MINUTES

MEETING CAMPUS PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CPDC)
MEET No. 2012 - 3

PRESENT Adjunct Prof Geoff Campbell, Appointed by Council
Mr Dallas Proctor, ANUSA President
Mr Paul Knox, Knox Architects, (Committee member)
Mr Mick Serena, Director, Facilities and Services (Acting Chair)
Prof David Williams, Research School of Humanities and the Arts
Mr Wayne Ford, Associate Director, Facilities Planning
Ms Julie Gorrell (Chair), Campus Advisory Sub Committee
Mr Matthew King, Lay member of Council, appointed by Council
Ms Tooey Elliott, Elliott Architects (Appointed by Council)
Mr Viv Straw, (Tract, Committee member)
Ms Tracy Chalk, Director ANU Marketing Office
Mr Rob Purdon, Purdon and Associates (In attendance)
Mr Jared Phillips, Purdon and Associates (In attendance)

ATTENDING Cheryl Cairns, Secretary, Lisa O’Farrell

APOLOGIES: Matthew Smith, Joan Uhr, Des Nicholls

DATE/TIME Thursday, 2nd August 2012 / 2.00pm – 4.00pm
VENUE Platinum Room, Innovations Building #124, Eggleston Road, ANU

1. Apologies / Opening:

Mr Mick Serena welcomed attendees and advised that Cheryl Cairns would be stepping down from providing Secretariat services to the Committee and handing over to Lisa O’Farrell. Apologies were noted from Joan Uhr, Des Nicholls and Matthew Smith.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

CPDC Minutes from 17th May 2012 were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Disclosure of Material of Personal Interest

No disclosures of material or personal interest.
4. Actions/Matters arising from the Minutes

**Action:** The minutes were corrected (as requested by David Williams) with regard to the Solar Photovoltaic Arrays on the School of Art roof not the Library roof and the spelling error was corrected.

I. Vodafone Telecommunications Facility

Mr Ford has gone back to Vodafone for the second time requesting additional information and highlighting the necessity for planning requirements. The development application cannot proceed until information is received. No response from Vodafone to date.

**Action:** Mr Ford to request an update from Vodafone in time for the next meeting.

II. Office of Philanthropic Development (Endowment) Accommodation

Works approval has been lodged incorporating all the changes proposed in the revised submission for the façade, coloration and additional landscaping and treatments. The updated document was forwarded to the National Capital Authority almost three weeks ago. They are seeking clarification on a number of items and Mr Ford is awaiting their comments.

III. Fellows Park Upgrade

A consultation session has been held with Dallas Proctor and PARSA based on a series of plans for Fellows Oval including lighting and the realignment of bike path. Amendment to the plans will be incorporated as a result of the meeting.

**Action:** Mr Ford to update plans for the next meeting.

5. Design and Siting Submissions

1. Australian Centre for China in the World – Stage II

Mr Ford updated the Committee on the progress of the Stage II plans for the Australian Centre for China in the World. Mr Ford outlined plans showing the development of the teaching and learning centre incorporating the Public Policy precinct (as per original concept drawings) with supporting facilities. Main points to note:

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<th>Impact</th>
<th>The masterplan of the precinct and building has been completed</th>
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<td>Heritage</td>
<td>All heritage issues dealt with. The site is clean.</td>
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<td>Sustainability</td>
<td>Designed to meet the principles under the five star Greenstar rating</td>
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<td>Environmental impact</td>
<td>The site is already clear, the north of the site will not be affected. Tree proposals were included in previous submissions. The courtyard area will need to be brought out in further design drawing in the future.</td>
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<td>Security impact</td>
<td>Ongoing assessment of security issues associated with a public space. e.g. ANU film group has expressed an interest in using the space.</td>
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<td>Infrastructure impact</td>
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Mr Ford advised the Committee of the design requirements for the area of Acton Ridge Walk and the need to introduce more natural light. The expectation is that there will be a clear delineation between the main entry point and feature wall. This would be achieved by planting a tree and using different textures and screening to soften the hard surfaces and break up the space. The existing screen is painted metal.
The existing courtyard has a ramp with a rail on one side and stairs on the other with a grassed area in the foreground. It is envisaged that the back of the theatre will open up into the courtyard to accommodate a functions space after lectures.

There was some discussion about the requirement for a catering facility in the Precinct given the proximity of other cafes in the area. It was decided that the facility was required given the levels of anticipated activity the area and the expectation that in the longer term Peppercorns would be relocated.

The Committee raised concerns about the courtyard appearing cluttered with both a ramp and stairs for egress and access in a fairly small space. It was suggested calming measures could be introduced to make the space less busy and to make the ramp the primary means of access negating the need for two routes. It was also suggested it was important for cleaners to be able to easily access the space between the glass and the screen to avoid a build up of cobwebs.

Mr Ford advised the committee that the Acton Ridge pathway was being relocated during construction but would be moved back to its original location on completion.

The Committee raised concerns about the absence of squat toilets in what will be a central hub primarily for people from Asian backgrounds. A discussion ensued with the Crawford School being cited as an example where this practice was not adopted and where there was an equally high or higher numbers of Asian students. No plans are currently in place to change the existing scheme.

**Action:** Mr Ford to update the plans to incorporate the Committee’s comments.

**Endorsement / Conditions**

Following consideration of the material presented and discussion the Committee endorsed the submission.

2. Fellows Oval Upgrade

Mr Knox advised the Committee of the upgrades to Fellows Oval. Following consultation with student groups, improved safety measures will be made to the cycle path especially with regard to the areas where pedestrian traffic and cyclists intersect. It was proposed that the width of the footpath would be doubled and the crossing from the Colleges over Fellows Road made safer with traffic calming measures. Threshold treatments on Fellows Road where it meets Sullivans Creek would also be adopted to slow down traffic. The Committee noted that the bridge was very narrow and was a likely accident hotspot. Also that the high foot traffic from Union Court and the waterlogging of the pathways when it rained made them slippery and dangerous. Improvements to the pathway to improve drainage and to direct pedestrians onto gravel or paved pathways was desirable. This included pathways leading to the teaching and learning centre and to the eastern side of Sullivans Creek as well as the pathway towards the Pauline Griffin Building.

No changes to the soccer fields are planned but additions in the way of bbqs, seating, power supplies and the relocation of exercise stations along the creek will be implemented. The provision of LED lighting will enable the soccer fields to be used at night and the possibility of court facilities is being considered. The intention is to use the same consultants who were engaged on the Siding Springs and Mount Stromlo projects to undertaking the lighting to achieve the same effect.

**Action:** Mr Ford to incorporate the comments made by Committee members into the plans for review at the next meeting.

**Endorsement / Conditions**

Following discussion and material presented the Committee endorsed the submission.
6. **Brief**

I. **Campus Master Plan 2030 – Campus Planning Development Guidelines - Wayne Ford**

Mr Purdon advised the Committee the previous comments and responses were incorporated in the CPDG and copies of these were distributed.

Mr Purdon distributed two A3 Maps, one showing Restricted Development Zones on campus and the second showing Indicative Building Heights.

The plan showing indicative building heights incorporates heritage, biodiversity, and landscaping and gives an indication of the varying extent of development that can be taken across the campus. Along the Marcus Clarke frontage development ranges between 1-2 storeys at the lower end up to 12 storeys at the upper end. Medium density areas include Clunies Ross Road and the corner of Barry Drive and University Avenue. Height restrictions apply in the heritage listed areas including University House and surrounds, Chancelry the Shine Dome and also along Daley Road and the plan is in keeping with the Territory plan.

The Committee raised two concerns. The first being that the labelling of A, B and C on the restricted development map provided no clear indication of the differences between the labelled zones. Secondly that some of the buildings labelled for ‘restricted development’ appeared on the second map with indicative storey heights. The Committee was advised Geoff Campbell submitted a masterplan circa 1990, approved by Bob Landsdowne which had the protected zones marked and there appeared to be some slippage with regard to the integrity of the original plans. The white areas on those plans were indicative of no change in height. Rob Purdon advised that Geoff’s plans had been incorporated and additional details added.

**Action:** Mr Purdon to review plans and address inconsistencies so there is a clear definition between the restricted development, open spaces and construction zones. Mr Purdon will use the masterplan as a current working document and provide clarification on the labelling of the restricted zones, supplementary to Section 5 of the existing guidelines and update in time for the next meeting.

Mr Ford advised the next steps were to finalise all comments and reflect them back into CPDG. Internal signoff would be completed by F&S prior to forwarding to the VC. This would accompany the Campus Masterplan 2030 after which amendments would be requested to the National Capital Plan, Volumes I and II.

2. **Campus Master Plan 2030 – Mount Stromlo**

Mr Ford advised the Committee that consultations had commenced with key stakeholders. Once that process has been completed the CPDG will be updated. Mr Ford will update the Committee in October with regard to the progress of the Masterplan.

The Committee noted that activity and interest in Mount Stromlo had increased since Brian Schmidt’s Nobel Prize award and development of the Masterplan was critical. The Committee agreed that a longer discussion regarding Mount Stromlo was required at the next meeting and requested the Briefs be brought to the front of the Agenda.

Mr Ford advised the Committee that Masterplans would also be drawn up for NARU and Siding Springs.

**Action:** Lisa to make arrangements for next CPDC to take place at Mount Stromlo.
3. **Campus Master Plan 2030 – Menzies Precinct**

Mr Ford advised the Committee that the old admin area would be rebadged to the Menzies precinct. Presently direction is being sought with in relation to demolition of buildings and staged development for the precinct. Discussions have taken place with the NCA and SEWPaC with regard to the objectives of the site taking cultural and heritage requirements into account. A revised proposal has been submitted and is awaiting endorsement with the overarching principle being enhancement of the Menzies Library. The plans incorporate a protected area through the College of Law to the entrance of Menzies Library, retaining the trees where possible. Heritage studies have been completed along with an impact assessment for adjoining buildings. The Committee noted that heritage inventories existed for 66 buildings on the ANU Campus to date which enabled SEWPaC to be given an overarching heritage strategy for the Campus to assist in their decision making process. Mr Ford advised the Committee that an enormous amount of work had been completed to preserve and restore the heritage sites on campus and ANU had worked with ANZOG and the NCA to improve the traffic requirements and use of space.

It was hoped that approval could be gained prior to the end of the year so that demolition could commence during the Christmas holiday period when students were on their break.

7. **Campus Advisory Sub-Committee (CASC)**

The minutes of the Campus Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th July 2012 are attached for your information.

The Committee noted that there has been a noticeable decline in attendance at recent CASC meetings and a review of membership may be required.

**Other Business**

**ACTEWAGL**

Mr Ford advised the Committee that ACTEWAGL has requested a supply route to come through the campus which would require accessing trenches on the campus to lay the feed. Mr Ford said initial discussions were on the basis that the route should follow the most direct route along Ward Road and Liversidge and was conditional upon agreed additional landscaping. This would include, street lighting and widening of the trench and provision of stormwater drains. ACTEW are keen to move quickly and ANU could use the widened trench for other services such as IT. An access fee would be agreed with ACTEW which could be used to fund other works. Negotiations are ongoing.

Mr Ford advised that concept drawings are underway for works associated with the National Security College and the Australia & New Zealand School of Government (ANZOG). Stage 1 will run all the way up to Bachelors Lane and Stage 2 will be north of Bachelors lane. The area outside of Crawford School will be landscaped to prevent illegal parking and the area will be upgraded with proper footpaths and increased signage.

Cheryl Cairns
The Committee thanked Cheryl for her services to the Committee and presented her with a token of appreciation.

8. **Next CPDC Committee Meeting 2012**

25th October 2012 – Mount Stromlo