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CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2013

TIME: 11:30 PM

LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2012 meeting.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the consent agenda be approved and that each specific action on the consent agenda be approved as indicated. (Items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed above. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee Member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered on the regular agenda.)

Regular Agenda:

1. Analysis and discussion of the preliminary Laramie trail maps.
2. Review of UW's long range plans for bike accessibility and open spaces around campus.
3. Analysis and discussion of the preliminary sporting complex locations.
4. Analysis and discussion of the existing and future entrance beautification areas.
5. Analysis and discussion of the preliminary bike lanes and parks connectivity.
6. Analysis and discussion on the existing and future parks.
7. Future Meeting Schedule: January 16th, 23rd and 30th

New business:

1. Public Comments

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 @ 11:30 am

**CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 19, 2012
Minutes of Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Travsky, Bill Gribb, Dave Hammond, Joe Lord, Peggy McCrackin, Scott Mullner, Amy Williamson

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dan McCoy, Evan O'Toole, Mike Moeller

CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant; Keith Wardlaw, Interim Parks Manager; David Derragon, Assistant City Manager; Eric Jaap, Civil Engineer; Cody Jennings, Assistant Planner

GUESTS: None

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Hammond at 11:35 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

1) Approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2012 meeting.

Motion by Williamson, second by Travsky, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried 6-0, (Muller absent).

Regular Agenda:

1) Analysis and discussion of the preliminary Laramie trail maps.

The following changes were noted to the preliminary trail map:

- The path running along Highway 30 North of Laramie should connect to the nearby shared use path.
- A shared use path separated from the roadway along 4th Street should also be considered in an effort to best accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians.
- There should be a bike connection up to W Hill, especially to preserve access if the area becomes open space in the future.
- The existing bike path running along Arrowhead needs to be included on the overall trail map.
- There should be a shared use path along Willet Drive between 15th and 22nd Streets. The Committee preferred exploring the option of removing some parking along Willet Drive in order to accommodate cyclist and pedestrian travel, as the current configuration of Willet Drive causes safety concerns for non-motorized travel trying to navigate a route to and from campus. The Committee considered a section of the shared use path along Willet being located within the confines of Greenhill Cemetery in order to move at least a portion of the path off the street. There was a consensus to not place the path within Greenhill Cemetery as that would likely create issues within the Cemetery due to higher levels of traffic. Continuity was also stressed by the Committee for any off street paths as funneling non-motorized traffic from an off street path back on to an on-street path can prove difficult and increase safety concerns. The group recognized the higher levels of pedestrian and bike traffic along Willet due to many students commuting from the Grove development to campus. After further discussion, there was consensus to recommend removing the parking along Willet Drive between 15th and 30th Streets and placing bike lanes on both sides of the street.
- The Committee agreed that the University of Wyoming should be encouraged to continue the bike path along Iverson Avenue from 15th Street up to the UW Plaza which begins at 22nd Street.
- The Committee agreed that further work needs to be done to improve the number and condition of bike lanes around the UW campus. It was noted that future cooperation between the City and UW should be encouraged to help make the area more bike-friendly.

- The Committee discussed entrances onto the UW campus for cyclists and ensuring that designated entrances will meet up with designated bike routes.
- The Committee requested that the plan include a recommendation for bicycle entrances, which would be safe and suitable for pedestrians as well, dispersed around the campus in locations that naturally connect to existing and planned bike routes from around Laramie. The Committee noted the following locations as potential entrance sites: Lewis Street, Willet Drive, University Avenue, Ivinson Avenue, 15th Street, 13th Street, 12th Street and 10th Street. The Committee requested a map showing the entrances be available to review at the next regular meeting. The Committee agreed to further explore possibilities for a cooperative effort with UW representatives, aimed at the overall improvement of bike paths and access points.
- The Committee briefly discussed the possibility of an off street bike path along 30th Street from Willet Drive to Garfield Street. It was noted that the intersection at 30th Street and Grand Avenue was a difficult one for non-motorized users to safely navigate and would have to be further explored.
- It was suggested that the Committee further consider designating a fifteen foot wide shared use path at major intersections in order to mitigate safety concerns in these concentrated high traffic areas.

New Business

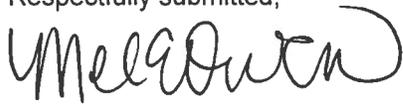
None.

Public Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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City of Laramie



THE OPEN SPACE NETWORK

Well-designed open space breathes life into the spaces between buildings. As an organizing feature, open space creates linkages throughout the overall circulation framework, enhancing the physical setting of campus and creating inspiring and functional environments. Open space is a vital component of the blueprint of a college campus, knitting together the various and distinct areas of campus into a cohesive whole and establishing the campus as a shared institution. As an organizing element, open space is essential to the long-term development of the UW campus.

The proposed open space and path system provides a hierarchy of open spaces of various sizes—ranging from small intimate landscaped areas between buildings to academic quads and larger signature areas of campus, such as Prexy’s Pasture. New open spaces will optimize space between existing facilities, provide a focal point for new clusters of buildings and enhance and connect

existing campus open spaces. The open space system will be connected by a well-defined network of paths and bikeways. New buildings will be integrated into this framework and will help to activate new open spaces, while new pathways will link campus facilities and the network of open space.

CIRCULATION

A shortage of connections through campus has decreased walkability across UW. The ability to access all points of campus on foot, by bicycle or by transit cuts down on vehicle traffic and promotes physical activity, social interaction and an increased sense of pride in the surrounding environment. The LRDP pays careful attention to issues of circulation on campus. Concepts such as “park once,” consolidated parking, increased public transit and the addition of several new open space connectors establishes an integrated network of transportation routes that will make UW a more sustainable, inclusive and accessible campus.

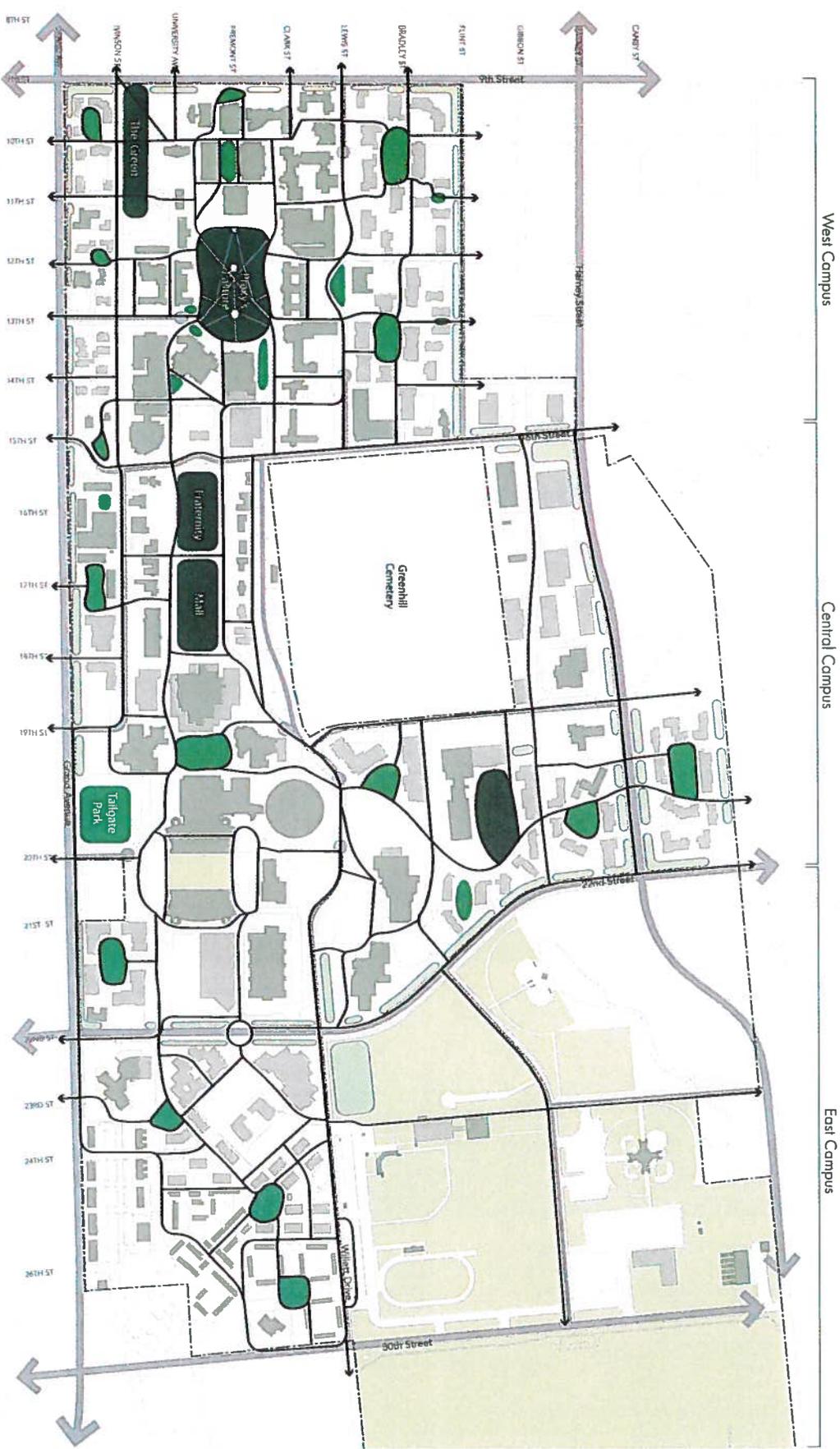
ABOVE:

Promenade north of Half Acre Gym

Key to Map

-  Signature Space
-  Quad
-  Other Open Space/Front Lawn
-  Recreational and Collegiate Fields
-  Other Campus Open Space
-  Walks and Pathways
-  Existing/Planned Campus Building
-  Potential Campus Building
-  Campus Boundary
-  Major Road
-  Minor Road

Proposed Open Space and Path System



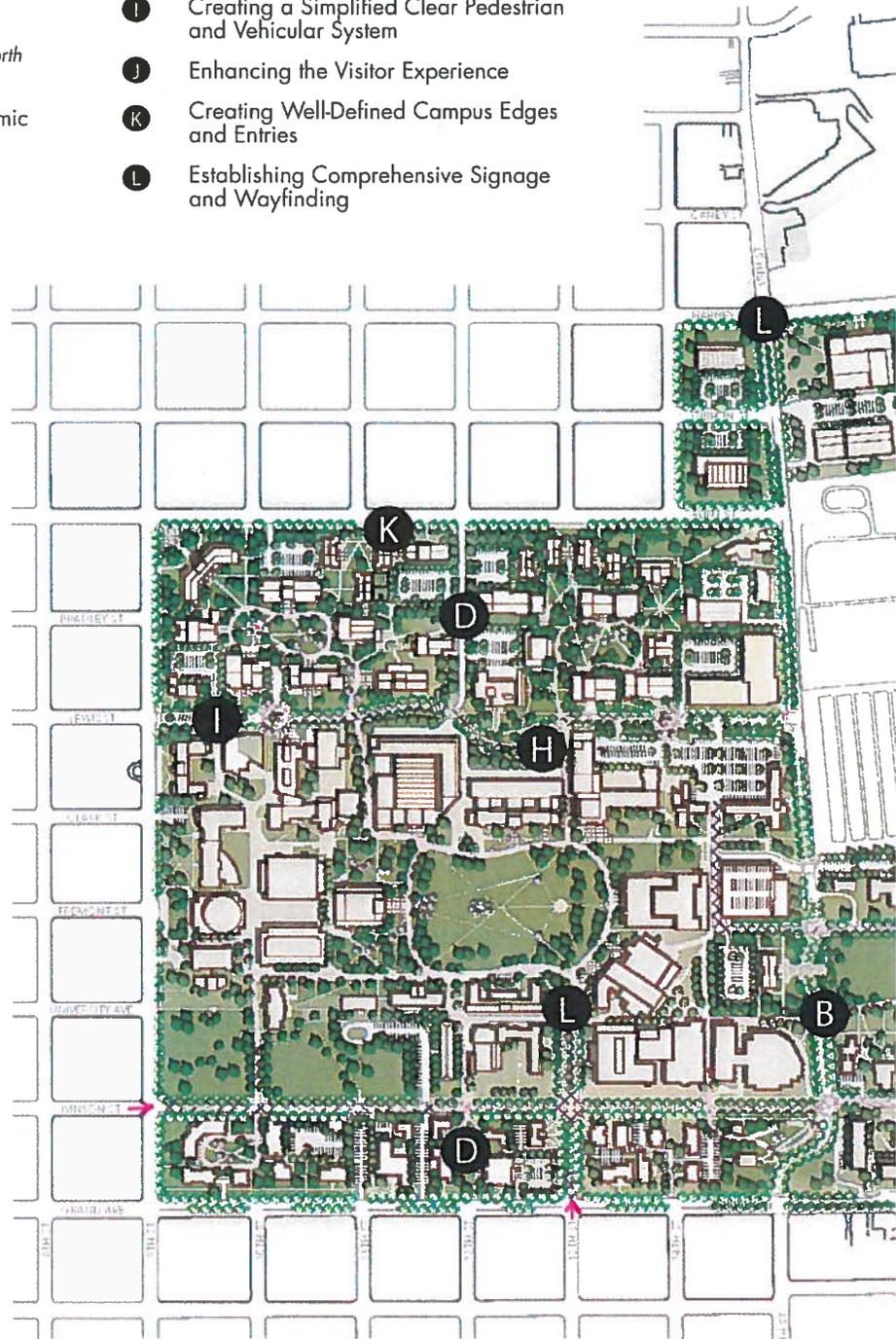
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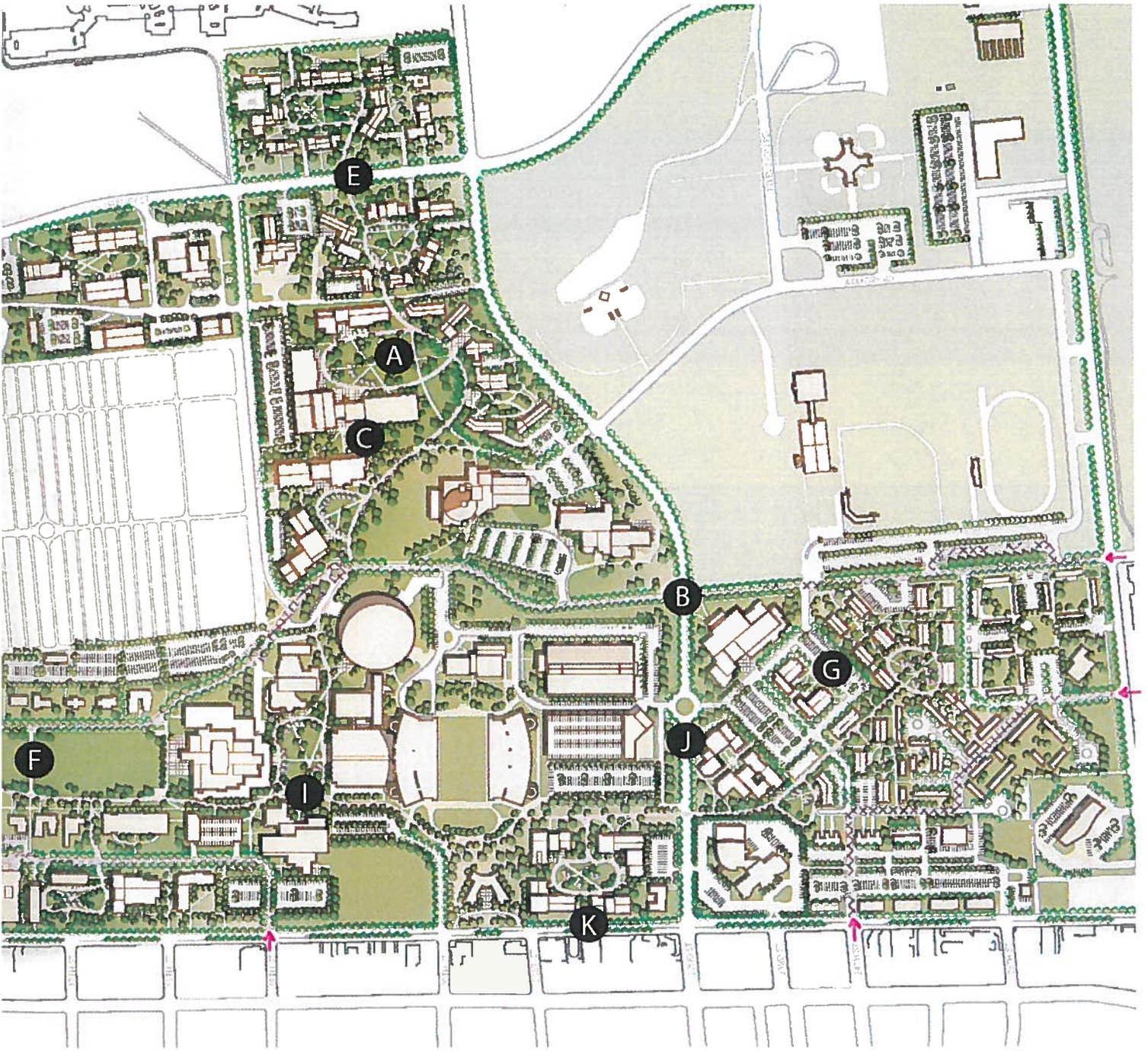
Major Campus Development Recommendations

- A** Creating a Hierarchy of Open Spaces and Green Linkages
- B** Connecting East, Central and West Campus
- C** Creating a Critical Mass Academic Uses on Central Campus
(Includes future site of LCCC on 22nd St North of new Visual Art Facility)
- D** Expanding the West Campus Academic Core
- E** Allowing for Future Expansion of the Research and Business Park
- F** Enhancing Fraternity Mall
- G** Redeveloping Summit View Apartments Area
- H** Enhancing Areas Adjacent to Prexy's Pasture
- I** Creating a Simplified Clear Pedestrian and Vehicular System
- J** Enhancing the Visitor Experience
- K** Creating Well-Defined Campus Edges and Entries
- L** Establishing Comprehensive Signage and Wayfinding

Key to Map

-  Campus Building
-  Parking Lot
-  Promenade
-  Campus Transit Route →
-  Campus Open Space
-  Collegiate Fields
-  Non-Campus Open Space
-  Unused Campus Open Space





Source: University of Wyoming