Email Submission #1:

Subject: PACCE: Stadium and U-Boulevard comments

Hi Everyone!

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend our next meeting but do want to provide some input into the two Neighbourhood Development Plans.

But first: Presentations for both these Plans are incredibly well done!

[Feedback on a separate consultation about Stadium Neighbourhood Phase II taken out for relevance. That feedback is included in the Stadium Neighbourhood Phase II consultation summary report on the C+CP website]

U-Boulevard Precinct: (The March 22 Boulevard Open House was unfortunately Closed due to a Planning Department mix up)

1. The pedestrian traffic to and from the UBC Bus Loop (to and from the Nest) has the New MacInnes field in the way. This has been addressed in the Plan however not clear if the ‘grade’ and architecture structures’ applies to traffic going north, west and east as well as south.

2. The Bus Exchange shows campus bound buses looping around South Gage Residence and proceeding to Off Load between the SRC/Aquatic Centre and the South Gage Residence. As the buses turn the corner onto this Off Load Zone, the slow buses will need to accelerate on their way to this area. Once off loaded, the buses will again need to accelerate on their way to the Loading Zone. All of this suggests that noise from the dual acceleration will be amplified between South Gage and the SRC/Aquatic Centre buildings to the possible annoyance of the south facing residents in South Gage, Gage and possibly Tallhouse Commons. With the thought of buses making this swing every 15 to 30 seconds (especially early morning and late afternoon) this could amount to be a real noise and fume distraction (all academic year and in particularly the spring/summer when windows might be open in South Gage and Gage Towers).

3. Equipment storage for MacInnes Field needs to be considered.

4. The flow of people to a Special Event on MacInnes field would seem to more naturally come from the North (South Gage and Bus Loop), from the West (Gage and Brock Commons Tallwood House), the South (including the Nest) which seems to suggest that the entrance be closer to the South west corner (current urinals and toilet areas) with a main corridor between Student Life and the Nest.

5. The Stage location is in now in the west which would then have the sun in the eyes of the spectators for afternoon and evening concerts. Perhaps the stage should be on the East or North sides and the entire field design be rearranged accordingly (sound bouncing off building can be another distraction).

6. Not sure of the total viability of the Yard as described in the plan. The pedestrian flow would seem to be more north-south rather that east-west (and closer to student union blvd). Athletes Way
would seem a bit of a better bet. The Yard with its location between bus loops could be considered as a location for a Tourist Information Centre (though a bit of a stretch!).

7. The trees which line heavy pedestrian walkways should be equipped with the addition of creative festive lighting (electrical outlets) for the long winter months.

8. Managing and controlling parking in the Lot under MacInnes Field would seem to be a challenge.

9. Sky Train: Though the decision has been made not to extend the Broadway line to UBC, nevertheless, action should be taken now to rough in a sky train underground corridor/stations from Arbutus to Main Mall/University Boulevard (academic core, closer to major residences and proximal to the Theatre precinct). The completion will occur at some time in the near future especially with the recent agreement between the Musqueam Band and the Provincial Government along with anticipated growth of the greater UBC community.
Email Submission #2:

Subject: On-line Survey

Hello,

I just completed the on-line survey. Nice to be informed of the changes that is being proposed to the U Boulevard and more student housing that is planned to be built as the population of the students has grown significantly in the 30 years that I have worked here on campus.

However, I was a bit disappointed that there is no mention of future added lecture rooms needed to house all these students. As I represent the department in requesting for ad-hoc room bookings, I find it terribly difficult to find classrooms large enough to accommodate our growing enrolment. I seriously do not know how the people in Brock Hall can coordinate all the thousands of exams to be able to fit all the students to write the exams within a 2 week period.

The Planning Committee should be created to also build buildings just for lecture halls. Just for our own department, our courses are now running over 200 students per class.

If you know of the right person to forward this message on to, I’d appreciate it. I am concerned for the future well-being of the students even though I plan on not being here for much longer as I will be retiring within the next 3 years or less.

Thank you.

Our Response:

From: Scott, Jodi  Sent: March-16-18 4:07 PM

Subject: UBlvd Feedback and Large Lecture Theatres

Hi Lori,

Your email was forwarded to me for response. I work with Facilities Planning and my team is responsible for upgrades to existing classrooms and planning for new classroom in upcoming projects. We are aware that there are big challenges with scheduling large classrooms and we are actively pushing for lecture theatres in all new construction on campus. Although there are no large theatres in these particular spaces, there are other projects that are underway or coming up that will help to increase the large classroom inventory.

In Jan 2019, the BioSci project will be finished and that has a 240 seat theatre. As well, in Jan 2018, we opened a 296 seat theatre in the new LIFE building. That room is currently scheduled as swing space for HEBB 100 but will open up for other programs in Sept 2019. There are other capital projects that are
planned (or in planning) for the next few years and they include several large theatres (ranging from 120 – 350 seats) as well as smaller classrooms between 30-60 seats.

I appreciate that you took the time to bring your concerns forward. It is helpful for us to bring examples of programs that need bigger spaces to the planning team when we look at new projects. I have also copied the scheduling manager from Enrolment Services (Oana Toma) so if you need to reach out to her for scheduling advice, she is part of this conversation.

Thank you very much and please feel free to reach out to me again if you would like to share more thoughts about the classroom inventory.

Jodi

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Follow-up to Our Response:

Subject: RE: UBlvd Feedback and Large Lecture Theatres

Hello Jodi,

Thanks very much for informing me of the future plans of more added instructional space. It brings some peace of mind knowing that these are in the works.

Have a nice weekend!