

Central Campus Student Housing Open Forum**Meeting Minutes**

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Present: *See attached sign in sheet.*

- I. Introduction
 - A. Amy Coburn gave a brief introduction of previous material and workshops:
 1. She reviewed the current postings on the website and demonstrated how to navigate and find material.
 2. She also reviewed the presentation on Parking and Transportation from last week.
 - B. Amy introduced the format and material for this week's workshop. She reviewed the overall initiatives that were defined over the summer's work and identified those points (in bold) that will apply today. These were posted on the list serve in this week's announcement.
 - 1. Define form and character of expanded core recreational spaces.**
 - 2. Delineate critical east/west pedestrian connections.**
 3. Outline physical characteristics of campus perimeter.
 4. Produce architectural guidelines for building development.
 - 5. Discuss vehicle circulation, entries and exits to campus.**
 6. Identify the first new student housing project site.
 - C. Amy gave a brief review of the current use and configuration of Johnson Field and its relationship to the open and built environment around it.

- II. The format of this week's forum was a collaborative workshop with participants seated around five tables. The content was organized around three challenges that each table would collectively solve. The challenges and their responses were as follows:
 - A. Challenge 1:

Provide three ideas which will improve the experience of our shared recreation spaces.

 1. Leave 1 or 2 tennis courts for use by students and neighbors
 2. Remove parking south of SRC
 3. Put majority of green space along perimeter to interact with neighbors
 4. Solve Southeast corner – not safe and/or welcoming
 5. Create better access across Johnson Field
 6. Integrate gardens as usable exterior space
 7. Create a Frisbee golf course
 8. Create an area to stage an amphitheater for classes and entertainment
 9. Insert a variety of landscaped forms and features (mounds, fountains...)

10. Create a marked perimeter running/walking path that links up with other paths on campus and surrounding region
11. Replace the surrounding gravel path on Johnson with a better surface
12. Create smaller scale open spaces like the interior courts of Hokona
13. Maintain separate programming space for residence hall associations.
14. Create courtyards around student housing
15. Expand green space – recreational areas
16. Remove parking for better use
17. Delineate and connect all of UNM with a jogging/walking path around recreational field and the rest of campus
18. Replace un-used space with gardens
19. Increase permeability to main campus core
20. Do not over structure the recreational field
21. Provide space for bicycle storage

B. Challenge Two had an introduction with diagrams that illustrate different types of paths and required uses (re: posted power point). There is a range of circulation needs that spans from vehicular access to simple pedestrian paths. Due to a time constraint, challenge three was also briefly introduced and inserted with challenge two.

Challenge Two:

Provide three ideas for improving pedestrian circulation on campus.

1. Include basic small amenities to pedestrian paths like lightings, drinking fountains, restrooms
2. Continue cooperation with city and regional bodies to help improve public transportation
3. On the Girard edge, create clear walkways that lead onto campus, put in better lighting, put in better shade and improve pavement to create a more continuous sidewalk
4. Soften pedestrian connection north of natatorium
5. Improve scheduling of Upper and Lower Johnson field for better access
6. Improve grading on Lower Johnson field
7. Put shade onto lower Johnson Field
8. Define pedestrian pathways with landscape, make pathways aesthetically pleasing
9. Create a pedestrian friendly environment
10. Define pedestrian and bike entrances to campus
11. Provide a drop off area on the north of Johnson Field
12. Remove parking – everyone should walk or bike
13. . Remove parking – only if replaced with parking garage, to many people commute
14. Create better pedestrian and bike connection to north campus

C. Challenge Three:

Identify (time permitting) a single vehicular access point for each major street: Central, Girard and Campus.

Challenge three received less attention due to time. In general it was difficult to identify one point of entry to the campus from the surrounding streets.

1. On Campus Blvd, the challenge is properly placing the entry to be sensitive to the Vassar neighbors and help support a better gateway from the intersection at Girard and Campus.
2. On Girard, the challenge is where to place an entrance that helps pedestrians and bikes onto campus without encouraging overflow traffic into the neighborhood.
3. The Central access on Stanford is generally good, but the eastern access almost to Girard is not safe or easily used.
4. Vehicular access needs more study and needs to coordinate with city and regional transportation solutions.
5. Traffic counts on the surrounding streets will also assist in analyzing vehicular access and how to evaluate Redondo.