



NEXT COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING:
Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
MATTSSON BOARD ROOM
540 ARAPEEN DRIVE

Free parking is available directly west of the building.

AGENDA:

- University Capital Campaign
- A preview of building requests to the 2011 Legislature
- Status report on road closures and detours
- Sustainable transportation on campus
- Upgrade to the sound system in Rice-Eccles Stadium

The following items were discussed at the July 8, 2010 Community Forum:

PIONEER THEATRE COMPANY RENOVATES BUILDING FOR ARTIST HOUSING

Chris Lino, Director, Pioneer Theatre Company

Pioneer Theatre Company (PTC) has purchased University House, located on the southeast corner of 1300 East and 200 South, and is converting the second, third, and fourth floors to artist housing. PTC is partnering on the purchase and renovation of the building with local developer Cowboy Partners, who owns the ground floor and will retain retail space. The upper floors will be converted from one-room rentals to small apartments for PTC's visiting guest artists, which number more than 150 annually.

The renovated use of the building will be an asset to the neighborhood and surrounding community. The guest artists will patronize neighborhood businesses, eat in nearby restaurants, and, because of the building's proximity to the theatre, walk to work rather than drive, so they won't increase traffic congestion in the neighborhood.

The former tenants of the residential units were offered a generous relocation package, which included two months of free rent, relocation counseling, and contacts to help them find other affordable housing.

The total cost of the purchase and renovation is \$3.2 million. The theatre's portion of the project cost is \$2.5 million, of which approximately \$2 million has been secured. Peter and Catherine Meldrum, longtime theatre patrons, have made a lead gift of \$1.2 million.

The remaining \$500,000 will be raised by seeking additional funds from donors.

Construction on the renovation of the building is under way with completion scheduled for next summer.

UPDATE ON TRAILS AT THE UTAH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY CONSTRUCTION SITE

Sarah George, Director, Utah Museum of Natural History

Throughout construction of their new building in Research Park, the Utah Museum of Natural History (UMNH) has taken an active role in maintaining the integrity of the trail system on the site. All trail planning has been done with the help of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) Committee and Alpine Trails. A connector from the upper trail to the BST has already been constructed and there has been very little additional erosion where the BST was severely damaged before construction. Museum crews will continue to monitor erosion of the site.

Currently, due to construction, part of the trail is closed and the public is being re-routed for north and south passage. When construction is completed in mid- to late-2011, all fences will be removed and the main trail will be re-opened, with many connections, including an extension to Colorow Road. In addition, a permanent sidewalk will be built along Wakara Way from Colorow Road to the museum parking lot. The museum will provide many free amenities for trail users, including access to the museum's terrace, where there will be outdoor dining, shaded areas, and places to sit. In addition, a "dog-watering" fountain will be provided. UMNH has worked with Questar, Chevron, and Salt Lake City to ensure that everything built within the utility easement of the site is movable. Much of the main entrance to the museum will also be free and open to the public. Once inside the main entrance—dubbed "The Canyon"—visitors will find restrooms, a café, and access to the terrace.

Museum staff members have spent the last two years collecting and banking seeds and native plants from the construction site. Last winter, they started re-seeding some

UPCOMING ON CAMPUS

The Dino Show: Live from Laramidia

A live performance that recreates the swampy Late Cretaceous environment of Laramidia. Now through Friday, Dec. 17. Utah Museum of Natural History (801) 581-6927

Gordon Lightfoot

Sunday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m. Kingsbury Hall (801) 581-7100 for ticket information

Annual Veterans Day Commemoration

Thursday, Nov. 11 (events throughout the day) Olpin Union Building More information is at www.veteransday.utah.edu (801) 585-9244

Utah vs. Notre Dame

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2:30 p.m. ET The game will be televised on NBC Saturday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Kingsbury Hall (801) 581-7100 for ticket information



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of the eroded areas in the northeast corner of the site as a first step toward transforming the property into a more pristine area.

Museum leadership sees the process of maintaining the construction site and re-invigorating the area as one part of the "evolving" nature of the building. In keeping with this idea, the copper sheathing on the outside of the building will maintain its brilliant state only for a short while. Soon it will turn a deep, reddish brown for about 10-15 years. It will get darker and then change to the green patina that is common in copper rooftops and statues.

For current information about where to access the BST, visit www.bonnevilleshorelinetrail.org. For information about the Utah Museum of Natural History, visit www.umnh.utah.edu.

Red Butte Creek Oil Spill

Michael Perez, Assoc. VP, U of U Facilities Management
Denise Reed, Chevron
Tommy Lyles, Chevron

On Saturday, June 12, 2010, the University was notified that a pipeline owned by Chevron was leaking crude oil at the east end of Research Park. The released crude oil traveled over landscaping on the Williams Building grounds, around and under a Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) transfer station located in the area, and into the creek just below the Red Butte Garden's amphitheatre entrance. Chevron, with the cooperation of RMP and the University, conducted emergency response operations on the land owned by the University, which includes the area from the Williams Building west to Foothill Blvd. This response has transitioned into a remediation and restoration phase. Highlights include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Chevron is continuing with its remediation of the soil and the creek environment located on the University's property.
- Any trees and vegetation on University property that have been or will be removed will also be replaced.
- To facilitate cleanup of contaminated soil, RMP will install and operate temporary above-ground

power lines in this area until the soil remediation is completed and replacement improvements are installed by RMP, at which time the lines will be restored underground. The current estimate is that this work by RMP will be completed by May 2011.

- Parking Lot #40, located at the southeast corner of 500 South and Guardsman Way, was used by Chevron during the summer as a temporary parking lot and staging area for its response operations. The lot has been restored and is back to its original use.
- It is anticipated that remediation efforts along Red Butte Creek will continue without interruption except during scheduled University activities and performances, including concerts that are part of the Red Butte Garden Concert Series.
- The University's Environmental Health and Safety Department, working with an environmental consultant, will continue to work with Chevron to facilitate independent verification of remediation effort impacts.

Significant campus resources are being devoted to ensure that the creek environment on the University's property is restored and protected. Chevron has pledged to clean up the damage caused by the leak from its crude oil pipeline, and also to pay for costs associated with the University's efforts.

- Chevron's 24/7 hotline for claims and questions: (866) 752-6340
<http://www.chevron-pipeline.com/redbuttecanyonspill>
- Salt Lake City hotline: (801) 535-7171
oil@slcgov.com
<http://apps.slcgov.com/general/absolute/fp/oil.htm>
- U of U contact: Marty Shaub, Director, Environmental Health & Safety (801) 581-6590
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Since this information was delivered at the July 8 meeting, Chevron has completed its remediation efforts.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

New Sounds from Rice-Eccles Stadium

For many years, some neighbors of the University have been concerned about the volume of sound coming from events at Rice-Eccles Stadium. This summer, the stadium and the University invested more than \$100,000 in an upgrade to the stadium's sound system. The new five-zone system provides more control in directing and moderating the sound levels, especially north of the stadium. Tests by stadium staff and sound engineers have shown a decrease in volume at locations in the Avenues neighborhood. Helpful feedback from neighbors confirmed that the new system has decreased the volume into the neighborhoods. This will allow the stadium to more effectively moderate the sound level for all football games, soccer games, and motor sports events.

Concerts, however, do not use the stadium's sound system but bring in their own. The stadium staff will work closely with the concert promoters to ensure sound levels are within the Salt Lake County noise ordinance limits.

Mark Burk, director of Stadium & Arena Event Services, has set up an email account called Soundingboard (soundingboard@stadium.utah.edu) to gather feedback from neighbors. This e-mail account will be monitored by the University's Department of Environmental Safety on a regular basis. Knowing the neighbor's address and actual time of the reported noise will allow for follow-up by Environmental Safety. They will be interested to know if the noise level at your location is the same, better, or worse (hopefully not!) than before.

Green Path for U Unveiled

The University is taking first steps toward making the campus an example of efficient energy use and waste reduction, culminating in a carbon-neutral campus by 2050. The Energy and Environmental Stewardship Initiative: 2010 Climate Action Plan (EESI-CAP) was unveiled at a kick-off event on Sept. 16. University of Utah President

Michael K. Young, David Chapman, chair of the President's Sustainability Advisory Board, and Student Body President Chase Jardine were among those who spoke.

The plan, which complements the U's Campus Master Plan, makes good on the promise made two years ago by President Young when he signed the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment. More than 670 institutions have signed the commitment and have agreed to:

- Complete an emissions inventory
- Set a target date and interim milestones for becoming climate neutral
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Integrate sustainability into the curriculum and make it part of the educational experience
- Make the action plan, inventory, and progress reports publicly available

The U has evaluated virtually every aspect of its operations and has mapped out a plan to achieve a sustainable campus that will save millions of dollars and have a positive impact on the environment. The plan includes actions such as ending wasteful practices (avoiding carbon-based fuels); improving efficiency (switching the U's shuttle fleet from diesel to natural gas or bio-diesel); and mitigating emissions incurred by the U (purchasing renewable energy credits.) Last year, more than 62 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of renewable energy credits were purchased by the U to help mitigate its use of fossil fuels. This garnered the University a number four ranking on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of Top 20 College and University green power purchasers.