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PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY

File: DP 15038: Biological Sciences Building - Undergraduate Life Sciences Teaching Labs
Date: February 1, 2016

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: January 13, 2016, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Location: Atrium, Earth Sciences Building, 2207 Main Mall

Present

- Campus and Community Planning staff:
  - Karen Russell, Manager, Development Services
  - Steven Lecocq, Planning Assistant, Development Services

- Applicants:
  - Mike Champion, UBC Project Services and Infrastructure Development
  - Peggy Theodore, Diamond Schmitt Architects
  - Nicole Taddune, PFS Studio

The Open House for the Biological Sciences Building - Undergraduate Life Sciences Teaching Labs was held in the atrium of the Earth Sciences Building, 2207 Main Mall. As members of the public entered, they were greeted and shown information on display for the Biological Sciences Building renovation and new Undergraduate Life Sciences Teaching Labs. Representatives from UBC Infrastructure Development - Project Services, the project consultants and Campus & Community Planning staff were on hand to present the plans and handle any questions. Visitors were invited to sign the attendance sheet and offered response forms to record their comments.

In addition to the applicant team and Campus & Community Planning staff, 14 people signed the attendance sheet. Of these 9 were staff, 3 were faculty; and 2 were students. Approximately 10 additional people viewed the displays but did not sign in.

Commentary:
One (1) response/feedback form was received.

Feedback	C&CP Response
Feedback: *Staff* Corridor N. S. between project & bookstore - would like stairs removed	Removal of the stairs will be explored with the project team.

ONLINE FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Comment Period: December 7, 2015 to January 20, 2016

The online comment form for DP15038 Biological Sciences Building - Undergraduate Life Sciences Teaching Labs project was made available on the project webpage from December 7, 2015 to January 20, 2016. Project webpage URL: http://planning.ubc.ca/vancouver/projects-consultations/application/academic-lands/biological-sciences-building-ubc-undergraduate-life-sciences-teaching-labs

As of January 21, 2016, two (2) online comment forms were completed.

Online Feedback	**C&CP Response**
Feedback: *Alumnus* Please do not install the Strobic Air rooftop fans on the Undergraduate Life Sciences Teaching Labs building. These fans are installed on the Life Sciences Centre building at 2350 Health Sciences Mall and on the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building at 2405 Westbrook Mall. The noise from these fans is noticeable just standing at ground level near the buildings and is definitely disturbing. Measurements taken near the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building show noise levels at 55 dbA during the 01:00 AM to 05:00 AM time period, which is in excess of the 45 dbA maximum specified under the UNA Noise Control Bylaw, City of Vancouver bylaws, and health standards established by Vancouver Coastal Health, the World Health Organization and others. Installation of yet more of these fans will have negative health impacts on people living and working in the area, decrease values of personal real estate holdings and otherwise be a nuisance to residents and pedestrians.	At this point, Strobic exhaust fans for servicing the building exhaust are not planned. However, some type of lab exhaust fans will be required in order to provide safe labs for teaching and research. UBC Project Services is very aware of the noise from these systems and is taking steps to mitigate noise impacts through the design and selection of the systems. Efforts are also underway at the Life Sciences Centre and Pharmaceutical Services to reduce the noise levels from the Strobic systems.
Feedback: *Alumnus/Resident* 1) I don't see why the original trees and shrubs in the courtyard have to be removed, as they do not occupy the space to be filled by the new East Wing, and would greatly prefer them to be retained (new trees can certainly be added). 2) I am also opposed to the storage of construction materials or demolition debris in the entryway opposite Martha Piper Plaza, as well as to any construction traffic on Main Mall and University Boulevard, both of which are major campus corridors for pedestrians and cyclists (vehicle access to the construction site should be from East Mall via Biosciences only). In general, I request that construction-related disruption to life in this core area of campus be kept to a minimum.	1) The entire level/grade of the courtyard will be changed, in order to provide a more useful teaching, learning and community space. The applicants are working closely with the Botany Department which is one of the major stakeholders and occupants of these buildings, to determine which plant species that can be temporarily relocated during the construction. 2) The only construction "traffic" anticipated on University Boulevard or Main Mall will be the vehicles required for the work along those roads. Work in pedestrian/cycling areas will be limited as much as possible. All deliveries and other construction traffic to the project will be routed by way of Biosciences Lane behind the project area.