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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pullman Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Pete Dickinson, Planning Director *PD*

FOR: Meeting of May 14, 2012

SUBJECT: WSU Master Plan

DATE: May 7, 2012

At its meeting of May 4, the WSU Board of Regents adopted a revised master plan for the university's Pullman campus. The plan emphasizes significant growth in graduate student enrollment over the next 20 years, with a corresponding expansion of research, academic, and housing facilities. A short synopsis of the plan, presented to the Board of Regents for its meeting, is included as Attachment "A." The entire plan can be accessed via the WSU website by entering "WSU Master Plan" in the website's search function.

On April 26, Nicholas Vann of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation wrote a letter (Attachment "B") commenting on the master plan. On the same day, WSU senior campus planner Bobbie Ryder composed a letter (Attachment "C") in response to Mr. Vann's remarks.

The action requested of the Historic Preservation Commission is to review the attached material and determine whether any action on the part of the HPC is appropriate.

Attachments

ACTION ITEM #1

2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update

(Olivia Yang)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents adopt the 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update

SUBMITTED BY: Roger Patterson, Vice President for Business and Finance

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: On March 24, 2011, the consultants for the Master Plan, Hanbury, Evans, Wright and Vlattas presented to the Board of Regents, Finance & Audit Committee, four options for the Pullman Campus Master Plan. The preferred option was highlighted based on feedback from the campus community. Over the last year, the preferred option has been refined into the 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update (Master Plan), which was presented to the Board of Regents as a future action item on March 23, 2012.

One of the benefits of a master plan is that it provides a structured framework for reaching an informed decision when determining the next site for a capital project. The Master Plan Update establishes a vision for campus growth to 2030 and beyond. It recognizes WSU's commitment to grow its graduate enrollment significantly, while experiencing modest growth in undergraduates. Correspondingly, the campus will expand its physical infrastructure of academic, research, student life, housing and support facilities to create a collaborative interdisciplinary campus.

The following are promoted in the Master Plan:

- Creates a plan that supports and enables the University's strategic goals and positions it to compete with AAU member institutions.
- Accommodates anticipated increases in enrollment, while creating a framework for interdisciplinary collaboration.

- Creates an open space network of linked formal and informal green spaces that establishes a sense of place and links the campus to the natural environment.
- Refocuses the campus from being automobile-centric to one that is pedestrian friendly.
- Creates a plan for development east of Martin Stadium that unifies the campus.
- Outlines the renewal and replacement of aging buildings.
- Creates a multimodal transportation, access and parking strategy.
- Outlines strategies for sustainability that help the University meet its climate action commitment.

ATTACHMENT: 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update



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April 26, 2012

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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 042612-08-WSU

Property: WSU Pullman Campus

Re: WSU 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan DEIS Review Comments

Dear Ms. Ryder:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and for soliciting comments regarding the Washington State University 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971 (SEPA). I would like to offer the following comments based upon this review.

- Given the importance of mid-century modern historic resources, we encourage WSU to formally inventory its building stock in order to best plan for upgrades to the campus. Having a working knowledge of where there are historic or existing resources is important in order to assess the current and future space needs on campus. As these 1950s, 60s and 70s era buildings become older, it is often realized that they are in fact important pieces of history and also contain copious amounts of embodied energy which should not be overlooked when considering the environmental impacts construction activities have on the University and neighboring community.
- Along the lines of sustainability, historic and existing buildings often possess inherent characteristics that would be employed in new, sustainable construction. These buildings are thus oftentimes the "greenest" option when considering overall impacts on the environment and minimizing our carbon footprint. The life cycle assessment of a new versus existing building should always be deliberated, as it may take decades for a new building to pay off both monetarily and environmentally. For more information regarding the similarities between historic preservation and sustainability, please go to our website: <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/sustainability>.
- We appreciate the ongoing efforts of WSU to enhance student, faculty and staff experiences on the Pullman campus by constantly addressing physical and programming needs with building enhancements and upgrades. When capital funds are being used that have the potential to



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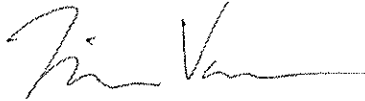
Protect the Past, Shape the Future

Attachment "B"

impact historic properties, please be sure to contact DAHP for consultation under the provisions of Governor's Executive Order 05-05. Even if capital funds are not being used that would impact historic properties, DAHP appreciates the opportunity for comment and informal consultation.

I hope these comments find you well. I welcome any comments or responses and once again thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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April 26, 2012

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RE: Response to WSU 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update
DSEIS Comments, 042612-08-WSU

Dear Nicholas:

Thank you for your comments regarding the 2012 Pullman Campus Master Plan Update. WSU understands your concerns and has inventoried all of their buildings that are over 50 years of age. This was done by Capital Planning & Development using the format from Megan Duvall at DAHP in 2008. It was then turned over to the WSU Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections. Sometime thereafter the technology for an on-line system for historic resources was accessible and the WSU information is now in that system at DAHP. I'm sure if you check with Megan Duvall she can guide you on where to find that information. As we move into the future, additional buildings will be added to the WSU Historic Resources Inventory.

WSU also strives for a minimum of LEED Silver with all construction projects. All projects funded by the Washington State Legislature are required to be LEED Certified. We also have a Climate Action Plan that you are welcome to review. The link to access this document is below.
<http://sustainability.wsu.edu/utills/File.aspx?fileid=6172>

As with all of our Environmental Review, DAHP is sent any SEPA Checklists for WSU Projects as part of standard procedure. I hope these comments address any concerns you may have. WSU welcomes your interest in the quality of our campus.

Sincerely,


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Cc: O. Yang