

Physical Development Committee (PDC) Minutes – October 15, 2021

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Guests: Brit Heiring, Devan Durand

New members:

- a. Ria Vigil – new representative for Office of Inclusive Excellence, Chair of the Inclusive, Physical and Virtual Campus Committee

1. Name change for Diversity House to Inclusive Excellence

- a. Diversity house once was the President’s house – on corner of Plum and Shields.
 - i. Previously known as Conference Services, Alumni House, Green Haven House
 - ii. Basic rule – do not name buildings for the function within.
 1. Since this structure is on the edge of campus, we have broken this rule repeatedly since it is disconnected from the campus.
- b. Brit – Director of Communications for the newly aligned Office of Inclusive Excellence
 - i. On August 2nd, new vice president Dr. Kauline Cipriani started at CSU.
 1. Reorganization of the department now includes the student diversity programs and services offices. Ex. El Centro, Pride Resource Center.
 2. The name also shifted from the Office for the Vice President for Diversity to the Office of Inclusive Excellence.
 - a. To encompass a framework that CSU functions from within.
 - b. Desire to be specific to Inclusive Excellence and also to be clear for traffic going by and wayfinding for students.
- c. Dialogue on name change
 - i. Nik thinks it’s very important for people to know what goes on in this building, and supports the change
 - ii. Sue agrees with Nick, in general we are breaking the rule, but it is a great opportunity to show “Inclusive Excellence” since it is in a high visibility location
 - iii. Mark P. is jumping ahead to item #2 in naming of a building around its function.
 1. Discomfort in bending rules in some cases
 2. Fred says there is tension in naming things and it staying that way forever. But it depends on who is occupying the building
 3. Jim says it seems logical to change the name, but also to view this as an exception rather than a change in policy
 4. Tonie agrees with Jim, Since the name is already Diversity House, making it more reflective of the new name is appropriate
 - a. There will be a strong need for wayfinding. Students are usually confused on where to find this division.
 5. Stacey says that because this location has had many names through the years and it is away from campus and a very important piece of campus, the name is critical for people to know what it is and where it is.

- iv. Brit mentions that since all of the changes happened during the pandemic, it was a quiet return.
 - 1. All Diversity, Equity, Inclusion trainings are functioning out of the building now.
 - 2. There is a bit more foot traffic due to the function of the space.
- v. Jessica is wondering if it needs to have some formality like "Office of Inclusive Excellence" to distinguish it. Facility seems Institutional, but something seems to be missing with just "Inclusive Excellence"
 - 1. Brit has no concerns with Office of...The CSU identifier system that the office is currently using was approved to not have "Office of" because the university is trying to promote Inclusive Excellence throughout the university, within all divisions rather than just one office.
 - a. Creative Services is on board for using the signature without Office of, but the team is willing to discuss.
- vi. Mark R. writes in comments, What about, "Division of"?
 - 1. Brit says they are avoiding "Division of" because acronym is D.I.E, so trying to avoid any negative associations
- vii. Shelly thinks that for a physical space where you are trying to have students find the location and attend trainings, "Office of" does make sense for a building marker
 - 1. Brit agrees, will take this back to Kauline and thinks she will be on board
- viii. Jessica says we are really trying to find a name for the physical building, they can still use whichever signature they choose.
- ix. Fred says the number one goal is to have an identifier for the public and emergency response for the building. If paramedics need to come, they come to the building with that name.
- x. Jim says all things being equal, shorter names are more effective then drawn out names
 - 1. Fred agrees with shorter names
- xi. Sue writes in comments, "Inclusive Excellence Building"
- xii. Brit asks if "Office of Inclusive Excellence" is getting too long in length
 - 1. Jessica does not think so, people tend to shorten names of buildings or use acronyms
- xiii. Stacey asks in comments, "Do we have other buildings with the name "Office of..."? "Otherwise, I may go back to preferring simply Inclusive Excellence".
 - 1. Can't think of any
- xiv. Fred asks about acronym of this building, OOIE, OIE
 - 1. Brit says they have been using OIE in a functional way for internal communications, but using Inclusive Excellence university wide
 - 2. Sue asks are there pieces of OIE that are not in this building?
 - a. Brit says yes and no, majority of staff are in the building, but student diversity programs and multicultural center are staying in the LSC
 - b. Dr. Cipriani has an office in the building but will have a satellite office in the Admin building because of nature of her work.
 - c. AVPs, VP, and functional staff are currently in the Diversity House
 - d. Sue worries about people getting confused going to visit with VP Cipriani and they go to the wrong place. Keep in mind the clarity of location.

- e. Currently pointing people to the Diversity House for any Office of Inclusive Excellence meetings
 - f. If Kauline is having a meeting in the admin building, she is really clear where she is meeting them.
- xv. Fred believes we need a motion to rename this building Office of Inclusive Excellence
1. Would any member propose a motion if they see so fit?
 - a. Tonie will propose a motion
 - b. Sue seconds
 - c. All in dissent, put hands up
 - i. Jim says keeping names simple helps with wayfinding
 - ii. Stacey mentions he thought the group agreed that “Office of” would not be used.
 1. Fred says that has not been determined. “Division of” is out. “Inclusive Excellence Building” is out.
 - iii. Jessica wonders if we should bring this back to Dr. Cipriani and then have email discussion
 - iv. Brit says in conversations with Kauline, she has picked up that her preference is Inclusive Excellence, but did not discuss additional context in naming the building
 - v. Majority is receptive to the name “Office of Inclusive Excellence”, do you want to take it back, or is there an objection to that approach?
 - d. Tonie makes a motion to name the building “Inclusive Excellence”
 - e. Sue seconds
 - f. All in dissent, put hands up
 - i. Mark R. likes “Office of”. If just “Inclusive Excellence”, is it just a statement about CSU?
 - g. Shelly recommends it to be put up to Facilities
 - i. Fred recommends that Brit carve out some time to talk to Kauline
 - ii. One motion for – “Office of Inclusive Excellence”
 - iii. One motion for – “Inclusive Excellence”
 1. Fred and Jessica both agree to “Office of”
- d. **Update:** Brit emailed Dr. Cipriani and she says she likes the idea of “Office for Inclusive Excellence”
- i. Grammatical and considered administrative, so another vote is not needed
 - ii. Fred asks if anyone would like further discussion on this topic.
 1. No comments
 - iii. Motion passed for – “Office of Inclusive Excellence”

2. Chiropteran Research Facility New Name

- a. New NIH funded building on Foothills campus in the Judd Harper Research complex
 - i. East of RIC, ARBL, and CVID
 - ii. Purpose is to maintain bat colonies for research purposes
 - iii. Placeholder name of the “Bat Facility”
 - iv. Group wants to name it “The Chiropteran Research Facility”
 - v. Will be researching giant fruit bats

- vi. Fred says everything in Judd Harper complex is known by its acronym, so this one will be CRF
- vii. Fred asks Bob – representing CVMBS if he has anything to add
 - 1. Coming forward with the acronym is how it would go forward in conjunction with the rest of the complex
 - 2. Nik says in chat, “I think for this area ‘Jud Harper Research Complex’ carries the mantle and each facility there is a ‘sub’ name
- viii. Mark R makes a motion to change name to Chiropteran Research Facility
- ix. Mark P seconds
- x. All in dissent, raise your hand
 - 1. None – motion passes
- xi. Bob will reply to Lindsay and Dr. Kendall

3. Meridian Village Site Temporary Parking Lot

- a. Coming back to this committee for the 3rd time for use of the Meridian Village site
 - i. Future approved permanent site of Meridian Village student housing
 - 1. Project currently in suspension
 - ii. Temporary need for additional parking
 - iii. 2 previously approved uses by PDC
 - 1. 1 for storage pods used for temporary movement of furniture out of academic areas of campus for Covid protocols
 - 2. The other was for staging for a large solar project
 - a. Scheduled to run through summer of 2022
 - iv. PTS was aware that there would be transportation impacts, but not exactly how much
 - 1. Transit changes and people being comfortable in their own vehicles
 - v. 8% jump from pre to post in permit sales, significant for PTS
 - 1. Happening primarily with the students living on campus
 - 2. Decline in staff permits due to teleworking
 - 3. Close to 400 students who have purchased permits over main campus
 - a. Safety concerns
 - 4. Over 300 students on a waitlist for a parking permit
 - vi. Parking lot will have recycled asphalt surface, need to remove some soil
 - vii. Mark P sees this as a great opportunity to take advantage of
 - 1. Sue Agrees
 - 2. Mark R. agrees
 - 3. Mike Ellis wants to hear HDS perspective
 - a. Fred says there is a monthly meeting with HDS, FM, PTS
 - i. Good discussion with Mari Strombom, Laura Bently, and Carolyn Bell
 - b. Devan meets with HDS monthly and trying to resolve some issues; Housing shares concerns that so many students are on the waitlist.
 - i. Right thing to do even if it is short term
 - c. Dave Bradford says once he realized this could be possible, he reached out to Mari and are both very understanding of situation.
 - d. Stacey asks in chat, “What about Game days?”
 - i. Devan says they have regular conversations with Athletics and so far the game days have been well coordinated.
 - 1. Will possibly coordinate as another game lot.

- 2. Athletics is trying to give more lots to the students, so trying to move in that direction.
- e. Tonie wants to add from a sustainability standpoint that they are trying to get students to consider alternative transportation, but Covid has derailed these conversations. After Covid, she plans to re-engage with students around this topic
 - i. Scooters and bikes on campus will help with this.
- f. Mike's other concern is that this is such a visible part of campus.
 - i. Can we make sure we have adequate screening around the storage?
 - ii. Fred will be an advocate for screening and better visibility
- g. Chris Ferris says in chat, "Athletics is very appreciative of Parking's collaboration and Devan is correct in that we have and continue to work to minimize repark on football game days".
- h. Ria says in chat, "Parking would be an upgrade to the storage units that have been there for the last few years".
- i. Maggie asks in chat, "Are we concerned about how it will affect traffic at that busy intersection?"
 - i. Dave B says any impact there will be minimal because this will be storage parking.
 - ii. Fred asks for a motion to approve the Aylesworth site as a temporary parking until Meridian Village moves forward
 - 1. Mark P moves
 - 2. Mark R seconds
 - 3. Motion passed

4. Statistics/Physics Alley Access Improvements

- a. Vision Zero recommended project
- b. As part of the University's bicycle network, 12 miles of network
- c. Bike lane by new Nutrien building extends across south of Pitkin St and continues by HEOC and over to BRB
- d. Oval Drive is a one-way street and bicyclists continuing from Amy Van Dyken continue onto Oval Drive going the wrong way.
- e. Basics of this proposal is to mitigate against a wrong way movement by bicyclists and route them to "the alley" between the Statistics and Physics wing of the Engineering building.
 - i. It is a narrow space with limited visibility and multiple doorways where pedestrians engage with the alley.
 - ii. Will need to create exit points for pedestrians.
- f. Need to maintain parking spaces for critical needs and facilitate operations, service vehicles.
- g. Propose to separate pedestrians from cyclists.
- h. Proposal to shift bicyclists onto a clear path on eastside of 16-foot space and to route pedestrians on the westside, widen sidewalk, modify north end of path by putting a guard rail, adding concrete to create safe passage,
- i. Mark P has concerns about the south end.
 - i. Primary access to Michael Smith Natural Resources loading dock, forces vehicle traffic across south end, cyclist and skateboarders can move quite fast, attention paid to safety of south end when pulling in with vehicle at the water plaza area
- j. Fred says long term, Oval Drive and Water Plaza will eventually become pedestrian plaza.
- k. Sue wants to know if bicyclists will be required to slow down here.

- i. Fred says yes, slow thermoplastic, delineators and signage will be placed there.
- l. Crowded area with pedestrians, north side is the other alley between weber and statistics
- m. Jim has been a great resource in pointing out site context.
 - i. Jim says there is no easy choice, attention to detail is what will make this successful.
- n. Currently do not have money for this project, but looking to ask PDC to include this in the bicycle network; need a green light from PDC.
- o. Stacey mentions in the chat, "The railing at the north end of Engineering may need to be painted yellow or have warning tape... even with good lighting, it could be a hazard at night"?
 - i. Fred says yes, currently painting things green for aesthetics, but at night green could be an issue.
- p. Nik asks in chat, "How close is this to our "Historic Area" of the Oval neighborhood? I'm concerned about the tight passage between the buildings, but I'm more concerned by cyclists/boarders going the wrong way on Oval Drive, which I see a lot. I am for any speed controls (signage etc) as we move forward"?
 - i. Fred says a separate bike lane in the Oval was discussed. This plan was the preferred option.
- q. Fred requests a motion to include this infrastructure into the bicycle network along with modifications as necessary.
 - i. Sue moved
 - ii. Mark P seconds.
 - iii. Motion Passed.