DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: January 18, 2002

Meeting No. 32

ATTENDEES:  Edson Armi  Barton Phelps
            Michael Arntz
            Pamela Burton
            Dom Dal Bello
            Colin Gardner
            Bob Haller
            Elvin Hatch
            Everett Kirkelie
            Brian McGuire
            Carol Pasternack
            Bruce Tiffney
            Ric Williams
            Buzz Yudell

            Ray Aronson  Gene Lucas
            Michael Bade  Celeste Manolas
            Ellen Bildsten  Jennifer Metz
            Lars Bildsten  Harvey Molotch
            David Gonzales  Roger Monte
            Sue Hawkins  Mark Nocciolo
            Jeff Hirsch  Duke Oakley
            David Inouye  Ken Radtkey
            Alan Kirby  Mark Schwartzbach
            Jamie Kolker  Julie Sears
            Ilze Landfried  Tye Simpson
            Randy Larson  Ron Strahi
            George LeGrady  Robert Venturi
            Martie Levy  Dennis Whelan
            Mitch Lawrence  Jack Wolever

ITEM DESCRIPTION

1. Carol Pasternack reported that the search for an Associate Vice Chancellor of Campus Design & Facilities is commencing. They will be hiring at a higher level than previously.

2. Elvin Hatch introduced Harvey Molotch, an important member of SCAPE, the predecessor committee to DRC, and ultimately responsible for the creation of the Design Review Committee. Harvey is back at UCSB on a temporary basis.
3. Michael Arntz reported on the 1/15/02 meeting on planning that was attended by a wide representation of campus groups. He thought the meeting went well with generally supportive feedback to the current DRC planning effort. The next step is to select the consulting firm and involve the group in some way in that process. Carol Pasternack said that the Chancellor wants the planning process to be a campus-wide effort and the group agreed to see how it can work together on the planning process in the future. Michael said that Joel Michaeelson has volunteered to be the liaison between CEPAP and DRC which should make for a cohesive relationship.

4. Pre-design Consultation: California Nanosystems Institute
   - Duke Oakley presented the project at its first official appearance before the DRC. He characterized it as a two part project; one part is the building for the Nanoscience Institute and the other a parking structure. That Nanoscience building consists predominantly of a rectangular laboratory block with a Digital Media Auditorium with seating for 200 and a sphere-shaped 2-story space at the end for the Media Arts and Technology Program. The parking structure has been the subject of on-going discussion and Duke discussed the various ways they have considered deporting the buildings on the site. They now have the parking structure between CNSI and the Engineering Building and, in order to make the budget work, the Digital auditorium is being carried as an alternate. It is anticipated that the Parking Structure will be constructed at the same time as the building. The project has completed the DPP and is in the early stages of schematic design.

   - Robert Venturi said that, computer graphics notwithstanding, the design is still somewhat sketchy. They now have a 3-story flexible building with its more specialized uses located at the north end. The main lab building is rhythmically articulated with a more varied aspect at the specialized-use area. He characterized the on-grade parking structure as a generic garage, good rather than original. The lobby is well located between the garage and the labs and there is a courtyard between the buildings with an arcade to the entry. At the south end of the garage, the cafe allows the facade to recede and the arcade along the south is intended to compliment Kohn Hall. The building is currently 45 feet high but additional height may be needed at the south end. The designers are envisioning a digital decorative and informational screen on the north side of the building, something that uses a technology like that presently used at Times Square.

   - Robert Venturi said he thinks the number of parking spaces should come from contextual issues and people should note that the campus is becoming a dense urban situation. When asked about the treatment on the side of the building facing Engineering II, he explained that although there must be room for fire and service access, some landscape might be used to relieve what might be called a boring facade. He would not want to overly prettify it.

   - Duke Oakley said that they have compiled a list of questions that they have heard as they discussed the project with the campus (attached). Robert Venturi responded to the questions dealing with Kohn Hall. He thought that, at 83 feet apart, the proportion of the space between Kohn Hall and the project was not unfriendly; originally the structure was 60 feet from Kohn so it has now stepped back. CNSI will somewhat cut off the view of Kohn but Kohn is a small building and it is not meant to be seen from a great distance. The food facility will be in keeping with the character of Kohn Hall which is not located in a rural setting like some think tanks back east are. It is part of an institution where there may be
mess. However, there are different amounts of mess associated with different zones of campus. The Coral Cafe, for example, is of a different character than some of the other eating places on campus and is the model for this cafe. The facility will make use of the ocean view from the plaza and meeting places at the south end.

- Robert Venturi said the facility relates to its neighbors in height and scale, but this does not mean it is the same height. It was not designed from the inside out but rather takes into account context; the harmony of the composition also derives from contrast. The University must accommodate the automobile and cannot do without parking on this site.

- Michael Arntz ask Gene Lucas what the Parking Committee has said about the project. The previous committee had recommended parking as many cars as possible underground. The current above-ground scheme is good for costs but it creates some problems. Gene said the committee had a range of responses today and is going into retreat to discuss it. Mostly it disagrees on payment. When asked about the orientation of the facility by Lars Bildsten, Gene said that he believed the architects have thought about it and it seemed to him that it should run, as it does, north to south. The campus seemed to think the parking structure should be on the inside.

- Lars Bildsten explained that ITP currently has about 50 visitors per day. Visitors typically stay one to five months to do theoretical physics rather than lab work. The institute has about 8 conferences per year with roughly 120 people at each. The visitors and permanent staff are eager to interact with CNSI but generally people come to interact with their colleagues rather than the rest of campus. There are three things that are critical for ITP; the first is the setback issue. The facility will come to the middle of the existing green which is close and the institute objects to the parking structure and cafe being so close to them. The second issue is the orientation of the building. They would be happy if it were rotated 90 degrees. They do not understand why the parking structure is not on the periphery. They think it would be better for views from campus and ITP would rather interact with the facade of the lab building than the parking structure.

- Robert Venturi said that if the facility were reoriented, ITP would face a rather boring, repetitive facade. Now it relates to a variety of forms and spaces. There was discussion at one time of moving the auditorium but there is not room to turn the garage ninety degrees. The third issue ITP has is that they are concerned the proposed traffic circle will mean that there will be nothing to shield Kohn Hall from incoming traffic as the eucalyptus grove now does.

- Buzz Yudell said that he liked the proportion of the space between the facility and ITP. He suggested that, in the spirit of doing more mixed-use buildings, the first row of parking could be turned into surge space but Martie Levy said this would mean there would be fewer parking spaces. Robert Venturi said the openings in the garage could be interesting and positive; interesting in that there is no glass. Carol Pasternack suggested that it might be worthwhile to invite those concerned to participate in the design of the facade and cafe.

- When asked if the facility would be relocated if the Digital Media Auditorium were removed (it is presently being carried in the design through the Design Development phase), the architects said that they would not shift the facility north.
The East Entry redesign is something that a locally based Regent and the Chancellor are interested in and Robert Venturi and Altoon + Porter have been retained to do a conceptual design for it. Carol Pasternack asked if the traffic turn-around could be further south so that the view is of the plaza and was told that, although the traffic circle has not been engineered, indications are that it cannot go further south (pedestrian drop off cannot be further south and drop off cannot be on the traffic circle) nor does it work to combine it with the view corridor down to the Library. Robert Venturi explained that automobile drivers in the circle should not be concerned with views and that for pedestrians the two monumental vertical elements are intended to direct perceptions to the view.

Martie Levy said here is no east entry building committee since its entry design is of campus wide interest and therefore best handled through the DRC. It will be coming back to the DRC at future meetings. Dennis Whelan said that he could now see why David Gebhard used to encourage the campus to get rid of the eucalyptus and pines in this area.

Carol Pasternack summarized what the DRC would be interested in at future meetings: what the entrance to the parking structure will be and how it will relate to Engineering, how the south end of the parking structure will be articulated, and how the facility will be integrated with the entrance to campus.

Michael Arntz introduced George LeGrady, artist and art professor, who has volunteered to work with the architects on the digital wall proposed for this project. The technology for this kind of work is changing quickly, price is going down and Robert Venturi said he would like to work with faculty on it. George LeGrady said he is doing a project for a Metro Station in Los Angeles and has found that in there is a need for good programming to get a display that is always changing and holds interest. Robert Venturi said he had envisioned that there would be images of CNSI as an institution and then there would be timely announcements. When told it was not yet known how trees would work with the digital wall, Ric Williams said that, although he is usually an advocate for landscape, maybe in this instance it would be better to not have trees in the area of the wall. Bruce Tiffney suggested moving the digital art closer to the entrance and away from the traffic circle.

5. **Action Item: Dance Facility Site and Design Approval**

- Because it has been determined that the existing temporary dance building cannot be relocated and there is a need for a temporary dance building until Snidecor is expanded, the project manager Celeste Manolas, presented a temporary leased structure to be located by Rob Gym (to the west of bike parking). Martie Levy said she has asked the Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts to be involved since the Dance Department wants the building permanent and located by the Events Center.

- Responding to questions about the structure, Celeste said that it can be in any color, can glow at night, and will not impact the after-school program. When asked about the life span of the structure, Martie Levy said it would not be there longer than 4 years.

- Celeste assured Pamela Burton that the structure would not impact the view corridor along Rob Gym to the mountains. It was suggested that the existing temporary dance facility is nice because of its signage, entrance ramp, etc., touches that set it apart from simple pre-fab
buildings. Celeste said that there is no budget for these in the new project. She will be checking into heating and ventilation and will try to reuse the equipment in the existing.

- When asked about using Sprung Instant Structures rather than a locally manufactured Clamshell Structure, Celeste she would look into Clamshell but her understanding is that Sprung has a better warrantee and better protection from the elements than Clamshell.

- The project may displace a 4 foot palm but will not affect the sycamore tree.

**ACTION**

The site and temporary structure were approved.

6. **Information Item: Proposed Arbor Remodel and Expansion**

- Ken Radtkey, Blackbird Architects, presented alternate plans for increasing the Arbor from its present 900 square feet to approximately 2,900 square feet. It needs to be enlarged to provide the kinds of services needed and the proponents would like to make it attractive.

- Alternate 1 wraps the existing building on three sides resulting in a rectangular shape. One node would be a bistro (window service to the exterior) and the service area would move to back. The kiosk information corner would be accentuated. Alternate 2 has an ATM on one corner and the bistro on another corner. Service would be off the existing service alley. This scheme requires moving the ATMs. There would still be queuing but some of it will go into the building.

- Suggestions from the DRC included that the designers should arrange exiting so that it is not out to a maze and it does not choke off north-south traffic. There should be animation of space rather than separation, there should be more hot foods (soup was mentioned), seating should be comfortable and the “left overs” (old stuff donated and placed in the plaza) should be taken away, and seating in front of the Library should be replaced. Alan Kirby said they do not know the costs of the project yet but he agreed that the right approach would be to improve the entire area. Carol Pasternack said she thought that plaza improvements should be part of a major area plan rather than this particular project.

- Buzz Yudell suggested that movable furniture be used rather than the institutional secured/prison type site furnishings that we now have. The furniture could be either heavier such as has been used at UCLA and UCR and therefore somewhat difficult to steal or it could be really inexpensive so that it can be easily replaced if it walks away. Bruce Tiffney suggested that seating be spread out on both sides of the facility. In general the committee prefered Alternate 2.

- Elvin Hatch said the Ignacio Bunster has done a plan for the Library Plaza and he suggested the designers try to integrate their work with it. Michael Arntz suggested they come back to the DRC with more specifics and Ric Williams reminded them that the facility still needs to be, as it is designated, an arbor.
7. **Community Planning Update**
   - Tye Simpson reported he has received a number of calls regarding the planning RFPs and Dennis Whelan said they are expecting about 8 proposals to arrive next Friday.
   - Tye also reported that a facilitated meeting process on Highway 217 has resulted in a solution involving 6 round-abouts in Goleta in lieu of 2 signals. Technical review continues but there seems to be agreement on the solution.
   - The Devereaux-Ellwood Plan is a regional plan for west of campus which will preserve 771 acres of open coastal space and allow development of 236 units of faculty housing and 152 student units. It will be several years before this becomes a design review agenda item for DRC but Tye wanted the committee to know about it now and to know that there will be a public meeting on it on January 29.
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   - With regard to the RFPs, there was discussion about how many from DRC want to be involved in the winnowing process. Buzz Yudell said he would be willing to review the RFP but could not make another trip to campus. Dennis Whelan said he would send copies to the consultants and other volunteers who included Carol Pasternack, Michael Bade and Michael Arntz. There will be notification that the proposals are available for view and interested parties can go see them. It was suggested the written comments be obtained from the DRC consultants or there be a mini meeting. After input to make the preliminary cuts there will be broader involvement of DRC and the rest of the campus. It was generally agreed that there would be 3 firms selected for the shortlist, 4 if there is a tie.

8. **Action Item: Sprint Cell Site at Phelps Hall**
   - Kevin Rentz, representing Sprint, said that his firm looked at South Hall, as the DRC requested they do, and determined that the site they would lose coverage of Highway 217 if the located there so they would like the site at Phelps approved. There was discussion about how many firms have already been allowed sites (Verizon, Cingular, ATT) and whether the campus has an obligation to perform this public service.

   **ACTION**
   The site on the southern penthouse was approved. There will be no screening device but the contract will include an option to have a screen if it so desired at a later date. Antenna are to be painted sky grey.

9. **Action Item: Cingular Temporary Cell Site on Storke Campus**
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ACTION
The temporary site at Lot 38 was approved for Cingular’s use until August 1.

Minutes were prepared by:

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2/7/02

Attachment
cc: Committee and Attendees
MEMORANDUM

To: Roger Monte
From: Mitch Lawrence
Copy To: Jamie Kolker, Duke Oakley, File

Subject: Issues for 1st DRC Meeting

January 18, 2002

Date: 16 January 02

Comments: Roger

The Design Team has put together a list of issues that surfaced in 2 meetings last fall. We will respond to these issues during the 1st DRC meeting on January 18th, 2002. The issues are as follows:

From Kohn Hall Meeting:

- Is the parking structure too close to Kohn Hall?
- Can the parking structure "step-back" away from Kohn Hall?
- Can Kohn Hall be seen from the approach to campus, or will CNSI cut off this orienting view?
- Will the food facility be an eye sore and produce a messy environment?
- Will the food facility be in keeping with the character and use of Kohn Hall?
- Will the CNSI make use of the ocean views?
- Will CNSI and the parking structure relate to the height and scale of its neighbors: Engineering II, Engineering Sciences, Kohn Hall?
- From Michael Graves: Can the University do without any parking at all on the CNSI site?

From the East Entrance Meeting:

- Does CNSI make use of the views from the site?
- How does CNSI relate to its context?
- Is the relatively linear plaza between Kohn Hall and the CNSI development the right shape and size?
- Ought there to be a marker at the east end of the east/west running plaza visible from the entrance driving sequence?
- How does the proposed East Entrance relate to the Kalisky Report?
  - Maintain ocean views during approach;
  - Roundabout preferred;
  - Parking Kiosk on right hand side of road with separate parking area;
  - Plaza between Kohn Hall and CNSI.
- What are the traffic engineer's major concerns?
  - Roundabout works best;
  - Clear signage;
  - Get ticket booth out of the middle of the road.
- Can the roundabout move farther south than shown?
- Should the southeast corner of the CNSI reflect in recognition of the East Entrance roundabout?