

September 22, 2009

Dave Corliss
City Manager
The City of Lawrence
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Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Corliss:

As you know, the University of Kansas is in the initial stages of planning for enhancements to the east side of the Kansas Memorial Stadium. I am writing to provide you the details of the plan as it relates to the April 15, 2005 Cooperation Agreement between the University and the City of Lawrence and to the September 21, 2001 Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the City of Lawrence regarding historic preservation.

Description of Project

In brief, this project has two components, some aspects of which will fall within 150 feet of the exterior boundary of the University of Kansas Main Campus, as defined in the Cooperation Agreement, and within 500 feet of an historic property as defined in state historic preservation law and that is under the jurisdiction of the City.

1. Removal of track and field events throwing area

The first component of the project deals with the current track and field events throwing area at the southwest corner of the intersection of 11th and Mississippi Streets. It includes removal of the throwing events area from the southwest corner of Mississippi and 11th Streets, rerouting of 11th Street to cause it to flow directly to the existing intersection of 11th and Mississippi to the east, and creation of a park in the area where the throwing events were located. It is our understanding that the rerouting of 11th Street is desired by the City's traffic engineers to enhance the orderly and safe flow of traffic. The track and field events throwing area will be relocated to the fields south of the Anschutz Sports Pavilion. The vacated area will be maintained in a park-like setting with appropriate grass, shrubbery, and plantings for a future gateway and possible parking.

2. Enhancement of façade and addition of seating and lounge area

Additionally, the east side of Memorial Stadium will be updated to add approximately 3,000 stadium seats, a state-of-the art lounge for fans, and an enhanced exterior façade consistent with that of the west side of the stadium (see enclosed depiction). The project, which will result in what will be known as the

Gridiron Club, will be similar in concept to the construction of the Ward Family Scholarship Suites. The footprint of the stadium will not be expanded to the north. The east side of the stadium will have a slightly greater footprint, but most of the Gridiron Club project is dedicated to upward expansion of the stadium.

Application of the Cooperation Agreement

As part of that process, we intend to form the *ad hoc* Community Program Advisory Committee set out in paragraph 4.b) of the Cooperation Agreement between the University and the City. Some elements of the construction fall within 150 feet of the University boundary with property under City jurisdiction. Although removal of the throwing events area and replacement with a park-like setting does not appear to implicate the agreement, and the Gridiron Club construction will not be within the 150 foot buffer, rerouting of 11th Street does appear to be a construction project that falls under the Cooperation Agreement.

Consistent with the Cooperation Agreement, I would like to ask that you provide the names of two individuals to serve as the City members on the *ad hoc* advisory committee. We anticipate this committee having about 7 or 8 members.

Application of the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Historic Preservation

Both the rerouting of 11th Street and the construction of the Gridiron Club will fall within 500 feet of the Hancock Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Hancock District is under City jurisdiction for purposes of historic environs review. Consequently, pursuant to the 2001 Memorandum of Understanding, the University is convening the Campus Historic Preservation Board for a review and determination. Following this process, we ask that the City's Historic Resources Commission consider the project as well. The University Director of Construction Management and the University Architect will be available to provide necessary information about the project to the HRC.

We hope you find this information helpful. Please let me know of any questions regarding the projects or the process we have outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,



Don Steeples
Sr Vice Provost

Enclosure

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