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## MEETING MINUTES

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East Carolina University	26472.J00 PROJECT NO.	04.06.2009	04.24.2009
Health Sciences Building		Open House-West Campus Location	
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PURPOSE

The Open House held April 7, 2009 at the Health Sciences Building was held to gather input in an open forum to identify concerns and relevant issues relating to the ECU campus master plan. An invitation went out campus-wide to invite students and faculty of ECU. Invitations were also extended to adjacent community groups (true?).

The SmithGroup/JJR team solicited information through two simple, and engaging exercises. The first attendees are asked to identify their favorite places on campus and least favorite places on campus. This exercise requires participants to vote using red (least favorite) and green (most favorite) dots on campus maps. The SmithGroup/JJR team guides this exercise and gains an understanding of why these places are generally good or generally bad. The second exercise allows people to respond to with questions and concerns relating to 9 topics. The topics included:

- Parking, Transit & Vehicular Circulation •
- Surrounding Community •
- Safety & Security
- **Buildings & Facilities** •
- **Open Space &Landscape**
- **Pedestrian Circulation** •
- Recreation •
- Housing & Student Life
- Additional Issues

From these topic headings participants are invited to "post" their thoughts by jotting their questions/concerns on "post-it notes" and sticking them under the appropriate topic

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heading. This exercise allows people to voice what they value in a campus context from physical features and amenities, to topics such as safety and security.

MEETING NOTES

Dot-voting and "Post-It" Exercises-



"Post-It" Exercise

**Dot-Voting Exercise** 

The following responses were gathered from the "post-it" exercise:

## Parking, Transit & Vehicular Circulation

- Increase availability of parking
- Free parking after hours to reduce long walks
- More convenient visitor parking on main campus
- Don't we need a parking garage soon? •
- Lots of parking for patients on West campus •
- Create a rail system between campuses •
- Create a non-motorized route between campuses •
- Encourage biking or car-pooling
- Better traffic route from East to West campus, also needed for emergency vehicles, eliminate rail road crossings

## Safety & Security

- Night bicycle patrol son pedestrian thoroughfares
- Increase campus police presence (2 Comments)
- New police office on campus that can accommodate camera and fire alarm systems, • training spaces
- Install cameras around Pond, parking lots, and research campus
- More Bicycle safety

## **Buildings & Facilities**

- Covered connections between buildings especially to Library
- Create new medical science building that would create swing space to renovate Brody

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- Create very public uses of West . research campus- Great opportunity for green spaces, solar, gardens, etc.
- Common complimentary architectural theme •
- Create space on campus to pull back departments from medical pavilion and Physicians Quadrangle
- Upgrade lost research space in Brody and Biotech ٠
- Need police office, larger than in Brody •
- West Campus student and faculty service building •
- Parking office on West campus so that people do not have to go to East campus
- Health and Human performance space conflicts with athletic events and special events •
- Bookstore covering all schools •
- The upgrade HVAC capabilities to meet new standards •
- Indoor recreation, walking track •

### Landscape & Open Space

- Encourage use of bicycles between campuses by creating bike paths •
- Lots of it!
- The Wright circle fountain looks great •
- More green space •
- Upgrade plants and benches around pond, attract people to site
- Safe bike routes/trails between campuses •
- Increase pedestrian landscape •
- Fountain, benches, etc on traffic circle at Allied Health Campus •
- Green space that highlights conservation •
- Retain open space •
- Love the pond. Quiet natural landscape appeal •
- Label trees on campus. •

## **Pedestrian Circulation**

- Need safe cross-walks across Moye & Highway 43
- Connection between East and West campus by foot and bike
- Pedestrian safety improvements (2 Comments) •
- Crosswalk safety at 10<sup>th</sup> and Collegehill, Hwy 43 and Health Sciences, 5<sup>th</sup> street (4 • Comments)
- Sidewalks accompany every road (2 Comments) •
- Greenways and bike paths around and between campuses
- Striping improvements •
- Bus stop shelters for inclimate weather. •
- Green Mill Run Greenway Trail connecting to intramural fields and main campus •
- More bicycle racks •

## Recreation

- More for students and faculty
- Want forested land for recreation-hiking, biking, fishing, etc. •
- Build walkways/walking trail between among buildings •
- Need facility on Health Sciences Campus
- Provide a Non-Alcohol facility Downtown for students

## **Housing & Student Life**

- Need full Dining services for Health Sciences Campuses
- Student housing for nursing allied health & activities on West Campus

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Provide more housing on campus

## Surrounding Community

- Link to City/County Greenways and initiatives
- Work with city to provide incentives for faculty to live in Tar River area
- Address run down housing between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets •
- Make campus more open to public particularly WRC •
- Create a sustainability example through partnerships and organizations •

### Additional Issues

- More recycling (2 Comments)
- More efficient/attractive route between east and west campus •
- Partnership between City/County, a true collaboration •
- Coordinate with city planning efforts •
- Safe transportation by non-automobile travelers, link campuses by pedestrian and bicycle routes
- Sustainability, move to a carbon neutral footprint •
- Better and larger signage on buildings •
- Better signage at medical buildings •
- Maps and way-finding improved on West campus

### NEXT STEPS

The SmithGroup/JJR team will review the issues identified and identify key concerns and reoccurring themes in the responses. These topics will be addressed as key stakeholder concerns in the Master Planning process. The team will also identify if there is greater research or interaction with interested stakeholders needed to more precisely identify key issues.

GRAPHICS



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