

## Physical Development Committee (PDC) 11/15/2024

Location: Virtual on Microsoft Teams

### PDC Voting Members:

1. Administrative Professional Council – Beth Etter (present)
2. Faculty Council – Melinda Smith (**absent**)
  1. Delegate Amy Barkley (present)
3. Classified Personnel Council - Jillian Zucosky (present)
4. Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) representative - **TBD**
5. Athletics – Chris Ferris (present)
6. College of Agricultural Sciences – Carlota Ponds (present)
7. Scott College of Engineering – Mark Ritschard (**absent**)
8. College of Health and Human Sciences – Beth Adams (present)
9. College of Liberal Arts – Ryan Claycomb (present)
10. Warner College of Natural Resources – Chris Myrick (**absent**)
11. College of Natural Sciences - Santiago Di Pietro (**absent**)
12. College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences – Bob Kaempfe (present)
13. College Liaison - Department of CSU Libraries – Robert Ayala (**absent**)
14. Division of IT (formerly was a representative from ACNS) – Jamie McCue (**absent**)
15. Facilities Management – (Interim) Sandra Sheahan (present)
16. Marketing and Communications - Marcelo Plioplis (present)
17. Office for Inclusive Excellence – Rye Vigil (**absent**)
18. Office of General Counsel – Lori Graham-West (present)
19. Office of the President – **TBD**
20. Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President – Sue James (present)
21. Office of the VP for Research – **TBD**
22. Office of the VP for Student Affairs – Mike Ellis (present)
23. President’s Sustainability Commission – Tonie Miyamoto (present)
24. Risk & Safety Services / Communications – Blair Lee (present)
25. Risk & Safety Services / Central Receiving - Steve Burn (present)
26. Risk & Safety Services / Parking and Transportation Services - Dave Bradford (**absent**)
27. Risk & Safety Services / University Police Department – Jason Meisner (**absent**)
28. Student Disability Center – Justin Dove (Alisha Zmuda)
  1. Delegate Alisha Zmuda (present)
29. University Advancement – Katie Brayden (present)

### Ex-Officio & Guests:

Mark Paquette, Jessica Kramer, Gargi Duttgupta, Mike Rush, Julia Innes, Rusty Pearson

1. Proposed Walk of Champions (Jessica Kramer, Environmental Graphic Designer & Landscape Architect, Facilities Management; Mark Paquette, Athletics)
  - a. The Athletics Director envisions reengaging with our community of former athletes/athletic alums who are huge supporters and donors. The intent of the project is to create an

- acknowledgement space on the east side of the stadium to promote their success, hard work, and dedication, and to recognize specific people and teams who stood out in their field /careers.
- b. The Alumni Association is very supportive.
  - c. There are 500 individuals who have already been identified. Will start with 900 pavers with 20-25 more to recognize each year.
  - d. Project Location
    - i. Different sites along the stadium were considered for this space, primarily on the east and south sides to have energy with the Alumni Association, at the more public entries of the stadium to be able to share that energy on game days.
    - ii. The site location is on the northeast area of Canvas Stadium. The acknowledgement space would go into the existing parkway where there are grass, trees and lights. The design will work around the existing lights and trees.
  - e. Contextual site elements of the stadium
    - i. Building foundation – using the same type of Ashlar stone that is on the stadium.
    - ii. Pavers – different colors to honor people or teams, similar to and as an extension of the pavers that were done on the northside of the building.
    - iii. Seat walls – adding verticality to the space, so the pavers will not be missed.
  - f. Site Considerations
    - i. Walk in proximity to the Alumni Center and Cam the Ram placement prior to game.
    - ii. Keep off of fire lane immediately adjacent.
      - 1) This project will not go into the large adjacent sidewalk because it is a fire lane. It would be a tremendous cost to put the pavers in the emergency lane because they must withstand a significant amount of weight.
    - iii. Future expansion opportunity with additional lawn panels to south
  - g. Features
    - i. 7' wide center pathway with colored concrete.
    - ii. Blocks of engraved bricks set within the colored concrete pathway.
    - iii. Seat walls to match stone walls on stadium and greater campus.
    - iv. Theming opportunity with text along the pathway. (Fight song – still to be determined.)
    - v. +/-1000 pavers available which should meet recognition goal for next 15 years.
    - vi. Installation layout to account for growth of trees over time.
    - vii. Irrigation zone will require modification.
    - viii. Acknowledgement column to match stone walls on stadium at north end.
    - ix. 5' Tall, 3'6" Wide column – inset bronze panel with engraved text explaining the Walk of Champions and how we are honoring people.
    - x. Ram logo placed at entry to the walkway, the north side.
  - h. Committee Questions / Discussion
    - i. Beth Etter – how is this project paid for?
      - 1) Mark Paquette – Athletics is seeking a specific donation to fund this area.
    - ii. Mark Paquette – John Weber and Mark Paquette met with Kristi Bohlender of the Alumni Association, and she supports and endorsed this project in its location.
    - iii. Jessica Kramer – This proposal went to the Design Review Committee for review. Only minor comments provided.

- iv. Carlotta Ponds – Will all sports be recognized? Will men’s and women’s sports be recognized in the walk?
  - 1) Mark Paquette – Yes, all sports, including all men’s and women’s and individuals from sports that are no longer sponsored.
- v. Beth Etter asks in the MS Teams chat, “What is the expected maintenance and replacement schedule for the pavers, and is that considered in the original donor funding?”
  - 1) Mark – This will be part of Athletics’ stadium operation maintenance funding. Athletics maintains the pavers on the Northside of the stadium. Project Manager Rusty Pearson has incorporated improvements from lessons learned from the northside pavers to prevent separation and tripping hazards.
  - 2) Rusty Pearson – Learned that the places where the paving moves more are in a sand bed without a substantial foundation below it. The pavers at the Oval now have a concrete bed below it so we don’t get movement and separating of the pavers. There is a minimal sand bed to sit in so that everything moves at that same expansion and contraction rate.
- vi. Katie Brayden – Helps oversee the Oval bricks, originally installed in 2012. They did assume additional costs for replacing the bricks and slates. Has there been any consideration for potential implications for Cam’s game day spot? Related to the seating, is there any electrical for outlets or lighting in the benches for students to charge laptops or phones, or adding additional light, and/or making an audio component to the display to provide additional commentary about the significance of the installation.
  - 1) Mark Paquette – They had not considered electrical or lighting. There is significant light to the sidewalk to the right of this location and street lighting. They can think about this and look into it further. Regarding audio, they don’t have game day speakers that cover this area; they have speakers that cover their three main entrances to the stadium to use to broadcast on game days. Can consider and bring it up as an option.
  - 2) Jessica Kramer – One of the DRC comments was to understand the maintenance of the pavers. They asked Athletics about how they’re doing with the pavers on the northside. Mark noted they had to replace the pavers several times over the lifetime of the stadium. Athletics is tracking that. It’s really difficult to maintain pavers so Facilities Management only encourage installing them when it’s a place where someone will take ownership of the pavers like Athletics does within their purview of stadium maintenance. Pavers can be difficult in CO because of the challenges with freeze/thaw/sun exposure.
- vii. Alisha asks in the MS Teams chat – “Will the walk have enough space for a chair user to move through the area and turn around. I heard you say you planned for tree growth so just curious.”
  - 1) Jessica Kramer and Rusty Pearson – Yes, the center walk is 7 feet, and the circles are larger. Minimum accessible pathway space is 3 feet and for this space, a large wheelchair should be able to get through and have someone pass by as well. The walk is 4 ft. with 18 inches of concrete on either side, east and west. The pavers

are set into the recess of the concrete, which should minimize the buckling issue with the pavers.

**i. MOTION: Katie Brayden motions to approve the proposed “Walk of Champions” walkway.**

**Marcello Plioplis seconds the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.**

- i. Marcelo Plioplis (in favor)
- ii. Chris Ferris (in favor)
- iii. Sandra Sheahan (in favor)
- iv. Beth Adams (in favor)
- v. Katie Brayden (in favor)
- vi. Beth Etter
- vii. Steve Burn (in favor)
- viii. Mike Ellis (in favor)
- ix. Alisha Zmuda (in favor)
- x. Carlotta Ponds (in favor)
- xi. Jillian Zucosky (in favor)
- xii. Bob Kaempfe (in favor)
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- xv. Lori Graham-West (in favor)