



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Campus Planning & Development

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE **On the Theological Neighbourhood Plan, University** **Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan, and Mid Campus** **Neighbourhood Plan**

COMMENTS

Date: Monday, September 10, 2001
Time: 2:00 – 8:00 PM
Venue: Asian Centre, Auditorium
1871 West Mall, Vancouver, BC

The Official Community Plan (OCP) for the University of British Columbia provides a vision and goals for future development, broad land use designations and objectives for more detailed planning. The purpose of the Neighbourhood Planning process (called Area Planning in the OCP) is to interpret those policies and objectives as a framework for development approval in specific campus areas. The Open House was intended to provide an opportunity to see the work done to date for these three Neighbourhood Plans for the campus. Members of the planning teams were available to provide information on each of the Plans.

Seventy-one (71) members of the public signed-in over the course of the six-hour Open House. Some attendees, estimated at 10 people, declined to sign-in.

Thirteen (13) members of the public requested that they be mailed copies of one or more of the Neighbourhood Plans.

Attendees were asked if they wished to make any comments. Many attendees made verbal comments. Three attendees chose to make their comments in written form. A summary of the verbal and written comments received is provided below.

Theological Neighbourhood Plan

Advocate as large a setback as possible on Chancellor Boulevard.

Preserve as much as possible of the natural forest in front and to the left of the Iona Building. The natural forest makes UBC special.

Concerned about the proposed fifteen-storey high-rise.

Pleased to see that density and height transitions from Wesbrook and Chancellor into interior portions of the Neighbourhood.

Happy that there would be no changes to the existing Wesbrook road configuration.

Retention of greenspace was appreciated.

University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan

University Boulevard images illustrate too much paving and asphalt. The area should also include grassy boulevard sections.

Makes no sense to move the outdoor pool to a site that lacks plenty of sunshine. There is a fine indoor pool. A new one is not needed. If the outdoor pool leaks why not fix it?

There may be opposition to the relocation of the outdoor swimming pool.

Good to see that War Memorial Gym is being respected.

Concerned that the road cross-section for University Boulevard does not adequately provide for separate bike lanes.

Concerned about on street parking on University Boulevard.

Mid Campus Neighbourhood Plan

Landscape plan is too manicured and should be more unstructured, i.e. community gardens, long grasses

Need more parking for Hawthorn Lane. Resident parks both cars in street as driveway is being used for children's playspace. Could additional resident parking be provided along west curb of West Mall?

West Mall, adjacent new faculty & staff housing, should have traffic calming devices and posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

Evening bus service along Thunderbird Boulevard and West Mall is noisy.

Parkspace is needed immediately in the Mid Campus Neighbourhood.

Proposed diagonal pedestrian ways are beneficial, as these are travel routes.

Non-athletic events at the stadium are noisy and problematic.

The bike route adjacent the Botanical Gardens is not maintained.

Landscaping should include trees available for harvesting like fruit and nut trees.

A concern for the Botanical Gardens is parking for events and the location of the high-rise tower. The future use/loss of Totem Field is also a concern.

Communication is needed regarding the concerns of the UBC Garden as a Centre for Horticulture and the Campus Plans.

There should be a safe east-west cycling link from Mid-Campus to Pacific Spirit Park. Suggest a greenway from Mid Campus to the Secondary School, which links into the cycling route in Pacific Spirit Park along the power lines.

General Comments

Look forward to the future grocery store to be located in south campus.

More density should have been moved to the north campus area to ensure less density in south campus.

A Hampton Place resident expressed concern about the relocation of fraternities to East Campus Neighbourhood.

University should ensure that development does not eliminate all affordable parking for students.

Suggest a gas station on campus.

Do not approve of more development of south campus. Moved to Hampton Place to get away from development.

Ideas for co-housing development sound interesting and would like to be informed of new information about co-housing opportunities as available.

Existing/future school should include programs for French immersion so that travel off-campus is not necessary for French immersion students.

Open House ended at 8:10 p.m.