NOTES FROM MAY 23 COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING

Welcome
Coralie Alder, Executive Director, Public Relations

Coralie welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Following introductions, she turned the time over to the contractors for an update on new construction.

Sutton Geology and Geophysics
Building design overview

Myron Richardson of Brixon & Christopher Architects, Jim Grammol of Grammol Construction, and Project Manager, Rick Johansen

Design architect Myron Richardson, began with the location of the new building that will be set north of the Browning Building. The current building that is adjacent to the Browning Building, the Ore Dressing Lab, will be removed and the Sutton Geology and Geophysics Building will replace it. The north edge of the new building will run along 100 South. He showed the site plan of the 90,000 square foot building will be 4 stories on the west end and 3 stories on the east. It will be connected to the Browning building and they will serve as one building when completed. The new main entrance will be on the east, entering into a lobby which will feed into both the Browning Building and the Sutton Geology and Geophysics Building.

Myron spoke about the road just west of this site, 1480 East. The plan is to permanently close this street and bring all of the traffic in from the area by the ROTC and widen the road just north of INSCC. Traffic going to the visitor parking lot would use this route. This widening of the road should begin in the next couple of months. As part of this widening there will be a demolition of building 22, the Geosciences Services building. It is a small building that was an addition to the Mines Building. The width of the road will increase from less than 20 feet to approximately 36 feet. An additional reason for closing the street is that 1480 East and the intersection at Wollcott and 100 South are too close together.

Myron mentioned that the materials to be used on the north end of the building will be campus brick which will wrap around the building onto the east and west sides. The majority of the east, west, and south sides of the building will be glass, steel and concrete to architecturally reflect the laboratory functions in the building.

There will be extensive landscaping around the new building. Approximately 14 trees will be lost, but about 40 will be planted.

Jim Grammol of Grammol Construction spoke about construction. Prior to construction the new roadway which will be in place to lead people by ROTC to get to visitor parking, and 1480 East will

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be used for staging during construction. The new roadway will be used for material deliveries during construction. The demolition of the Ore Dressing Lab will begin in January 2007 and new construction is scheduled to begin February 2007. The building will be concrete and there will be frequent deliveries of concrete coming up 100 South, which may cause traffic to divert at times on 100 South, but flaggers will be on the street. Coralie recommended this information be presented at a future Neighborhood Relations Committee meeting because it will affect the neighbors on 100 South which is the focus of that meeting. The estimated completion of this project is November 2008.

Mike Perez spoke briefly about the crosswalk on 100 South which is independent from the Sutton Geology and Geophysics Building project. The U has been working with UDOT to attempt to find a better solution than the diagonal crosswalk. There have been a number of near misses at this crosswalk, which concerns both the U and UDOT. The possibility of raised crosswalks was brought to the table but they are a problem because 100 South is a primary thoroughfare for hospital emergency vehicles. Instead, UDOT is discussing adding a light to the north of where 100 South turns north, and adding a pedestrian crosswalk. The current bus stops might then be relocated to the new location. The diagonal crosswalk could then be removed.

Funding for this building, approximately $21 million, is coming almost entirely from donations raised by the College of Mines and Earth Sciences.

Research Park update and discussion
Charles Evans, Director, Research Park

Charles began by describing and showing the Research Park area on a map. There are 258 acres of leaseable land in Research Park, of that 218 acres are presently leased. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted. Approximately 40 acres have not been leased and of that 14 acres are committed to the Utah Museum of Natural History with 26 acres available but uncommitted.

Myriad Genetics phase 4 is under construction which is near the corner of 100 South and 4th South. When the building is complete it will have a parking structure. One other project that is contemplated is a small addition to house the mechanical equipment by ARUP because the current mechanical capacity in the building is not adequate. The future of Research Park is hard to tell. The Utah Museum of Natural History is getting closer to a design. Myriad Genetics is interested in starting their phase 5, an addition to their building which would be the same size

The main concern for the neighbors is transportation, open space and what the future holds for Research Park. One other concern is that the older buildings that are smaller and have less impact are going to be remodeled and become larger. The neighbors would like to see a limit to the Park growth.

Charles did mention that every change to the master plan for the Park has been made to reduce the size. For example, eight buildings were planned above the Bonneville trail in 1968. We had originally said 5200 feet would be the elevation we would build up to and that is now down to 5000, which is a considerable change. The idea for the Park was patterned after Stanford’s Park which was shown to the neighbors in the beginning. Stanford’s density is greater and restrictions lenient. Also, it was said the university would eventually use the land for its own uses, which the neighbors in attendance do not recall.

There was some discussion about advisory committee meetings regarding Research Park. The committee used to meet quarterly but when there is not much happening they meet once a year. If there is a new project the committee meets before the building is planned or presented to the administration. Neighbors would like to see Research Park planning and development under the same policies for U buildings, especially since it was said that this land would eventually be the U’s. It would be helpful for the neighbors to see an impact and mitigation report for upcoming projects in Research Park, similar to those created for U buildings. Neighbors are hoping to have more input before a building is started and their opinion is too late. Although there are no projects to look at, Charles said they should look at restructur- ing the process. It was noted that there is a difference in the process with privately developed Research Park buildings because they must go through the city.

There was discussion of a proposed project for a UNI expansion in Research Park. The proposed project had not gone through Charles. The project is on the U’s proposed five-year plan, as a placeholder, coming through Health Sciences. The project came through internal discussions within a department and nothing is officially planned.

Charles also mentioned that Evans and Sutherland is selling a major part of their business to Rockwell Collins, so they will now be in the Park.

There was also discussion of an electrical sub-station. The neighbors mentioned that the U was a good neighbor and there are worse places to live next to, but their concern is that it is an area with a lot of activity and traffic issues. Any effort that is made to help with traffic and trans- portation should be done. This brought up a topic to be discussed at the traffic and transportation meeting about a possible light at Wakara and Arapeen, and the timing of the left turn signal from Wakara onto Foothill.

University position on 4th South re-zoning

This agenda item was moved to the next Community Forum meeting in interest of time.

CAMPUS EVENTS

June 25 – Red Butte Garden Concert:
Joe Jackson with special guest Raul Midón. For more information go to: http://www.redbuttegarden.org/concerts

July 1 – Freedom Blast at Rice Eccles Stadium:
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July 24 – Pioneer Day Holiday

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