

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

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Present: *See attached sign in sheet.*

I Introduction

- A. Amy Coburn began the session with a review of last week's session. Please see the summary in this week's power point (Session VI).

II General Questions and Comments on Scheme Options A, B & C:

- A. Clarify pedestrian and vehicular paths: many are multi-use paths but are yet to be defined.
- B. Two elements present in all plans:
 - i. path through Johnson
 - ii. site locations
- C. The above elements were consistently present in workshop schemes created by participants during session V.
- D. There was concern about the path through Johnson Field because it potentially could break up the contiguous open space that currently exists.
- E. Option 1 is favored by ASUNM President (Laz Cardenas), elimination of Redondo maybe not best option to be included in phase one but over time.
- F. Michael Hoodless, tree in lower Johnson is core to identity of space, part of place-making and is important for tree to remain. Seconded by Pres Cardenas.
- G. Will lower Johnson remain? Appears to disappear in new schemes.
- H. Lower Johnson is left white to show no manipulation of the space. Lower Johnson will not be removed. There is the possibility that this gathering space will evolve and transition to alternative space over several years time.
- I. There was clarification that the schemes currently show site areas and not building footprints.

III Questions and Comments on Lobo Development Recommendations:

- A. Open Space and Recreation
 - i. Expand and enhance open/recreation space: priority
 - ii. Develop Landscape Buffer along Griad:
 - 1. What is the point? There is a power-line set back which requires wide clearance from street, this provides opportunity to beautify this corridor. It creates an attractive edge and shows we are part of the community around us.
 - 2. It creates a better connection between campus and surrounding neighborhoods.

3. It is a great idea- just like one keeps up their front yard UNM can help create pleasant environment.
 4. Concern that was a reduction of green space rather than an expansion.
 - iii. Provide open space connection at NE corner of Campus (option b conceptual corner).
 1. Cost of Oñate removal? Master plan calls for the removal of Oñate, it will be part of a larger campus planning initiative.
 2. Positive: pulls ped and cyclists off of Campus Blvd and onto path, is great idea would like to see similar approach to the South East corner of UNM Campus (Central and Girard).
 3. Should be more than just landscaped, should be a gateway to campus.
 4. More paths and more landscaping comes at a cost, cost of parking. We will need to recapture parking somewhere.
 5. There has been conversation over the past few sessions about improving the NE corner of campus at Campus Blvd. and Girard, but there needs to be similar attention given to the SE corner at Central and Girard.
- B. Phase One Residential Hall
- i. Use La Posada parking lot (site on Campus Blvd). Very good spot for large area and maximizes space.
 - ii. Takes away from resident parking (seen as both pro and con) leads to discussion of no SOV transportation and encourage alternative forms (i.e scooters, motorcycles, bikes).
- C. Parking and Transportation
- i. A lot of concern about parking and how to make a transition to less parking on campus
 - ii. Question about students with jobs and proper access to their vehicles
 - iii. Ideas on the table for parking and transportation solutions are:
 2. Expand Multi-modal Access
 3. Reduce SOV
 4. Promote Traffic calming & Pedestrian features on Girard: requires study and phasing i.e. areas become congested when carpoolers drop students/staff off on campus roadways
 5. Work with business community to achieve working alliances to assist student employment
 6. Continue to support and promote other modes of transportation like bikes, motorcycles and scooters – maybe introduce a scooter rental program
 7. Mary Kenney gave an update on the Transportation Plan. The plan should be underway by the end of October.
- D. Campus & Neighborhoods Commercial Amenities
- i. Provide dining and student services near lower Johnson Field: Possibility of adding these amenities in this lower Johnson “Hub” area.

IV Concluding Questions and Comments:

- A. Why not consider Onate Hall for new site location? Onate currently houses a tenant and precludes it as a viable option for phase one.
- B. Focus on larger area (campus blvd site) rather than small lot (tennis court site).
- C. ASUNM Pres Cardenas calls for vote. Vote on desired focus of further study on campus blvd site or tennis court site (23 possible votes)
 - 1. Campus Blvd Site (exclusively): 6 votes Tennis Court Site (exclusively): 0 votes
 - Both sites: 10 votes