

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

The Board of Trustees met in special session in the Design Studio at The Morehead Planetarium on February 22, 2001 at 2:35 p.m. Chairman Cates presided.

**ROLL CALL**

Assistant Secretary Brenda Kirby called the roll and the following members were present:

Anne W. Cates, Chairman  
David E. Pardue, Jr., Secretary  
Timothy B. Burnett  
James E. S. Hynes  
Jean Almand Kitchin  
Robert B. Matthews  
Dr. Charles A. Sanders  
Cressie H. Thigpen, Jr.  
Richard T. Williams

The following members were absent:

Dr. William R. Jordan, Vice Chairman  
William J. Armfield, IV  
Walter R. Davis (due to illness)  
Richard Y. Stevens

Chairman Cates welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the work session on the Campus Master Plan. She stated that there has been a great deal of interest in the plan and the Board of Trustees has appreciated the input received from all interested parties since the plan's beginning in the Summer of 1998.

Chancellor Moeser commented on the University's commitment to a campus-wide genome science initiative and the anonymous \$25 million donation to the School of Medicine that will be used to establish the Michael Hooker Center for Proteomics. The Chancellor stated that genome science is important research, and will be a driving force in the University's future plans.

The Chancellor stated that the University's plan for long-term growth is under major timing deadlines due to the housing squeeze on South Campus, and that new family housing must be built soon to replace Odum Village before it surpasses its life expectancy. While existing South Campus residence halls are being renovated, Odum Village will be needed for interim housing.

Mr. Jonathan Howes, special assistant to the Chancellor, addressed the Board on the status to date of the Campus Master Plan and then introduced Mr. Adam Gross of Ayers Saint Gross.

### **CAMPUS MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Gross presented a broad comprehensive view of the Campus Master Plan. He discussed the various meetings that have been held concerning the plan, the four precincts and the phases of the plan. He focused primarily on the southern area of campus.

Jeffrey Houpt, vice chancellor for Medical Affairs and dean, School of Medicine, addressed the Board on the possibility of widening South Columbia Street.

Mr. George Alexiou of Martin/Alexiou/Bryson addressed the Board on traffic and transportation issues.

Mr. Cahill of Cahill Associates addressed the Board on environmental issues.

Following the presentation, the following comments were made:

1. Mr. Pardue commented that the issue concerning the widening of South Columbia Street should not hold up the decision on the Campus Master Plan.
2. Ms. Peg Rees, a resident of Oteys Road, commented that she was happy not to have the Mason Farm neighborhood destroyed for at least another 10-15 years.
3. Mr. Ken Broun, former mayor of Chapel Hill, commented on his concern regarding a tradeoff of Mason Farm neighbors to South Columbia Street neighbors.
4. Mr. Hynes recommended discussing the widening of South Columbia Street and the Campus Master Plan separately.
5. Mayor Rosemary Waldorf distributed a memorandum (Agenda #10) dated January 22, 2001, which was addressed to the Chapel Hill Town Council concerning "Update on University Discussions and Proposed Statement to the UNC Board of Trustees". [A copy of the memorandum is filed in the Office of the Assistant Secretary.]

Mayor Waldorf commented as follows:

- (a) the Town of Chapel Hill has had no opportunity to analyze the matter of a South Campus road;
- (b) the plan to eliminate the Smith Center buffer has to be done through due process of law;

- (c) there needs to be a study done on the 15-501 corridor by UNC, Duke, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Triangle Transit Authority;
  - (d) concerning the assumptions regarding Manning Drive, it should be redesigned as an urban street and should be held in reserve for future discussion;
  - (e) concerning the South Campus design, neighborhood incursions should be avoided;
  - (f) the Mayor is awaiting receipt of further information from Chancellor Moeser;
  - (g) concerning the Horace Williams development, the totality of the design needs to be reviewed;
  - (h) concerning the widening of South Columbia Street, this would be like opening Pandora's box; however, the Town Council will listen to information concerning this matter.
6. Mr. Joe Capowski, a former Chapel Hill Council member, distributed a petition addressed to Chancellor Moeser and Members of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, from 20 former elected officials from Orange County respectfully requesting the UNC Board of Trustees to postpone voting on the UNC Master Plan until the University has consulted on the impacts of the plan with all affected parties. [A copy of the petition is filed in the Office of the Assistant Secretary.]
- Mr. Capowski agreed with the earlier comments of Mayor Waldorf.
7. Mr. Dan Coleman, representing the Sierra Club, distributed a document dated February 2001, "Thirteen Environmental Principles for UNC Campus Planning". [A copy of this document is filed in the Office of the Assistant Secretary.]
8. Mr. Cal Horton, Chapel Hill town manager, commented that no information was ever received prior to any of the previous meetings concerning the Campus Master Plan.
9. Dr. Sanders commented on the importance of understanding that discussions concerning the Campus Master Plan and the widening of South Columbia Street should be two separate discussions.
10. Mr. Pardue commented that the Campus Master Plan is a plan for the University of what is best for the University. It is not about growth. The Campus Master Plan was developed to plan for growth.

11. Mr. Williams commented on the Southern campus portion of the plan saying that consideration should be given on how to do it without significant impact in the short run on the Mason Farm neighborhood now and in the future.

Chairman Cates concluded the discussion by thanking everyone for their work and insights related to the Campus Master Plan and stated that the Board looks forward to the final proposal that will be considered for approval at the Board's meeting on March 22, 2001.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Assistant Secretary