Update for Community Groups – December 2017

Please note the underlined text in the electronic version of this update contains active links that provide additional information on the subject matter.

PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UC San Diego’s Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Planning, Design and Construction website at http://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu is the Campus Map which is an interactive map where major campus projects are identified by location and include a brief project description.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICES

Fire Station Project

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and a Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Fire Station Project have been posted to the following website: http://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/planning/environmental.html

The public review period for the draft MND begins November 7, 2017 and closes at 5:00 PM on December 7, 2017. Please direct any comments on the project to: Alison Buckley, University of California, San Diego, Campus Planning Office, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0074, La Jolla, CA 92093-0074 Email: env-review@ucsd.edu

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project site is located east of North Torrey Pines Road between its intersections with Genesee Avenue and North Point Drive at the northern end of the West Campus, within the North Campus Neighborhood, which includes an interface between athletic uses and academic uses.

The proposed project would involve construction of an approximately 10,500-gross square foot (GSF) two-story fire station where a tennis court currently exists (one of the eight comprising the campus’ North Campus Recreation Area Tennis Courts). The proposed project would involve the demolition of the existing tennis court, clearing of existing ornamental and landscape vegetation (including several eucalyptus trees, as well roadside shrubs and landscape trees), and grading of slopes, particularly along the eastern and southern margins of the project site. The proposed fire station would accommodate a standard fire station crew of 12 personnel rotating over a 24-hour shift. The first floor of the fire station would include up to four drive-through fire apparatus bays, support spaces, and a public reception area. The second floor would include a kitchen and dining area, day room, and fire crew living quarters. The proposed fire station would also include one elevator and staircase, and infrastructure for security systems (e.g. Blue Light/Intercom, campus phone, alarm system, etc.).

Exterior improvements would include an emergency generator, flagpole, mailbox, fire hydrant, trash enclosure, signage, security fencing, fueling facilities, truck wash area, paved hose drying area, and drought tolerant landscaping. The proposed project would include approximately 16 gated parking spaces for firefighter use and three public parking spaces, including at least one Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant space. A minor Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Amendment would also be included in the project which would change the land use designation from Recreation to General Services.

This Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project has been tiered from the UC San Diego 2004 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (as updated), which was certified by The Regents of the University of California on September 23, 2004 (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2014031084), as updated by the East Campus Bed Tower Project EIR certified in July 2010 (SCH No. 2009081053). Based on the Initial Study prepared for the project, it has been determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment that cannot be mitigated. The project’s anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the Draft IS/MND.
NORTH TORREY PINES LIVING AND LEARNING NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, a Notice of Completion and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood Project has been posted to http://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/planning/environmental.html#Projects-Currently-Under-Enviro

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the Draft EIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period which extends from **Wednesday, November 01, 2017 and closes at 5:00 PM on Friday, December 15, 2017**. Public comments regarding the accuracy of the Draft EIR may be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 15, 2017. Please direct comments to: Campus Planning Office Attn: Catherine Presmyk, University of California, San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0074, La Jolla, CA 92093-0074. Email: env-review@ucsd.edu For questions contact Lauren Kahal at (858) 246-2914

A public hearing on the Draft EIR will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29th in the Atkinson Pavilion at the UC San Diego Faculty Club. Directions can be found at: http://facclub.ucsd.edu/directions/index.html. Enter the building on the west side and ask the receptionist inside on the left for a parking pass to place on your car dashboard. Written and oral statements from interested persons or groups will be accepted at the hearing, for entry into the administrative record.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would redevelop a 13-acre site containing existing surface parking on the west campus, just southeast of Muir College Drive from North Torrey Pines Road. The proposed project would construct six buildings positioned around central community open space areas and a 1,230-space underground parking garage. The building program includes the following uses: housing for approximately 2,000 undergraduate students; residential support and community retail; academic uses; and administrative uses. The proposed project would exceed the requirements within the UC Sustainable Practices Policy, oriented toward energy efficient and green building standards, and would seek to achieve a Leadership in Energy Efficient Design (LEED) Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.