CAMPUS PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, 24 June 2010

MINUTES

PRESENT:
Dr David Solomon (Chair)
Mr Geoffrey Campbell
Dr John Fitzgerald
Prof Brenton Lewis
Prof Des Nicholls
Mr Mick Serena (part)
Professor David Williams
Mr Murray Napier
Mr Robert Atcheson (part)
Ms Tooey Elliott (part)
Mr Matthew King (part)

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr Wayne Ford (F&S)
Mr Chris Neil (representing Mr Brian Lane)
Ms Amanda Hart (part)
Mr Alec Gray
Mr Michael Wright (observer)
Mr James Collet (observer)

APOLOGIES
Mr Brian Lane
Mr Tully Fletcher
Dr Brok Glenn

1. MEMBERSHIP

Mr Serena reaffirmed the Committee membership and advised that a number of vacancies are to be filled through the Office of the Vice-Chancellor (OVC).

Members welcomed:
• Mr King who replaces Mr Steele as the general staff appointed to the Committee; and
• Mr Atcheson as the PARSA nominee replacing Mr Auckett.

Dr Solomon advised that this would be his last term as Committee Chair.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 April 2010 were confirmed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 ANU Master Planning

Mr Ford advised members that GHD Pty Ltd has been engaged to provide master planning services to the University’s Acton Campus including the delivery of the Campus Master Plan by November 2010.

Mr Ford explained to the Committee that the objective of the ‘Master Plan 2030’ is to offer guidance and development of the University’s physical infrastructure and assets through the period 2010 to 2030.
The Committee was advised that the project had progressed to Stage 3 ‘Stakeholder Engagement’ and that the community consultation phase had commenced. Committee members were invited to attend a briefing by Ms Jo Metcalfe and Mr Viv Straw of GHD Pty Ltd, following the CPDC meeting.

3.2 College of Science Parking and Transport Projects

At the 25 February 2010 meeting, the Committee was advised that the Vice-Chancellor had approved planning for an additional number of parking initiatives associated with the Colleges of Science projects.

The following projects were submitted to the 24 June 2010 meeting for endorsement.

3.2.1 Multi-Deck Car Park – Daley Road

At the 25 February 2010 meeting, the Committee was advised that the Vice-Chancellor had approved planning for a parking structure on the car park behind the Research School of Chemistry Building of Daley Road (Car Park N35). At its meeting on 22 April the Committee endorsed the siting and concept for a multi-deck parking structure on Car Park N35 and also supported a Daley Road roundabout concept and rear entry solution to the structure from Science Road. The Committee requested that a more accurate rendering of the project be provided with the Final Sketch Plan submission.

At the 24 June 2010 meeting, the Committee was asked to endorse the project’s final sketch plan. The Committee noted that the design included provision for a second floor (additional 100 spaces) which could be constructed immediately (subject to funding) or added at a later date.

The Committee was advised that the:
- Architect had considered environment, streetscape and advice from the National Capital Authority (NCA) in the façade design to minimize the effect on the surrounding area; and
- University Arborist has been consulted and the design revised to allow retention of some significant trees.

It was further advised that at a meeting held on 23 June 2010 with National Capital Authority (NCA), the University was advised that approval was subject to CPDC endorsement. The Committee was also advised that negotiations were continuing with NCA regarding its concerns with the external façade (structural) and request to achieve a balance between personal safety and façade treatments. The Committee was asked to note that extensive façade treatments would necessitate installation of mechanical ventilation.

Following deliberations, the Committee endorsed the project’s final sketch plan, and requested that a solution be progressed to address NCA’s concern and at the same time avoid unnecessary expense noting the purpose of the building. The Committee also reported that the landscaping proposed for the building, once fully established, would satisfy the personal safety / security / aesthetics concerns raised by NCA.

3.2.1 Willows Tennis Courts

At the 25 February 2010 meeting, the Committee was advised of a proposal to provide sixty (60) pay and display (asphalt) car parking spaces, which would involve the resumption of four (4) of the six (6) Willows Oval tennis courts. At that time, the Committee were advised that the proposal was supported by ANUSRA and ANUSA on the basis that replacement courts would be re-located and that the new locations would be dispersed across the campus.

At the 24 June 2010 meeting, the project’s Final Sketch Plan was presented for endorsement. The Committee were advised that the tennis courts are currently unsuitable for use and would require a significant investment to meet the appropriate standard. The Committee were further advised that the two (2) remaining tennis courts would be upgraded (lighting, surface, etc) and
that four (4) replacement courts would be re-located across the campus (locations yet to be
determined). Mr Neil also advised that a utilisation assessment is planned for the tennis courts.

The Committee expressed a view that work on the access road, footpath and surrounding
landscape would need to be undertaken to discontinue inappropriate parking on North Road as
well as end vehicles using the footpath to access the ANU Sport and Recreation Building.

Following deliberations, the Committee endorsed the Final Sketch Plan.

3.3 Sculpture Park Event

At the 22 April 2010 meeting, Professor Williams foreshadowed a proposal to hold an event
similar to the very popular ‘Sculpture by the Sea’ on the International Sculpture Garden site
during Canberra’s 2013 centenary celebrations.

At the 24 June 2010 meeting Professor Williams submitted a proposal on the event (dated 10
June 2010) for Committee endorsement. Ms Elliott advised that consideration be given to the
heritage issues associated with the Acton Peninsula and NCA Guidelines (Heritage and
Management Plan).

Following deliberations, the Committee endorsed the proposal and advised that the event is to
progress.

4 DESIGN AND SITING ISSUES

4.1 Students Concessions Building No 17 – Awning and Outdoor Space

On 25 February 2010, the Committee held over the proposal for placing an awning outside of
the new Student Common Area in Union Court, subject to advice from the Director Drill Hall
Gallery regarding conservation of the public artwork on the façade as well as resolution of the
architects moral rights issue.

At 24 June 2010 meeting, the proposal was re-presented to the Committee for endorsement.
The Committee were advised that the proposal now involved lowering of the awning to allow
improved visibility of the artwork. The Committee were further advised that the moral rights
issues were resolved.

Following deliberations, the Committee endorsed the proposal.

4.2 Building 13 – Landscaping

The Committee was asked to consider a proposal for improving the entrance to Building No. 13
(official name: Beryl Rawson Building). The Committee was advised that the proposal involves
upgrading the pathway from Ellery Crescent across the face of Building No. 13 to hard ground.
As a result of this work, disabled access would be improved, steps widened to meet code
compliance, car parking spaces increased with continued vehicle access for deliveries. The
Committee was further advised that consideration would be given to providing an all-weather
cover at the building edge and the removal of the existing overhead structure which was in
disrepair. The Committee was further advised that there were no changes planned to the
roadway at this stage.

Following deliberations the Committee endorsed the proposal.

4.3 Advanced Instrumentation and Technology Centre – Stage 2

The Advanced Instrumentation and Technology Centre (AITC) project for the Research School
of Astronomy and Astrophysics at Mt Stromlo was presented to the Committee in November
2003. Over successive meetings, the design and siting of the two-stage facility was agreed, and Stage 1 was completed and commissioned / handed over in October 2006.

On 8 October 2009, the Committee was informed of plans to construct Stage 2 of the AITC, and approval of the proposed location and scale of project was confirmed by the Committee. Preliminary Sketch Plans were submitted and approved at a Project Steering Group (PSG) meeting held on 11 May 2010. PSG approval for the Final Sketch Plans is planned for 6 July 2010; however Committee endorsement and NCA approval of the Preliminary Sketch Plans are pre-requisites to obtaining PSG approval for the Final Sketch Plans.

The Committee were advised that as Mt Stromlo is subject to a Conservation Management Plan, the project has been referred to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. The public comment period will take approximately one (1) month.

At the 24 June 2010 meeting, the Committee was asked to endorse the proposed building form based on the Preliminary Sketch Plans, to allow further design and development of external materials and colours, and external treatment to the landscape and roadways.

The proposed building form (as per the Preliminary Sketch Plans) was endorsed by the Committee.

4.4 Jaeger 8 (Building 61B)

At its meeting on 9 October 2008, the Committee provided in principal approval to the further development of Option 3 (a 2-storey configuration with a basement) for the RSES new entrance / administration building (J061/PR/010/1-35 of 35). The Committee were advised that the building would not imitate OHB (A) and would be separated to avoid adverse impact on the heritage listed building. The Heritage consultant's response to the preferred proposal was positive and proposed that OHB (B) is demolished to make way for the new RSES building. In addition, it was reported that no significant trees would be affected by the project construction, though shrubbery to the south of the building would need to be removed.

At the 8 October 2009 CPDC meeting the Committee provided in principle approval of a revised concept for the site and design (based on that considered in 2008) of a 3-storey option as it would allow consolidation of RSES and DEMS activities achieving maximum concentration of research effort. At that time, the Committee asked that 3-D presentation of the whole RSES complex be provided, and that the project planning group also consider architectural solutions to lessen the impact of the 3-storey option as, in its current form, tended to overpower the OHB(A), particularly the proposed chimney. Furthermore, the Committee requested consideration is given to the streetscape (including parking) as part of finalising the development of the project.

At the 24 June 2010 meeting, the Committee was asked to consider the Preliminary Sketch Plans which proposed that:
- OHB (A) be retained;
- OHB (B) be demolished to make way for the new RSES Building; and that
- OHB (A) and the new RSES Building would not be linked.

Following deliberations, the Committee endorsed the Preliminary Sketch Plans.

4.5 Law Link Lecture Theatre Disabled Access (Building 7)

The Committee was asked to endorse a project for the construction of an entrance (properly sloped access path) to allow disabled access to the Law Link Lecture Theatre. The Committee were advised that the proposed would complement the internal works currently being undertaken to meet code compliance.

The Committee were further advised that disabled access was unable to be provided internally from the foyer area due to space and structural limitations. However, an area on
the northern face of the Lecture Theatre had been identified where appropriate access could be provided with minimal impact on the building appearance, the associated environment and in close proximity to proposed disabled parking.

The Committee were further advised that the University had as part of the Moral Rights Act (2000), taken measures to contact the original Architects O'Mahoney, Neville & Morgan through the Australian Institute of Architects, however were advised that the practice was no longer in existence and that O'Mahoney and Neville are deceased.

Following deliberations, the Committee endorsed the project.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of this Committee will be on 26 August 2010.

Further meetings of the Committee in 2010 will be held on 28 October and 9 December.

All meetings will be held in the Conference Room, John Yencken Building from 2pm.