ITEM DESCRIPTION

1. **2009/10 Committee Introductions**
   - Committee members introduced themselves and discussed what their role would be on the committee.
   - An updated version of the committee charge will be presented at the next committee meeting.

2. **Design Approval: Master Plan & Concept Design – Aquatics Facility and Walk of Champions**
   - The committee reviewed site photographs of the proposed Aquatics Facility and the location of what will be called the Walk of Champions.
   - Ken Radtkey of Blackbird Architects, Christof Jantzen of Behnisch Architecture, and Susan Van Atta of Van Atta Associates, presented a design for the marketing scheme for the Aquatics Facility and Walk of Champions.
   - The addition of the aquatics complex has a cascade effect causing displacement of other fields in the North West portion of campus. The design element would involve designing in the open spaces to create a pedestrian/cyclist pathway, or proper public park; which would activate that area of campus.
   - Walk of Champions converts the current pedestrian path that runs from Ocean Road behind the Recreation Center through to Stadium Road. Project highlights include: additions of berms, canopy structures, low maintenance grasses and flowers, and additional bike parking; opportunity to use this as a distinct area for people to stop and watch games, and create a variety of new spaces.
• The area is connected through a series of plazas at the larger venues and nodes at the smaller venues, which offers a sense of arrival into these spaces. Opportunity to redesign entrance at Harder Stadium to create a sense of arrival and departure, as well as, address safety issues at the main west campus entrance and stadium road.

• The Aquatics Complex would be one of the first anchors or larger venues along the Walk of Champions; the complex would be used for competitions and games as well as training.

• Aquatics and the tennis facility would share the same entrance, the complex would include: lockers, team rooms, storage spaces (under the bleachers), and a large sail structure that could be lit from below.

• Bleacher seating would allow for 1,000 seats on the western side and 250 on the southern side; also by utilizing underneath the bleachers for storage this makes more deck space available to bring in temporary bleachers to accommodate larger games/attractions.

• The team rooms and lockers would be the only structures built at the complex; the sail, or canopy would be used to create structure and create the outdoor room.

• Committee members offered the following comments to Blackbird:
  • Need to look at the complex from all directions to analyze flat areas
  • Discussion about the entries to the aquatics facility: public versus athletic versus campus entrance
  • Four foot high berms might not be high enough to create meaningful outdoor spaces
  • Tracking the sunlight to ensure the berms are facing the sun to create the right microclimate is critical
  • Discussion of the maintenance of the sails, weather bearing, warrantees, suspension and fabric elements.
  • Lighting would be a major component, utilizing the research UCSB faculty have completed in lighting could be incorporated into the design concept
  • The type of grass used is critical to draw people into using the outdoor space
  • Harder Stadium is also home to CCEBER and an aviary it would be important to highlight this in the design elements at Harder Stadium

• The committee discussed broadly the displacement of other fields and athletic venues and how this would be accomplished while the aquatics facility is being built; the move would involve a lot of little steps with shifting fields to accommodate.

• Generally the committee was in favor of the plans, a way of thinking about and packaging the project for the market scheme, would be to think about this as a public park space that would activate the area and draw many users to that side of campus.

**ACTION:** The committee is in favor of the plans that were presented; the project will move forward with the marketing scheme.

3. **New Soccer Scoreboard Tower – Meredith Field**

• Blackbird Architects presented the new design for the scoreboard; which will be a triangular shape standing 60 feet tall.

• The current scoreboard is not visible through much of Harder Stadium; UCSB will host NCAA Soccer Cup in December 2010 and would need to address this issue prior to December.

• The newly designed scoreboard is visible from most seats through out the stadium; the scoreboard is designed to be fairly reserved with a disassembled look and feel to it.

• The scoreboard becomes the entry element and marker to Meredith field (Harder Stadium).
• Typically this type of project would not come before the Design Review Committee; however, this project is tied to the larger Aquatics Complex and Walk of Champions project.

• Committee members responded with comments and suggestions for Blackbird including: removal of the three vertical elements at the top of the scoreboard. Other members appreciated the geometric quality and how it related to the proposed canopies at the entrance.

**ACTION:** The scoreboard project is funded and will move forward between now and December 2010.

4. Regents Presentation – 10 Year Campus Plan & Design

**ACTION:** Discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

Minutes were prepared by:

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cc: Committee and Attendees