Dale Cole, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Dale welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the approval of the March 13, 2008 minutes and acceptance of the today’s revised agenda.

Committee action: Kurt Kiefer moved to approve the March 13, 2008 minutes and the today’s revised agenda; a second was heard from Dick Walker. Motion called by Dale Cole and a unanimous vote by the Committee followed.
UW Medical Center Expansion

Project Phase: Design Development
Requested Action: Approval

Bob Shrosbree began by discussing the goals for the project. They are to reinforce green linkages; ensure universal access; develop the rooftop courtyard as visual healing garden; integrate building and site infrastructure with landscape and street elements; and use topography as design opportunity to reconfigure relations to CHDD.

West Entry Drop-off to CDHH Clinic
Improvements to this area include 3 handicapped parking spaces; a canopy over the building entrance; relocated dumpster storage; plantings of shrubs, vines and trees to screen patio and dumpsters.

Columbia Road
Improvements to include a 7ft sidewalk at the bus drop-off zone; a reconfigured ramp to the north entrance of CHDD; a seat wall with low-level lighting along the back of sidewalk; and improved planting along the slope. Trees may include Incense cedar, birch, Western hemlock and other similar varieties. Understory will be mostly native plantings of salal, snowberry, Oregon grape, sword fern, Acanthus mollis, and wintergreen. Important is the request by CHDD to be protected from the road and building using plantings.

East End Turnaround
Pedestrian and vehicular circulation in this area will not change much from existing conditions. Oxygen tank will be moved east of the turnaround and will be designed to minimize impacts to the Mary Miss sculpture. An architectural screen will be designed to minimize visual impacts to the pedestrian path from the surgery pavilion.

Rooftop Courtyard
The goal is to create a visually interesting garden for patients to view from the surrounding rooms, but will limit access to protect against potentially infectious materials that may exist in the soil and trees. Visual interest to be provided by planting, textures of paving materials, lighting, and copper basins similar to Mary Miss sculpture in the glade. A grid system to hold soil materials above the roof membrane will ensure good drainage and minimal mold build-up. Bamboo was selected as the primary planting material to minimize legginess and maintenance. Maintenance access and storage for tools will be incorporated into the design of the courtyard.

Committee comments:
- Choice of tree specimens need to take into consideration both the need for solar protection in the summer, obstruction of views and also low lighting in winter months. Western Hemlock may not be narrow enough. Birches may be better choice even with the concerns disease control.
- Ensure design adequately takes into consideration the difficulty of unloading children for CHDD, in particular, sidewalk widths.
- Is CHDD satisfied with the design? Committee would like to see documentation of concerns from CHDD with resolution through design discussions.
• Design does not appear to have adequately taken into account drainage issues.
• Committee is pleased to see that many of the concerns voiced at the March 13th meeting have been answered in the new design presented today especially in the Courtyard/Healing Garden.
• More attention should be given to the East Entry where most children come to CHDD. Could more plantings be used to give more attention to wall, or could the children’s art, mosaics be installed here?
• Ensure copper basins planned for the courtyard are easy to maintain and clean. Basins are shallow with an overflow to the roof drainage system. Water collected in the basin often evaporates quickly and does not provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
• Materials to be used for the garden should be easy to walk on and visually attractive. Maintenance to use green waste cart to transport materials in and out of the facility. Access is provided to both sets of elevators.

**Committee Action:** Darlene Zabowski moved to approve Design Development with the agreed upon conditions stated below; a second was heard from Norman Johnston. Motion called by Dale Cole and a unanimous vote by the Committee followed.

- Consistency of the plantings to those in the glade.
- Satisfaction of CHDD to the design and mitigation of disturbance
- Oxygen tank relocation – no extension of footprint
- Reconsideration of the evergreen-deciduous mix to provide adequate light in wintertime and nonuse of hemlock because of its spreading form.
- Landscape in the turnaround needs more definition.
- Courtyard design and access for maintenance personnel requires better direct routes, roof-top materials that easier to walk on, storage and green waste disposal areas, designed spaces to park vehicles.

**Lewis Hall Renovation**
Ken Kubota, UW Project Manager
Erin Douherty, Mithun
Sandy Dymale, Mithun
Erin Jacobs, Mithun

**Project Phase: Schematic Design**

**Requested Action: Review and Comment**

The iSchool has been an active participant in the design of the project. It is their desire to make the building a central meeting place/crossroads for campus community. There has been considerable study regarding how to enter the building, improve ADA access and maintain the grand stairs at the front of the building. In addition to access, the design takes into consideration the development and potential use of open space and the protection of existing trees. An Arborist was consulted to assess the existing trees, including the 42” Madrona next to the annex, and develop recommendations to mitigate construction impacts.

The design of the site enhances pedestrian circulation along the southeast edge of the building and supports service access along the northwest side. A subtle introduction of architectural elements from the more contemporary building addition within the landscape provides a transition from the historic to modern. A series of runnels and storm water gardens are proposed around the site to collect roof water...
runoff and allow for infiltration. In addition, a cistern is proposed to collect storm water to be used for irrigation or flushing toilets. A vegetated green roof is proposed over part of the addition.

Committee comments:

- Need to see diagrams of relationship of new open spaces to other campus open spaces and a stronger sense that the proposed design honors the historic nature of the building and campus development. Of particular concern is the original oval plan in which Lewis hall played a key role.
- The development of the courtyard as a focal point for gatherings is largely dependent upon the long-term health of the Madrona—what happens if the tree is no longer there? Another tree will be planted or focus will center on a group of plantings.
- The open spaces the iSchool desires may be more contrived that real due to the lack of real space in the planned area—it’s all circulation. The open space is located adjacent to the ‘Commons’ of the building interior. Sliding glass panels will open directly onto the courtyard to create an indoor-outdoor space.
- Storm water strategies described are great from green roof to cisterns to the rain gardens. Design may set new standards treating storm water.
- Concern was expressed regarding the location of the runnel next to Madrona.
- Storage area for green waste; running out of space for this during construction and after. iSchool wants as much light as possible. Will that be a problem with the green waste piles and the proposed vegetated screening?
- Longhouse is planned for the site to the east and will have a lot of site development. What impact will these have on the design? Impacts will be minimal and will help to enhance the site circulation.

Committee Action: Recommended that comments be taken into consideration as the project progresses through schematic design. Project will be presented for final SD approval at the September meeting.

UW Tacoma Master Plan
Lee Copeland, UW Architectural Advisor/Mithun
Elizabeth Goldstein, Mithun
Jeff Benesi, Mithun

Project Phase: Master Planning
Requested Action: Review and Comment

The UW Tacoma campus commissioned a revision to the existing master plan to accommodate growth anticipated from the conversion of the school to a 4-year institute. The master plan recommends adaptive re-use, acquisition of contiguous parcels, enhancement to campus entrances and view corridors and useable open spaces. A separate infrastructure master plan is underway and will identify transportation strategies and utility concerns.

The plan proposes a series of terraced open spaces that transition the 50ft change in grade within each block that comprise the heart of campus. Market Street will remain open, but is proposed to be narrowed at pedestrian crossings and within the zone of the open space. Building footprints have been simplified to build more strongly on the urban street grid and are proposed to be mixed use facilities supporting academic, residential and student services with some retail components.
Two alternatives were presented to the Committee. Both plans propose above grade parking structures with 21st St as the main vehicular access point with option to move parking off site; buildings that are typically 4-stories with potential high-rise structures off Tacoma Avenue; and storm water strategies that include collection of water from rooms and sidewalks into cisterns, runners and rain gardens. Alternative 1 proposes a series of different sized open spaces and courtyards, with a terraced central space and the Japanese memorial located to the north. Additional parking is recommended under a non-regulation sized sports field. Alternative 2 opens the central open space further, integrating the Japanese memorial into the space as a linear element that becomes part of the progression up the hill.

The master plan is within 30 days of completion. Committee will be asked to approve final design at the September meeting.

Committee comments:
- Market Street should be left open to facilitate public transportation.
- Footprint needs simplification.
- To provide a marker / identifying element, possibly relocate the campanile uphill.
- Entry and edge definition needs to be strengthened.
- Integrate grade change into design by utilizing roof areas as green space.
- What solar exposure can be capitalized on?
- Hillclimb presents a challenge for accessibility, especially after hours if elevators are relied on for vertical transition. What will provide all-hours access up the hill?
- There is a need for a level student activity area.
- Site parking should be minimized.
- Maintaining the vista toward Mt. Rainier is critical.
- Preference for Alternative 2 with integration of the Japanese Memorial into greater open spaces.
- Question that needs answering: what make this a 21st Century campus?

Committee Action: Committee asked that issues raised be addressed in the final recommendations for the master plan.

Sound Transit Station and Bridge Design

Andy Casillas, UW Project Manager  
Tracy Reed, Sound Transit  
Barbara Swift, Swift & Co.  
Greg Ball, NTP  
Mark Reddington, LMN

Project Phase: 60% Design Review and Approval  
Requested Action: Approval

Project Description
Design incorporates a series of supporting architectural elements: vent stacks, head house, stairs and bridge abutment that are designed with similar materials to unify the site. The vent structures are proposed as translucent fiberglass panels interior with a metal substructure exterior which will allow
lighting to glow from within, creating the effect of lanterns in the open space. The headhouse is a glass structure and will have maximum transparency. Exterior stairs are more of a landscape –grade element that will transition into the bridge which will have a guardrail constructed of the same material as the vent structures.

Issues of concern raised at the last Committee meeting that have been incorporated into the revised site include bicycle parking, visual complexity; parking adjacent to the station; security concerns with vegetation; pedestrian crossing at Pacific Street and Montlake Boulevard; and transitioning from the bridge to Rainier Vista. The design team is working on the parking lot layout and will present design at a later date.

Circulation around the headhouse needs to accommodate two patterns: game day and day-to-day use. The parking lot adjacent to the headhouse will provide pedestrian support during game day activities and will be used for parking other days of the year. A layer landscape is provided around the headhouse that includes gracious sidewalks, large planting beds, a plaza with a perimeter seatwall and a highly textured mix of plantings. The trees recommended include a continuation of the Red Oaks and Scarlet Oaks along Montlake Boulevard and Tulip trees within the interior plaza and parking areas. The pavement surfaces are primarily scored concrete with brick entry plazas around the stadium turnstiles.

Development of pedestrian plaza at NE corner of triangle allows for peak volumes of people waiting for buses at 15 minute intervals. The 17ft change in grade from the center of the triangle to the plaza is taken up with a rolling grade and retaining wall at seat height forming the edge of the plaza. The material of the plaza is scored concrete with oak trees along the street edge and tulip trees infilling the center.

The bridge landing at the vista preserves the sequoia, elm and cedars and provides a concrete landing pad with an asphalt connection back to the Burke Gilman trail.

Bicycle parking has been increased from 130 to 140 spaces with 120 located at the headhouse and 20 uncovered spots at the bridge landing.

Committee comments:
- The SEPA identified concerns about the visibility of the vent structure from Rainier Vista. It’s now larger than originally proposed. How visible will the vent be from the Vista and what will be done to mitigate the views?
- The project is removing a significant number of mature evergreen trees that play a role in the layered views down the vista. Of particular concern is the Silver Fir that was identified to be saved and is now being proposed to be removed. What mitigation measures are proposed?
- How will the bridge change if portions of the Rainier Vista Concept Plan are implemented? It is possible to change the bridge before bid by the fall of 2009 and after bid but before construction in 2011.

**Committee Action:** Maggi Johnson moved to approve 60% design with the condition the following concerns are addressed. A second was heard from Kurt Kiefer. Dale Cole called for the motion and a unanimous vote was heard from the Committee.
- Visibility of vent be studied and presented at next meeting
- Assessment of existing trees in parking lot and mature evergreen trees south of parking lot to be assessed and valued. Mitigation measures to be presented.
the feasibility of implementing the bridge alternative presented in the Rainier Vista Conceptual Plan be studies further.

Relocation of Cunningham Hall

*Steve Tatge, UW Project Manager*

*Project Phase: Schematic Design*

*Requested Action: Review and Comment*

To facilitate the construction of the Molecular Engineering building, it was deemed necessary to relocate Cunningham Hall to provide adequate site area and preserve the historic nature of Cunningham. A site selection committee was formed to develop site selection criteria and evaluate proposed sites. Seven sites were initially analyzed and four were further assessed upon preliminary evaluation. These sites include two Campus Master Plan (CMP) development sites, Denny Yard and south of Winkenwerder and two non-development sites, Parrington Lawn and Island Grove. The justification for exploring sites not identified as development sites in the CMP is due to the small size of the building’s 2,500sf footprint.

The Denny Yard site is sized to accommodate a 72,000 sf building at the SW end of the yard, mirroring Parrington Hall in the other side of Memorial Way. The Site Selection Committee felt strongly that the size and architectural character of Cunningham Hall is not in character to the buildings that surround and would feel dwarfed in this setting.

The site south of Winkenwerder is a smaller site, but is adjacent to the loading dock for the College of Forest Resources. The Site Selection Committee rejected the site for issues of security, proximity to central campus and visibility.

The Parrington Lawn site is a non-development site located west of Parrington Hall. The site is in close proximity to central campus and the bus routes most frequently used by the building users. This site is preferred by the Site Selection Committee and the Faculty Council.

The Island Grove site is located just north of the medicinal herb garden across from Anderson Hall. The location of Cunningham Hall on this site would require the removal of some trees and understory, but could provide a harmonious setting for the building. The site is close to central campus and bus routes along Stevens Way and at the Montlake triangle. Many members of the Site Selection Committee thought this was an ideal site.

The recommendation of a site will be made to the Provost by June 30th.

Committee comments:
- There was discussion regarding relocating the Women’s Center, the main occupants of the building. However, the building was constructed as part of the Alaskan Yukon Pacific Exposition to serve women and it has always held a similar role. There is a personal connection of women to the building that they would like to maintain.
- The orientation of the building on any site could be different than shown to accommodate various needs.
• The Island Grove site is one of the only locations on campus that still has native soil. If the building were to be located here, care should be taken to preserve the integrity of the soil. It was noted the Botany greenhouses once sat near this location.

**Committee Action:** Norman Johnston moved that the Committee recommend that the Parrington Hall site be the first choice. Robert Edmonds seconded. Dale Cole called for the motion with nine members voting to approve and one opposed. Motion carried with the request to review the building siting and site plans during the next phase.

**Renewal Projects**

*Brian Davis, Irrigation Lead reporting for Jon Hopper*

**Requested Action: Informational only**

**Student P-Patch Garden:** Students from SEED, the UW Farm and residence halls requested a site for a P-patch garden. The location is on the west side of Fluke Hall, just east of the UW Club. Students have organized over a dozen work parties, cleared the site, amended the soils, planted the gardens, and installed irrigation. They are continuing to clear the adjacent site and will expand if they are successful with the first phase. Assistance is being provided by the Grounds Shop, the manager of the botany greenhouse, Doug Ewing, and the grounds keeper of the medicinal herb garden, Keith Posse.

**Memorial Way Entrance:** Dodi Fredericks is preparing a planting and irrigation plan for the improvements to the entrance at Memorial Way. The project will be presented at the September meeting.

**Hutchinson Hall:** Steam leak, asbestos issues. Leak repaired so ground can now be restored.

**Tree inventory:** Information is continually being added to complete the inventory. The primary focus is on tree identification which will be easier to complete once an arborist is on board. Currently, information from the inventory is being used for capital projects to provide a list of the trees within the project limits and identify which trees are memorials or have significance. College of Forest Resources approved the purchase of a Lidar laser scanner that provides 3-d images of campus; students run the machine and plan to sell services to the UW.

**34W site (Educational Outreach):** The project was stopped and the site has been filled. There were issues with the subsoil that prevents infiltration and results in the drainage swales filling with water during storm events. The site was hydroseeded with an EcoTurf seed mix, Protime 755 Fleur de Lawn which is a low maintenance, flowering lawn. It requires minimal watering after establishment, is naturally self-fertilizing, and needs little mowing (about once a month). Small flowers and low-growing clover combine with a special variety of dwarf perennial rye grass to create a very appealing ground cover. This is a temporary measure until a project is built on this site.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30