

DRAFT MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION MINUTES

Meeting Information:	
Title or Purpose:	Draft Master Plan Presentation
Date and Time:	05/04/2022 @ 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location:	BRIT Building; The Commons
Invitees/Attendees	<p>Ennis Anderson, John Avila, <i>Edward P. Bass</i>, Steve Brauer, William Brentlinger, Dana Burghdoff, Bob Byers, Ralph Emerson, Leticia Esparza, Tracy Friday, Peter Fritsch, Craig Hamilton, Judy Koslow, Lauren-Ashton Moncrief, Debbie Morrison, Patrick Newman, Elaine Petrus, Debbie Reynolds, Terry Seigel, Dennis Shingleton, Dan Villegas, Harvey Yamagata, Jing Yang, Sandra Youngblood, Richard Zavala, Chris Smith, Brooke Best, Leonard Firestone</p> <p><u>Studio Outside (SO): Tary Arterburn (TA), Allyson Caruso, Gwendolyn Cohen (GC), Andrew Duggan (AD)</u> <u>Bennett Partners (BP): Michael Bennett (MB), Gannon Gries</u> <u>EDM Consultants (EDM): Rick Daley (RD)</u></p> <p><i>No members of the public were in attendance.</i></p>
Notes Taken By:	Hannah Rodriguez
Meeting Agenda:	
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1. Progress Summary	GC
2. Draft Plan Overview	GC, TA, MB
3. Financial Feasibility and Phasing Strategy	RD (EDM)
Meeting Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GC reviews the results of previous meetings and displays how the feedback has been implemented to select and develop a site scenario and arrive at the draft plan today. - Draft Plan Overview: The draft plan is revealed, and an overview of design elements is conducted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking lot features a mix of both surface parking (as phase 1) and garage parking (as phase 2) for a total of 942 spaces in the new design. The lot features improved one-way circulation with entry from University Dr. and exit from Trail Dr. which can be redirected for a secondary exit on University Dr. for special events. Some existing surface parking will be removed to work in the extended bioswale concept to the new lot and preserve existing trees as possible. • Parking garage is currently shown as level with the Dickie’s parking lot and contains 225 parking spaces. This is considered a future expansion while the surface lot (with 717 spaces) should adequately accommodate projected 5-year demand. o Entry and the Moncrief Garden Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing conservatory will be removed, and the Moncrief center will be converted to a more formal event/conference center with additional rental venues and upgraded back-of-house function spaces. A separate entry and a garden wall barrier will provide privacy for venues and differentiate entries for an intuitive path to general admission. • Guests will be redirected to enter the garden through a new outdoor (covered) ticketing plaza. It will be oriented to align with the trajectory of the pollinator pathway and will carry over the braided paving concept to connect the two entries visually. 	

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- The façade of new buildings will gather inspiration from tree bark and the linearity of the current BRIT Building façade. Pavilion features at the plaza could emulate leaf structures and could demonstrate sustainable water collection or other environmental concepts.
- Event Lawn
 - The Great Lawn can accommodate 4,000 blankets with feature gardens along the perimeter displaying shorter grasses and perennials to spotlight the native landscape.
 - The permanent stage would be slightly tucked away from the main vista sightline, but could be easily viewed from the Great Lawn if facing it.
 - The service entry to the stage will be enlarged to accommodate load in/load out needs of vendors.
- Rock Springs
 - The historical portion of the Rock Springs building would be preserved and additional buildings are shown on the site to form a complex for guest and field trip rest points. Buildings include a restaurant with an adjoining veggie/edible garden, a grab-and-go food kiosk, an indoor/outdoor rental space, an outdoor kitchen, guest restrooms, and a horticulture staff office. Private VIP meetings could be hosted in the historic library.
- Southwest Quadrant
 - The education facility at the Southwest quadrant would include bus drop off, raised bed demonstration garden, classroom spaces, etc.
 - An unconditioned rental pavilion would be added to the horseshoe and a facility for event catering/food prep will be integrated into the plan.
- Conservatory Complex
 - The conservatories are clustered in the front of the campus with a pond view to offer a curbside visual of the garden off University Dr. and entice guests to experience the garden.
 - The Committee recommends including nighttime lighting in the conservatories and would like to see an independent (i.e. separate from general admission) dining or beverage venue to promote after-hour enjoyment of the garden setting.
 - The pond design is in consideration and may include a liner of some sort to promote easy maintenance.
- **Timeline and Feasibility**
 - Rick Daley discusses the factors in play for the financial feasibility of the next 10 years of plan development including revenue, donations, city management funds, increased staffing and maintenance needs, etc. These factors will be considered as the draft plan gets parsed into phases of execution.
- **Conclusion**
 - The committee expresses a high degree of satisfaction with the draft plan with particular excitement on how well the plan gives the campus a holistically unified look and feel. Patrick Newman thanks both the committee and the consultant groups for their vision and dedication.

Meeting concludes at 12:04 P.M.

Action Items:	Name:	Due Date or Status: (e.g. Completed, WIP, Ongoing)
1. Studio Outside will present the draft plan to the public on May 17 th and the Fort Worth Park Board on May 25 th for additional feedback.	SO & FWBG BRIT	May 17 th , May 23 rd
2. The draft plan will be developed as needed and a phasing plan will be established.	SO, EDM	Ongoing

Next Meeting: August 31st, 2022