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**NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING:  
 Thursday, January 22, 4:30 p.m.  
 Room 645, Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower**

If you have an agenda item, questions or comments, please contact Kate Ferebee in the University of Utah Public Relations office at 801-585-9244.

**AGENDA:**

- Review of campus projects and potential impacts
- Review of questions/issues raised in previous meetings
- Open discussion/ongoing issues checklist
- Parking and transportation update
- Research Park overview
- Report from Salt Lake City

**QUESTIONS RAISED BY NEIGHBORS AT THE OCTOBER COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING**



***Is it possible to get a copy of the Executive Summary of the University of Utah's Campus Master Plan?***

The entire Campus Master Plan (CMP) is posted on the U's Website: <http://campusmasterplan.utah.edu/index.html>. Printed copies are available at the Marriott Library and at the Public Library and can be ordered from The University Printing Services at [www.printing.utah.edu](http://www.printing.utah.edu) or call 801.581.6171.



***What are the future plans for the married student housing other than a possible business incubator, as mentioned in the CMP?***

The Campus Master Plan proposes concepts and projects, but these proposals are simply options and not set plans. The current married student housing, the "University Student Apartments" facilities, is old and needs to be replaced. The CMP indicates that the capacity of the current Medical Towers and East Village will be replaced on the site of the West Village. The site of the Medical Towers will eventually be used for Health Sciences Center expansion (possible 5-10 year time frame). The long-term plan for the East Village has not been decided. One option is to replace one site and another is to develop a business incubator space, however, there currently is no feasible plan to fund a project of this magnitude.



***How is the U going to ensure parking during the Universe Project construction for entertainment on campus?***

The university included requirements for mitigating parking and traffic issues in the contract with the Universe Project developers, and will work closely with them to ensure these mitigation efforts are adhered to, especially during major events and when classes are in session.



***Will the U use Research Park for overflow parking on game days? Will shuttle service be expanded to accommodate that overflow parking? Also, is Research Park one of the U's fallbacks for parking during construction of the Universe Project?***

There are no plans at this time to use Research Park for overflow parking on game days. There still are available parking spaces on main campus and numerous spaces available in the new overflow lots located where the old resident halls used to be. Parking is also available near the Jon M. Huntsman Center with free TRAX rides to and from the stadium.



***More sidewalks are needed in Research Park. Is it possible to put a requirement in leasing agreements to pay for sidewalks?***

The university understands this need and is in the process of hiring a consultant to study the best options for sidewalks and intersection enhancements in Research Park, and will work with the city and tenants to provide these improvements.



For past newsletters from Community Forum meetings, go to <http://unews.utah.edu?action=neighbors>.

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**What is being done to improve traffic flow in, around and through campus? Can this be addressed at the next meeting?**

The next meeting (Jan 22, 2009) is the annual meeting when we update the community on campus projects. Information on parking and transportation will be addressed at that time.



**Making left turns on 1300 E. & 400 S. is very dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. When construction vehicles start using this intersection, it will get worse. Is it possible to get a protected left signal?**

1300 East and 400 South streets are controlled by Salt Lake City. This issue should have been addressed in the recent 1300 East safety study that Salt Lake City conducted.



**What is the status of the sustainability proposal that is due to President Young?**

The Office of Sustainability currently is working on several tasks that will yield recommendations for future action by President Young. Once prepared the recommendations will be submitted to the President's Sustainability Advisory Board for review and possible approval. A key set of recommendations will be embodied in a proposed strategy for improving the energy efficiency of campus buildings during new construction or major remodeling. This strategy forms the core of a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan that is needed to map how the U will achieve a climate neutral campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the coming decades. A preliminary greenhouse gas inventory suggests that about 80 percent of the U's GHG emissions are caused by consuming fossil fuels needed to operate campus buildings. The university is committed to exploring all cost-effective options available for reducing reliance on fossil fuels for lighting, cooling, and space heating.



**Does Red Butte Garden and Arboretum provide accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities?**

Yes, Red Butte Garden is compliant with ADA parking regulations.



**Is there a possibility to open up the bike path through the Veterans Administration Hospital that was fenced off?**

Campus Planning checked with the VA police and learned that the gate closure is determined by the central office in Washington, D.C. and is dictated by the national threat level. Even at a low threat level, the gate must be locked between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., weekends and holidays. During higher threat levels the restrictions are tightened.



**Could the U share its university housing waiting list with local landowners to help them in financially difficult times?**

Student privacy concerns prevent the U from releasing housing waiting lists to private apartment owners.



**Is it possible for the Forum meetings to include follow-up from previous meetings?**

Yes, these items will be added to the next meeting agenda and/or provided in the Q&A section in the Community Forum newsletters. Additionally, community members are always encouraged to comment or ask questions during meetings, and to call ahead with proposed agenda items.



**Will there be a "technical planning" meeting separate from the Community Forum?**

The University and the Salt Lake City are forming a technical oversight committee to coordinate issues, such as engineering water and sewer interface. The committee plans to start meeting the first of the year.

## OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

### The U's new biking path/services plan

Archie Phillips, Campus Design and Construction, and Jake Green, Commuter Services, presented the new bike path plan and schematics for campus. The pilot project is designed to encourage bicycle ridership and maintain the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians. The campus bike paths are designed to connect with bicycle paths already determined in the neighboring communities. Paths have been striped on campus in the student residential areas, across Legacy Bridge and by the Student Services Building. These paths will eventually be incorporated into the larger campus master plan design, which includes a major bicycle/pedestrian thoroughfare through campus and up to the health sciences complex. For more about the bicycle pathways at the U, visit <http://www.parking.utah.edu/UTA/bike.html>, or call 801-581-6415.

### Universe Project

The U has selected Inland American Communities Group, Inc. as the prime developer to construct the campus's new Universe Project. The firm will work with the university to plan and construct the proposed innovative, mixed-use, transit-oriented project next to the Rice-Eccles Stadium TRAX stop. The Universe Project is envisioned as a vibrant campus center that will contribute positively to the surrounding community. Proposed uses include university continuing education and student recruitment offices, on-site housing, public/student parking, and retail stores. Questions from the public regarding this project should be directed to: Deborah Alto, University of Utah Campus Design and Construction, CDC@fm.Utah.edu. In addition, a market analysis and development program has been completed by Wikstrom Economic and Planning Consultants, Inc. You can find a link to this Universe Market Study and updates on the Universe Project at <http://www.facilities.utah.edu/universe/index.html>.

### Research Park

Research Park contains 258 leasable acres, and 21 are left. There will be a surface parking lot starting next spring for ARUP, and a long-term building site in 3 years. The lot is going through the city and must meet all the city requirements. This means they will need to do some landscaping, due to drainage requirements, but they will not put as much into the lot as they would into a permanent lot because of the building that will go there long-term. Evans and Sutherland is looking to reassign the lease on the property they have been renting for 20 years to Woodbury, who would like to build on that property. This would encompass 3 acres, and the ability to reassign is part of their lease agreement. As to any questions about whether there will be building on UNI property, Charles Evans, director of Research Park, is unaware of concrete plans. There was some discussion about it at a trustees' meeting, but it was always pending funding. There are also two other projects in process—a Myriad Genetics building project and Idaho Technologies renovation project—that will add greatly to the utility of these buildings. There are just under 8,000 people who currently work in Research Park.

The recent findings from the Foothill Corridor Study strongly suggest non-university residents of Research Park use more mass transit. The university's transportation committee is reviewing whether lease agreements can mandate installing sidewalks and giving more transit passes to encourage more bicycling and mass transit use.

### Special Note

*The university community recently lost a wonderful inspiration and steward of environmental causes in Craig Forster. Dr. Forster, founder and director of the Office of Sustainability, died while hiking in Zion National Park on November 28. As many neighbors know, Dr. Forster fostered initiatives at the U by encouraging the understanding of sustainability based on education, sustainable economics, and environmental benefit. His efforts helped usher in the installation of advanced watering systems, the efficient Cogeneration energy plant, recycling programs, and the Campus Farmer's Market. He encouraged students to form the ASUU Board of Sustainability and helped create many other programs to benefit the environment. Dr. Forster was also on the faculty of the College of Art + Architecture for many years. More information on ways to pay tribute to the memory of Craig Forster can be found at <http://www.sustainability.utah.edu/CraigsMemory.htm>.*