

NMSU Campus Planning Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2007

**Attending:**

**Voting Members -**

Jim Nelson, Co-Chair, College of Business Administration  
Steve Loring, College of Agriculture & Home Economics  
Jennifer Villa, College of Education  
Andy Burke, Dona Ana Community College  
Jacob Winowich, ASNMSU  
Roseanne Bensley, ACAP  
Joe Pfeiffer, Faculty Senate

**Voting Members Absent:**

Ken White, College of Engineering  
Bob Czerniak, College of Arts & Sciences  
Sam Encinias, College of Health & Social Services

**Resource Personnel:**

Greg Walke, Facilities Planning and Construction  
Steve McCarty, Property & Space Management  
Jaime Chavez, Police Department  
Greg Block, Auxiliary Administration (Housing)

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Co-Chair Jim Nelson.

**1. Review of the Minutes of the December 6, 2006 Meeting**

The minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

**2. Approval of Alumni Hall Demolition Phase 2 (Greg Walke)**

Greg explained that when we began to work on the Campus Apartments which are now under construction at the corner of Stewart and Locust we tore down four buildings of the old Alumni dorms. In order to build the next phase of apartments, we would have to tear down the rest of Alumni Hall, and that is what we are asking here. The second page passed out shows the proposed build out of the apartment project with three more buildings similar to this one, and then you will see in the upper part of this drawing the Native American Cultural Center, which is intended to go on the south side of the International Mall west of the duck pond. It would be built right about where several of these existing Alumni Hall buildings currently are. The Alumni Hall has been vacant since May of last year, and they present something of a security hazard and a vandalism hazard. They have been vandalized a few times, and I think there is a concern for just leaving two buildings sitting around that become an attractive nuisance. We intend to tear them down, and we would have to do that in order to build the Native American

Cultural Center. We do not have any immediate plans for Phase 2 of the Apartments, but that will eventually happen.

A question was asked about the timeframe and cost of demolition, and Greg responded that we have \$800,000 as a total project cost. We would like to have them down before school starts in August so that the demolition won't cause distraction to the people who have just moved into these nice new apartments.

A committee member asked when the demolition would begin, and Greg replied that the approvals must go through HED and the Board of Finance, so the earliest it could start would be sometime in April. Demolition of the previous buildings took 90 days and 120 days is what we have been talking about, so it will be close. Hopefully, most of the big noise will be over with by the time the apartments are moved into. A question was asked regarding funding, and Greg replied that it was coming from the 2006 revenue bonds. We are calling this Phase 2, because Phase 1 of the demolition was the first four buildings, but that was a part of the Campus Apartments project and was not a stand-alone project.

Chief Jaime Chavez reported that there have been gang related people in the vacant dorms, graffiti and evidence of drug use, so it would be beneficial to have them down.

**It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve Phase 2 of the Alumni Hall Demolition Project.**

Jennifer Villa then asked about the status of the O'Donnell Hall project. Greg replied that it is moving along on schedule. You should start to see some of the new part of the building going up pretty soon. It does not look like it from the outside, but much of the inner part of the existing building remains as it was, and so they have to get that dried in and protected. They have been focusing on ways to try to stretch the money so that we can finish off the third floor of O'Donnell, east end, the administrative area, and once they get that done we will know whether there is any contingency left for some of the other things we did not get to. We should be starting on furnishings before too long. In response to a question regarding whether classrooms would be available in January next year, Greg replied that that was the plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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