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Subject Fullerton College Community Forum Notes

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- Inquiry regarding need related to enrollment/enrollment trends (19,420 +/- FTES)
- Inquiry about class loads/sections and days offered
- Inquiry about total number of existing parking (approximately 2400)
- Comparison between similar size FTE/Acre of other Orange County C.C.D. (Santa Ana)
- Inquiry about location/logic in relocating M & O (Is it now a safety issue?)
- Parking structure to be set back from street/explore use of dark sky lighting strategies
- Timeline of construction – 20 year build out was discussed.
- Existing structure on campus is approximately 1400 spaces.
- Suggest subterranean strategy for structure to minimize impact.
- Coordinate with City for traffic circulation.
- Suggest putting structure at north side/shield with trees (at new soccer field)
- Concern about multiple traffic signals along Berkeley.
- Concern about drivers crashing into wall at suggested structure entrance/exit area on Berkeley.
- Concern at North Campus area at Horticultural Entrance.
- Interest in retaining Sculpture Garden/Green area at corner of Lemon and Chapman.
- Suggest outreach/trash cans at south neighborhood areas to help remove trash on ground.
- Suggest lowering speed limit on Berkeley
- Wilshire may be a bike lane soon – explore impacts/opportunities.
- Aesthetic look appreciated/architecture is compatible.
- Concern about cleaning/sweeper noise in structure
- Lighting at existing buildings – Retrofit to D.S.C. Fixtures
- Concern about amount of turf on campus and water conservation
- Concern about public access to field areas
- Wish for landscape buffer at North Westerly Edge (Live Oak Trees, Native landscaping)
- Inquiry about use of Historical House – can it be purchased and used?
- Land purchase south side of Chapman
- Suggest acquiring land at Bowling Alley – discussed students bus into college.
- Newell area a preservation area (south of Chapman)
- Suggest housing use at area south of Chapman.
- Inquiry about renovation/increase capacity at Plummer
- Suggest setting back P.A.C. from street /more contextually placed to corner.

- Encourage bikes/biking to campus
- Explore bus turn out lane/practicality
- Explore improving overpass (pedestrian) or crosswalks at Chapman
- Communicate with High School on strategies to alleviate 7am & 3pm chaos.
- Review pick up and drop off zone at south of Building 100 – concern about vehicular access/circulation.

Comment Cards:

I appreciated the presentation on Wednesday. I live in the neighborhood (Cannon) so do experience the traffic situation around the college, although not as much as those who live nearer. Cars park in front of my house but only for about 3 weeks each semester. Also headlights from the top of the parking structure shine into my house, but that is at some distance. I have some other general concerns:

- The sculpture garden is a valuable green space in downtown Fullerton. It should be preserved
- Although I live close to the campus, it is not an easy walk downhill on narrow sidewalks. Since I have no idea what to do with my car or motor scooter (and my bicycle is too valuable to leave locked in a public space) when I get to the campus I almost never go there. Parking rules and instructions should be made clearer. At the university at least they make it clear that parking is free on weekends. I would like the college to be a more integral part of the community and of my life, but a combination of parking ambiguity and weak publicity about events keep that from happening.
- The parking structure on Lemon is an abomination. It should never have been built so close to the street. The city would benefit by wider sidewalks and better street landscaping.
- My main concern is bicycles (I have been involved in that issue for years and formerly chaired the Bicycle Users Subcommittee). The city is planning a Bicycle Boulevard on Wilshire. This is something that has been in the works for years and has strong support from both the neighborhood and the bicycle advocacy community. A key feature of this is to reduce traffic (currently up to 2000 cars per day) on Wilshire. The exit from the college parking lot has been identified as a major issue in this effort. That exit should be closed and certainly no additional parking allowed in that area that would exit to Wilshire. The city may restrict traffic entering Wilshire and most certainly will divert through traffic.
- The college could do more to encourage bicycle traffic to and on the campus, including adequate parking facilities. Also, direct access from Hornet onto campus via a Class I route and perhaps from Brookdale as well would help. These routes could continue to the heart of the campus and perhaps on through the campus. Re-structuring Lemon to provide a safe bicycle route, at least to Wilshire would also help, but that is a bigger problem.
- The city has a consultant working on the Wilshire corridor. His name is Bill Delo and he works for IBI (bdelo@ibigroup.com). The city also has an excellent contract traffic engineer, Mark Miller with the Albert Grover group (Mark@albertgrover.com). City staff, Heather Allen and Community Development Director, Karen Haluza is also well informed about these issues.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

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