

# New Mexico State University

## Office of the University Architect

9/04/2020

### Summary Report from September 2, 2020 Recommendations NMSU Campus Planning Committee Facilities & Services, Large Conference Room– 3:30PM (Virtual Zoom)

Presented to: CPC members + F&S resource staff by e-mail      Report by Heather Zack Watenpaugh

1. **Introductions**
2. **Membership Updates**
3. **Approval of the Minutes- September 2019 (Summary Report from 9/04/2019 Recommendations)**
  - Fast-track items from 10/02/2019 (Police Department Fence and Therapeutic Riding Screen)
  - Fast-track item from 12/04/2019 (Baseball Training Facility revised from 9/2019 meeting)
  - Fast-track items from 01/28/2020 (Football Coaches Patio Renovation and Selective Demolition (Regents Row/Roberts Hall)
  - Fast-track items from 05/13/2020 (NMDOT I-25/University Avenue Project- NMSU Roundabout Monumental Sign and Burrell Storage Yard proposal)
4. **Campus Planning Committee Charge**
5. **Information Items:**
  - a. **Capital Outlay- Five Year Facilities Plan for Las Cruces Campus**
  - b. **Updates to the Campus Master Plan 2017-2027 in process, see <https://www.nmsucampusupdate.com/>**
    - Arrowhead Park
    - Aggie Uptown
6. **Action Items (from 8/27/2020 RREC meeting for 9/18/2020 BOR):**
  - a. **Las Cruces: I-25/University Avenue Interchange Landscape and Campus Entry**
    - Monumental Signage- Update from 5/13/2020 recommendation
    - Signage concept feedback, see <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nmsu-entry-monument>

#### Project comments:

- Approval for landscape and monumental signage. Guidance from President on survey feedback.
- Survey comments will be reviewed, and addressed with tweaks and design modifications.
- Add “footprints” or Pistol Pete boot-prints to show where to stand for best framed view of campus and looking towards the roundabout, as a designated “selfie-spot.”
- Very important that we communicate the sources of funds and lengthy planning efforts/approvals that have gone into the monumental signage, including Monumental Signage Master Plan. Provide the background and work with MarComm for improved communication, to explain this project has been in development for over two years. The funds being used are from the sale of the land “take” for the roundabout with NMDOT and two years of BRR planning for Capital Improvement funds. Make clear the “buckets of money” as it pertains to this project and expected budget cuts.



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### **b. Las Cruces: Agricultural Modernization and Educational Facilities Phase 1**

- Food Science Learning and Safety Center
- Feed Milling and Processing Facility/Maintenance Facility
- Biomedical Research Building- Phase 1
- Ag Barns and Site

#### **Project comments:**

- Coordinate Equine Education building (#588) service/parking lot entrance/exit with the Food Science Center service/parking road (per Chief Lopez)
- Use security, laminated glazing at the Biomedical Research due to concerns over potential vandalism/break-ins (per Chief Lopez)

### **a. Las Cruces: NMDA Building Renovation and Addition**

- Main Building #330
- 2011 NMDA Addition Building #643
- New Lab Building proposed building #663

#### **Project comments:**

- Look at adding color and crimson to plantings. NMSU developed Maple Glow maple offers a vibrant color and is drought tolerant. This is just one suggestion for courtyard.
- Discussion of the windows on building #330 not being the proposed windows for the new lab building, but phase 3 of NMDA building renovation and additions has not been funded, so the current design is sensitive to campus context and considers the fenestration at the original building.

### **7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 3:30PM, TBD**

#### **General comments:**

- Campus could use more color, Aggie Crimson. Crimson fades to pink in strong southwestern NM sun. NMSU standard benches are crimson, and incorporating more color into plantings is recommended
- Green spaces are important component in campus design. [Follow-up correspondence with Patrick Turner after the CPC meeting, explains how his research can benefit and support many of the campus design efforts underway \(Phase 3 of McFie Circle\) to attract students:](#)  
My research lends itself for me to understand why students choose, remain, or leave an institution. One of the top reasons for “college choice” for millennials and Gen Z is the green space, walking space, and environmental consciousness of an institution, often referred to as the “curb appeal”. It is definitely reflective of their civic, health, and social awareness. It was great to hear our freshmen say they appreciated how NMSU take care of our green space.

#### **List of Members in Attendance:**

Patti Havstad, Jim Murphy, David Mitchell, Pat Gavin, Henrietta Pichon, Kate Terpis, Mike Luchau, Mathew Madrid, Angela Faith-Thomas, Steve Stochaj for Julia Parra, Letty Gallegos, Heather Watenpaugh, Allison Jenks, Patrick Turner, Scott Eschenbrenner, Scott Breckner, Michelle Gavin, Jack Kirby, Jose Loera, Robert Herrera, Alton Looney, Kim Huddleston, Chief Stephen Lopez, and Tessa Abeyta-Stuve.

