
5. A University Neuropsychiatric Institute expansion project at Research Park. This proposal is due to a recent study that found there is a desperate need in the mental health field for more beds. In addition, the special needs of neuropsychiatric patients necessitate private rooms. This expansion would take place on 5.5 acres currently not being used in Research Park.

As more data becomes available for these projects, facilities management will post them on the web and Mike will update the university's community partners at the annual meeting.

Lime Kiln. As validated by university neighbors and law enforcement, the lime kiln, located at the foothills east of campus, is used by people who either create debris and/or cause damage to the property. The U has worked with Salt Lake City Public Works officials, parks representatives, law enforcement, city council representatives, and homeowners to determine the best way to manage these gatherings at the lime kiln. It was agreed that a phased

approach would be undertaken. Work will include (1) installing wrought iron grates in the inlets where the fires of the kiln were stoked, (2) erecting a fence topped with barbed wire, which will not be seen from below, so that people cannot access the concrete deck, and (3) posting signs. In addition, Salt Lake City Police, University of Utah Police, and the neighbors will

patrol the area. The U feels these measures will strike a mutually beneficial solution that will not cause undue burden on any one agency while likewise causing no adverse effect to the structure.

Calendar Highlights

Sep 1 – Mar 31

Cinderella: Masks, Magic, & Mirrors,
U Museum of Fine Arts

Oct 3

UMFA Free Admission Day

Oct 6

Paula Poundstone
Call 581-7100 for tickets

Oct 15 – Dec 31

Bear River: Last Chance to Change
Course,
Museum of Natural History

Sep 28 – Oct 13

Paint Your Wagon,
Pioneer Memorial Theatre
Call 581-6961 for show times and
tickets

Oct 18 – Oct 31

Thriller, Kingsbury Hall
Call 581-7100 for tickets

Oct 8 – Oct 12

U of U Fall Break

Oct 4

The Rocco C. and Marion S.
Siciliano Forum: Considerations on
the Status of the American Society,
U Museum of Fine Arts
Call 587-3556 for more information

Oct 4

Biology Seminar Series:
"The Biology of Ant Invasions,"
Andrew Suarez,
Skaggs Biology Bldg
Call Ryan at 585-9853 for
information

Oct 3 – Oct 6

The Diary of Anne Frank,
Babcock Theatre
Call 581-5404 for tickets and
show times

Oct 3 - Oct 7

Happy End, Studio 115,
Performing Arts Building
Call 581-5404 for tickets and
show times

Oct 5

Utah Volleyball vs. New Mexico

Oct 6

Utah Volleyball vs. TCU

Oct 12

Murray Purahia Master Class,
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
Call 581-6762 for details

Oct 12

Utah Volleyball vs. BYU

Oct 13

Utah Football vs. San Diego State

Oct 13

Virtuoso Series: Murray Purahia,
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
Call 581-6762 for information

Oct 15

Demographics of Aging in Salt Lake
County, Pam Perlich,
HSEB Alumni Hall
Call 585-9542 for information

Oct 18 – Oct 20

Performing Dance Company-Fall
Concert, MCD -
Hayes Christensen Theater
Call 581-7327 for tickets and show
times

Oct 20

University of Utah Singers Concert,
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
Call 581-6762 for tickets and show
times.

Oct 24

Evening of Conscience 2007: Raise
the Roof for Diversity,
Capitol Theater
Call 581-6214 for ticket information

Oct 25 – Oct 26

Utah Philharmonia Halloween
Concert,
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
Call 581-6762 for tickets and show
times.

Oct 25 - Oct 28

Experiments in Ink,
Performing Arts Building
Call 581-5404 for information

Oct 27

Middle East Center Workshop:
Trade and Travel Along the Silk Road
Call 581-5003 to register

Oct 27

Great Salt Lake Book Festival with
Author Janette Turner Hospital,
City Library
Call 581-6214 for information

Oct 30

Wind Ensemble Concert,
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
Call 581-6762 for information

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