

South Campus Consultation Group  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020  
7:00pm to 8:30pm  
Via Zoom

## Final

University of Alberta: Anastasia Lim, Emily Ball, Mike Kohlenberg, Ben Louie

Community members: Stephen Dobson (Lendrum), Paul Greenwood (Lansdowne), Bernie Schwartz (Lansdowne), Peggy Dodson (Malmo), Ed Hudson (Parkallen), Cam Brown (Grandview Heights),

Commenced: 7:00pm

1. **Introductions** - - A. Lim to introduced new UA member – Mike Kohlenberg, Associate Vice President, Utilities, Facilities and Operations.
2. **Review and approval of Record of Discussion from November 19, 2019** - One change to the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting – change Peggy’s last name to Dodson. With the change, the record of discussion was accepted as presented.
3. **Update on priority projects**
  - a. **Michener Park** – B. Louie and M. Kohlenberg provided the group with an update on the Michener Park site. They indicated to the group that the UA continues to be concerned about the impacts of the closure of Michener Park on the surrounding communities. Budget cuts, delayed government approval over the transfer of the lands and the impacts of COVID-19 have certainly delayed the UA’s ability to plan and execute on next steps. They told the group that the UAPTI Board will be meeting the following week and will discuss an interim lead for the UAPTI operations, which will also assist in advancing plans for the site. They added that the UA’s intention is to complete selective demolition and securing larger structures as well as limiting access to the site to prevent issues until development can commence in the future and once the economy makes it feasible. As things progress, we are committed to keeping the community updated. E. Ball reviewed the process for securing the site. C. Brown asked about the consultation process that the UAPTI would use. E. Ball responded that the UAPTI would need to follow the City of Edmonton (COE) community consultation process as outlined through COE Bylaws. She did add that she anticipates that the UAPTI will also meet with the SCNC regularly to keep them updated on their plans and engagement opportunities. S. Dobson asked about possible funding coming from the UA for staffing and site work. E. Ball responded that this is something the UA is considering with a secondment of a staff member to assist the UAPTI to begin operations. S. Dobson commented that the site has the potential for many problems and will be very challenging for the UA. All agreed that this is the case. P. Greenwood expressed concerns about security and highlighted a recent problem with a homeless camp that was established near the Petro Station along 122 street. M. Kohlenberg told the group that the UA continues to have liability insurance on the site and is currently responsible for the site. P. Dodson asked what the current method is for community members to report issues and what the current method is for the UA to respond to incidents. E. Ball told the group that community members should call UA Protective Services (UAPS) with concerns and that at this time UAPS is responding to calls and if necessary UAPS will bring in Edmonton City Police. She added that UAPS is patrolling the site daily.

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- b. **UAPTI** – E. Ball provided an update on the activities of the UAPTI. She told the group that the OIC for the transfer of land to the UAPTI had been approved by the GOA. She told the group that the UAPTI would now meet regularly and is beginning to look at a large range of possible developments for the Michener Park site. She added that she anticipates the UAPTI will be reaching out to the SCNS – most likely in the fall – to set a time to have meeting and update the community on their work.
- c. **South Campus soccer fields** – B. Louie informed the group that the UA did complete a design for two soccer fields to be located near the Saville Community Sports Centre. The UA did not receive funds to proceed with the project. He added that at this time, he did not know what the GOA – Alberta Infrastructure plans are for the area where the soccer fields were located. E. Hudson told the group that he had asked the GOA specifically if there was a plan to restore the site back to a greenfield and he never received a response to his question. C. Brown added that there are/were trucks moving dirt around the site. S. Dobson added that restoring the site back to a greenfield would be good but that restoring the site back to a soccer pitch would be better. He also added that he was not sure if the footings that were poured for the now cancelled HUB Lab project were ever removed.
- d. **South Campus Community Ice Arena** – B. Louie told the group that the UA is still hoping that the project will proceed but there continues to be issues with securing funding from the GOA and the Government of Canada (GOC). He added that the project at this point is still a priority for the UA.
- e. **Feed mill update** – B. Louie informed the group that the UA has developed three options for the Faculty of ALES. He added that the Facilities and Operations group has met with the Faculty of ALES twice and no decision about which option to go with has been made. B. Louie added that this project is not a priority at this time given the pressing issues the UA is currently dealing with.
- f. **Footie Field dome** – E. Ball informed the group that as they probably could see, the dome did not come down during the summer. It was decided that as a cost saving measure to leave it up. There were also no summer programs that required the dome to come down so there was a decision to leave it up.
- g. **Saville parking** – A. Lim updated the group with information about parking at the Saville Community Sports Centre. She told the group that discussions between the UA and the GO Group continue with both groups looking for a solution to the parking issues that works for both groups. A. Lim told the group that at this time the current parking structure has not changed and that if changes do occur in the near future she would communicate the changes to the group;
- h. **City of Edmonton Rapid Transit** – B. Louie and E. Ball shared with the group that the UA was approached by the COE – Transit group regarding the COE's plan for rapid transit in the southwest zone and how/if the UA South Campus could be part of their plan. The UA did not negotiate with the COE rather the UA met with COE representatives to hear what their draft scenarios were and if the UA would be interested to be part of their plans. The COE continues with its planning and has not gone to the public yet with its recommendations nor has it conducted any community engagement on this portion of the project. E. Ball added that if the community would like to learn more information about the COE's plans for rapid transit in the southwest zone, they should refer to the COE's website and direct neighbours to do the same.
- i. **Other** – E. Hudson asked the UA to consider placing additional benches (there are currently benches at the south side of the pond) at the storm water management pond. B. Louie told the group that his office would look at the request.

**4. Adjournment/Next steps** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.