MORNING SESSION
10AM - 11:30AM

The purpose of this session was to have the city agencies, and other organizations outside of the University including CARTA, Rivercity, Design Center, Public Works, Traffic Engineering, interact with the University Officials and Library Committee. It was an opportunity to allow for some outside professional opinions on the subject of campus design, campus and city utilities and more generally University and City connectivity.

A. In the morning session, we split into 2 groups and discussed 6 key items:
1) Vehicular patterns
2) Shuttle route
3) Bike routes
4) Pedestrian routes
5) Patron parking for the library
6) Chamberlain Field

B. We recorded every idea, which is listed as an attachment to this document. We also asked each group to “prioritize” their ideas and concepts. The following are the ideas that rose to the top. These are the ideas that received several votes or were common ideas in both groups.

1) Vehicular Patterns:
   - Lansing / Vine vehicular access should remain;
   - Vehicular drop-off to new-Library at Vine Street;
   - Handicapped parking must be available at Library;
   - Add round-a-bout at 5th / Mabel / Douglas
   - Considering the importance of Vine Street as it relates to the Library - close the remainder of Vine Street to vehicles to encourage a rich mix of pedestrians and bicycles and shuttle transit and emergency vehicles (when necessary). However, this can only be done with a master plan and implementation plan for Vine Street;

2) Shuttle Routes
   - Shuttle should have future connection to downtown;
   - Planning is necessary for the corner of Vine / Douglas in coordination with the Shuttle stop and new Library;
   - Use smaller buses and alternative fuels;

3) Parking
   - Go ahead and begin planning and preparing for next parking garage which could be in Lot 4;
   - Add more metered parking on-street;
   - Intermodal (vehicles, bike storage, shuttle charging) Center on Lot 4;

4) Bike and Pedestrian Connections:
UTC New Library Site Planning Exercise  
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- Create a Pedestrian Spine from McCallie (between Fletcher and Founders Halls) down to Library and continue to Lansing;
- Provide accessible route via part of the new pedestrian spine to the library;
- Place emphasis on pedestrians and alternative transportsations; and alternative ways to connect to places;
- Connection between the Library and the UC should be prominent;
- Connection to Development should be prominent;
- Shuttle could route past library and UC drop-off areas

5) Other Ideas:
- Acquire adjacent parcels across from Library;
- Obtain LEED Certification – and to help obtain LEED Certification, consider creative ways to capture storm water runoff to reuse on campus;
- Transportation technology should be in the library;
- Encourage outdoor study spaces;
- Access the library from maybe 3 entrances – one of which being a patio from Chamberlain;

6) Chamberlain Field
- Open up / Connect Student Park to new Chamberlain Lawn;
- Chamberlain Field: a place for University Rituals both formal and informal; a place where one person can or many people can feel comfortable; a place that as some shade trees; a place for informal recreation, outdoor classrooms and study;
- Patio / Café on Chamberlain

Some of the concepts are very clear and some are still a little less clear. One group wanted to keep the portion Vine Street between Lansing and Douglas open for drop-off and handicapped parking access for the library. The other group suggested closing the balance of Vine to Douglas to take advantage of the opportunity to coordinate with the Library building itself and create a greater pedestrian space.

On the other hand there were several concepts where each group agreed and came to consensus. Both groups agreed with the Master Plan that Chamberlain Field should be the Heart of the Campus and be a more formal “lawn” that could have casual, informal recreation and play but not organized, structured recreation.

One purpose of this exercise is to identify areas where there is consensus and support from the majority of people. These consensus areas can provide clear direction for University officials. Other areas where there may not be total consensus but strong interest and support can provide the University with guidance and support to further explore opportunities. The critical consensus items and supported opportunities from the morning session are listed below.
OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE MORNING SESSION:

Shuttle:
1) The appropriate department and committees should begin discussions with CARTA about how to make the stop at the Douglas / Vine intersection a more meaningful stop, that has a connection to the Library side of the street. Perhaps better signage and have a more clearly marked walkway across Douglas to get to the Library. The shuttle stop that is closest to a Library entrance should be a celebrated shuttle stop (well signed, a little more important etc).
2) There was a clear desire to try and connect the campus shuttle to the downtown shuttle. With the intermodal discussions and with the needs for a garage or a shared garage with CARTA there seems to be some opportunities that should be further explored.

Parking:
3) It appears that Lot 4 is the choice for a future parking garage. It is important to go ahead and begin looking at funding for this garage. Also, whether it is going to be an intermodal garage or a standard garage, the building needs to be additive to Vine Street. It should add to the pedestrian environment, of Vine Street with retail fronting Vine Street on the ground level.

Bike and Pedestrian Connections:
4) Create a parallel pedestrian spine to the University Greenway. This spine would connect UTC Place across McCallie in between Fletcher Hall and Founders Hall, down beside the Development House, to the Library and continuing to Lansing. The section where this spine crosses the Library patio and Chamberlain Field should be made part of the plans for the Library before construction so that it is not done as an after thought.

Chamberlain Field:
5) The consensus of the entire group was that Chamberlain should be the heart of the campus and should relate directly to the Library. This space should be a place that can used for formal and informal University rituals and informal social and recreation for the entire student, faculty and staff family. It is important to shape this space with the proper buildings and proper landscape plan. Timing on making this the formal green is important because of the intramural needs of the campus.

Other Ideas:
6) The library should be open and accessible to various points of the campus. The group understood that difficulties of having more than one entrance but encouraged the Library Committee and Architect to have as many as 3 entrances: 1) facing Chamberlain, 2) facing Vine, 3) facing Douglas;
ATTACHMENT 1

List of all the ideas from the Morning Session

- Create a Pedestrian Spine from McCallie (between Fletcher and Founders Halls) down to Library and continue to Lansing;
- Provide accessible route via part of the new pedestrian spine to the library;
- Open up / Connect Student Park to new Chamberlain Lawn;
- Connection between the Library and the UC should be prominent;
- Connection to Development should be prominent;
- Shuttle could route past library and UC drop-off areas
- Use smaller buses and alternative fuels;
- Go ahead and begin planning for next parking garage which could be in Lot 4;
- Add more metered parking on-street;
- Use green fee for parking structures;
- Library will need to have a lot of service / loading areas;
- Access for dock should be on the south side as low a grade as possible to work together with the Development House;
- Lansing / Vine vehicular access should remain;
- Vehicular drop-off to new-building (at Vine);
- Handicapped parking must be available at building;
- Add round-a-bout at 5th / Mabel / Douglas
- Shuttle should have future connection to downtown;
- Planning is necessary for the corner of Vine / Douglas in coordination with the Shuttle stop;
- Considering the importance of Vine Street as it relates to the Library - close the remainder of Vine Street to vehicles to encourage a rich mix of pedestrians and bicycles and shuttle transit and emergency vehicles when necessary. This has to be done with a master plan and Vine Street implemented;
- Intermodal Center on Lot 4;
- Residential component of the campus should continue to be a priority, as it will impact the entire campus.
- Bike storage should be a part of the library plan;
- Strategic parking locations – so that it is linked to economy and private development opportunities so that students / visitors want to walk – i.e. walking next to cafes, stores etc;
- Drive-by book drop-off spots;
- Place emphasis on pedestrians and alternative transportations; and alternative ways to connect to places;
- Encourage outdoor study spaces;
- Access the library from maybe 3 entrances – one of which being a patio from Chamberlain;
- Transportation technology should be in the library;
- To help obtain Leed Certification, consider creative ways to capture storm water runoff to reuse on campus;
• Round-a-bout @4th
• Acquire adjacent parcels across from Library;
• Connection across Douglas to newly acquired property;
• Chamberlain Field: a place for University Rituals both formal and informal; a place where one person can or many people can feel comfortable; a place that as some shade trees; a place for informal recreation, outdoor classrooms and study;
AFTERNOON SESSION - 1 PM - 4 PM

The purpose of this session was to have the University community discuss connectivity of the campus to the new Library and to discuss the surroundings of the new Library. Over 40 people attended the afternoon session representing University staff, students and faculty.

C. In the afternoon session, we divided into 5 groups and discussed 4 key items:
   1. Chamberlain Field
   2. Connectivity
   3. Surrounding Streets and Buildings
   4. Money No Object

D. We recorded every idea by group, which is attached to this document (some common ideas were combined). However, the following is a summary of key items that received the most comment and had overlap with other groups, followed by overall recommendations.

1) Chamberlain Field: Summary and Recommendations:
   • 2 of the 5 groups agreed with the Campus Master Plan that called for Chamberlain Field to be Campus Green;
   • 1 group called for re-examining the Campus Master Plan recommendation for making it a campus green.
   • Still 2 other groups struggled with the loss of intramural space and the overall design of Chamberlain including recommending not placing concrete walks all over Chamberlain so that it could be used for some informal recreation.
   • Most agreed (though a few campus recreation students and staff vehemently opposed) that if and when the new intramural site is built and a clear safe and accessible route was available to Engel, then Chamberlain could be converted to the Campus Green.

2) Connectivity
   • Planning for a parking garage in Lot 4 should be a part of the planning now.
   • Perimeter parking should be a priority because it will help the pedestrian environment of the campus;
   • Shuttle expansion to connect with the downtown electric shuttle;
   • Shuttle should expand hours to accommodate intramural hours at Engel;
   • Campus streets and surroundings should be more pedestrian and bike oriented including more bike facilities;
   • New pedestrian walkway from McCallie Ave to the New Library;
   • Library should have 3 entrances: 1) Vine, 2) Douglas 3) Chamberlain Field or could combine Vine and Douglass enhance with round-about entrance;
3) Surrounding Streets and Buildings
   Aesthetic:
   • Continue landscape plan
   • Douglas Street overhead wires underground;
   • Blend architecture with the rest of campus;
   • Develop more green spaces, more trees;

   Library:
   • Good lighting 24/7 around the Library;
   • Patio overlooking Chamberlain lawn;

   Property / Buildings:
   • Purchase property on west side of Douglas across from Library;
   • Make decisions about South stands on what to do with it.

4) Money No Object
   We prompted each group to come up with items or plans for the campus with
   Money not being an object. Listed below are all of the ideas:
   • Need a law school;
   • Parking garage at McCallie and Palmetto (funeral home)
   • Brock Hall renovation;
   • Centralized Greek row;
   • All older buildings renovated;
   • Red Brick – Gothic Look;
   • Move all campus towards sustainability;
   • More classes early, late and weekends;
   • Partnerships with area restaurants to use Mocs Card.
   • Separate student and academic network;
   • Bowling alley and restaurants on or near campus;
   • Student/religious organization offices;
   • Greek housing
   • Power lines all under ground;
   • All new buildings – LEED certified;
   • A need for traditional dorms
   • Purchase all surrounding land;
   • Greener campus
   • Relocate cemetery;
   • More parking garages;
   • Develop an off-campus strip;
   • Develop an “strip” for the campus;
   • Provide more on-campus branding such as redoing UC to Blue and gold;
   • Buy land between McCallie and Vine and Douglas to Houston;
• Buy land at McCallie and Palmetto
• Complete Baldwin corridor to McCallie;
• Complete Vine and Oak plans;
• Round-a-bout at E Fifth and Mabel/Douglass
• South Stadium renovation;
• Buy buildings across the street from and Funeral Home;
• Get rid of McClellan Gym;
• Not sure about feasibility for the South Stadium plan;
• Convert Metro Building into Health Science Complex;
• Parking garages
• More Green spaces;

RECOMMENDATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE AFTERNOON SESSION

a) Chamberlain Field:
   a. After the intramural fields are completed and a reasonable secure transportation choice exists (new shuttle hours, better lighted walkway etc.) and when the Challenger Center field is made available, then Chamberlain Field should become the center of the campus with the Library anchoring its West side. The designer of Chamberlain Field should not divide it with lots of concrete walkways but should leave a lot of the middle open for informal recreational play;
   b. Communication: It was clear during the meetings that students playing intramurals and those in charge had not communicated about the field behind the Challenger Center and the progress being made on the Intramural Fields at Engel. The field behind the Challenger Center would normally be open, but because of over use, they had to let grass grow. Campus recreation officials should communicate plans and progress on Engel recreation complex to their constituent students immediately as well as the reasoning behind the Challenger field closure.

b) Connectivity:
   a. Shuttle: The Shuttle should connect to downtown. A department has to begin communicating directly to CARTA;

   b. Shuttle: As the intramural fields at Engel come on-line, the university should expanding the shuttle hours and route to the Intramural Fields;

   c. Library Entrances / Connections: Although multiple entrances mean many obstacles, this location and this building will require multiple entrances. This library has to connect to Vine Street and the UC. This
library has to connect to Chamberlain Field and this library has to connect to Douglas.

d. Lot 4 will need to be a garage. This is the same from the morning session. It appears that Lot 4 is the choice for a future parking garage. It is important to go ahead and begin looking at funding for this garage. Also, whether it is going to be an intermodal garage or a standard garage, the building needs to be additive to Vine Street. It should add to the pedestrian environment, of Vine Street with retail fronting Vine Street on the ground level.

e. There was a firm consensus from both the morning and afternoon sessions that the campus should be more pedestrian and bike oriented. There are many items that will help accomplish this goal:

   i. Moving all surface internal parking to the perimeter;
   ii. Continue implementing landscape plan;
   iii. Develop more green space and outdoor classrooms;
   iv. Good security lighting;

c) Library:
   a. Provide for a patio or outdoor space overlooking and opening onto Chamberlain Field in the design;
   b. Good lighting 24/7 at the library;

d) Other Surroundings:
   a. Consider purchasing properties west of Douglas across from the Library Site;
   b. Consider buying Funeral Home on McCallie;
   c. Provide a plan for the building structures that will make up the edge of Chamberlain to help create the important Chamberlain Field Space that you want;
   d. Develop a plan for South Stadium before the façade is too far-gone. It may be possible to save the façade or parts of the façade to make it part of the next building;
ATTACHMENT #2

GROUP #1:

Chamberlain Field
- Re-examine the Master Plan’s recommendation for making Chamberlain the Campus Green;
- Activities such as band, intramurals, homecoming and Greek organizations activities can take place here;
- Field may be too small for intramurals;
- 47 flag football teams – currently;
- Will likely lose participation when moved;
- Shuttle hours affect intramurals at Engel Stadium;
- Intramurals in the center of campus help keep the campus alive;

Connectivity
- Parking is critical to good connectivity;
- Make streets more pedestrian oriented;
- Shuttle service is good as is;
- Develop closer ties to community, however parking and access could be problematic

Surrounding Streets and Buildings
- Intramural office in South stadium renovation – if intramurals stay at Chamberlain;
- Library - Patio to overlook chamberlain from Library.
- Enhance Student park as alternate green space;
- Non-University owned buildings should be considered an identified;

Money No Object
- Need a law school;
- Parking garage at McCallie and Palmetto (funeral home)
- Brock Hall renovation;
- Centralized Greek row;
- All older buildings renovated;
- Red Brick – Gothic Look;
- Move all campus towards sustainability;
- More classes early, late and weekends;
- Partnerships with area restaurants to use Mocs Card.
- Separate student and academic network;
- Bowling alley and restaurants on or near campus;

GROUP #2:
Chamberlain Field
• Agree with master plan – use Chamberlain as green space with a library entrance;
• Academic buildings on the North side and redo south stadium;

Connectivity
• Should be 3 entrances into the Library: 1) East – especially if green space developed on Chamberlain; 2) North side with drop off (Vine); 3) West off Douglas;
• Move / expand shuttle route to include Douglas;
• Connect campus shuttle to downtown, North Chattanooga and Hixson routes;
• Expand shuttle hours for intramural activities;

Surroundings
• Provide new parking at Houston / Vine (Lot 4);
• Provide new parking at Vine and Douglas (Baptist Student Center, ADPi properties);

Money No Object
• Student/religious organization offices;
• Greek housing
• Power lines all under ground;
• All new buildings – LEED certified;
• A need for traditional dorms

GROUP #3:
Chamberlain Field
• It is an issue of loss of intramural space on campus vs. green space;
• Just sidewalks and trees would ruin Chamberlain Field
• Are there other fields on campus for intramurals;
• Possible entrance to Library facing the UC;

Connectivity
• Close all through streets cutting through campus to autos (leaving open to shuttles);
• A Pedestrian campus;
• More scooters and bikes;
• Place parking on perimeter of campus;
• Connect campus to downtown shuttle service;
• Have a library specific shuttle;

Surrounding Streets and Buildings
• Continue to encourage continuity in entrances and exits
• Continue landscaping improvements;
• Make Vine Street more pedestrian friendly;

Money No Object:
• Purchase all surrounding land;
• Greener campus
• Relocate cemetery;
• More parking garages;
• Develop an off-campus strip;
• Develop an “strip” for the campus;
• Provide more on-campus branding such as redoing UC to Blue and gold;

GROUP #4
Chamberlain Field
• Used for recreation;
• Are there other spaces that can be used for recreation and intramurals?
• Concern over loss of recreation in the central part of campus;
• Whatever happens to Chamberlain – honor history of Chamberlain Field with markers about baseball and football;
• Keep core/middle of field undeveloped – no hardscape;
• Have café at library to open out on Chamberlain Field
• Chamberlain will become gathering space for academics and social life;

Connectivity
• As campus grows, it should become more walking and biking friendly and less driving;
• New Pedestrian Entrance on McCallie between Fletcher and Founders. Walking to library.
• Close Vine to Douglas and maintain vehicle traffic on Lansing for service, handicapped and drop –off access to the library.
• Shuttle route is good as is;
• Encourage bicycle credits for LEED requirements.

Surrounding Streets and Buildings
• 24/7 area of library with good lighting for security;
• Douglas Street overhead utilities removed
• Provide parking garage at Lot 4;

Money No Object
• Buy land between McCallie and Vine and Douglas to Houston;
• Buy land at McCallie and Palmetto
• Complete Baldwin corridor to McCallie;
• Complete Vine and Oak plans;
• Round-a-bout at E Fifth and Mabel/Douglass
• South Stadium renovation;
GROUP #5

Chamberlain Field:
- South stadium – is parking included? Is it underground parking?
- Chamberlain Field should be treated as Master Plan recommends with a key entrance to the Library;
- A veranda on the Library should face Chamberlain with outside seating;
- Connect / Extend Chamberlain Field to the Student Park;
- Campus Green – Campus Lawn with some programming such as concerts, campus rituals;

Connectivity:
- Go ahead and consider parking garage funding now;
- Include handicapped parking in Library site design;
- Encourage carpooling;
- Place round-a-bout at Douglas and Fourth and cul-de-sac at Vine and Lansing;
- Clear connection to new intramural fields with good lighting, good security patrol
- This clear and safe connection to the intramural fields will help solve the intramural / chamberlain field dilemma;
- Rounded entrance to the Library building at Douglas and Vine;

Surrounding Streets and Buildings:
- McClellan Gym: What is the plan for the building? Make it a classroom building.
- Lot 4 must be a included for expansion for parking garage;
- Consider where people can be dropped off for the library.
- Develop more green space, grass, trees, irrigation – outside study spaces;
- 3 Library entrances at Lawn, Douglas, Vine streets;
- Blend architecture with the rest of campus;

Money No Object
- Buy buildings across the street from and Funeral Home;
- Get rid of McClellan Gym;
- Not sure about feasibility for the South Stadium plan;
- Convert Metro Building into Health Science Complex;
- Parking garages
- More Green spaces;
COMMON THEMES FROM THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

1. Connectivity:
   a. Shuttle Connection: It was clear in both sessions that the Shuttle should connect to downtown. The session with the city and local officials seemed ready to help move this discussion along. A University committee has to begin communicating directly to CARTA. There was a clear desire to try and connect the campus shuttle to the downtown shuttle. With the intermodal discussions and with the needs for a garage or a shared garage with CARTA there seems to be some opportunities that should be further explored.

   b. Shuttle Expansion: As the intramural fields at Engel come on-line, the university should expand the shuttle route to the Intramural Fields and the operating hours of the shuttle to meet the intramural timeframes.

   c. Library Entrances / Connections: Both morning and afternoon sessions discussed this at length. Both sessions came up with the concept that this library has to have multiple entrances, Although multiple entrances mean many obstacles, this location and this building will require a good plan for multiple entrances. This library has to connect to Vine Street and the UC. This library also has to connect to Chamberlain Field and to Douglas.

   d. It seems like the consensus is that Lot 4 should be a parking garage. Both sessions discussed this Lot becoming a parking garage sometime in the future. The morning session discussed that if this is going to be a garage and especially an intermodal garage; then it needs to be carefully designed so that it adds to the street. In other words, the garage will need to be wrapped with some private retail on the Vine Street side. It should add to the pedestrian environment of Vine Street. It is important to go ahead and begin looking at funding for this garage, as parking will be lost when the library is built on a surface lot.

   e. There was a firm consensus from both the morning and afternoon sessions that the campus should be more pedestrian and bike oriented. There are many items that will help accomplish this goal:

   f. Moving all surface internal parking to the perimeter;

   g. Continue implementing landscape plan;

   h. Develop more green space and outdoor classrooms;

   i. Good security lighting;
j. Create a parallel pedestrian spine to the University Greenway. This spine would connect UTC Place across McCallie in between Fletcher Hall and Founders Hall, down beside the Development House, to the Library and continuing to Lansing. The section where this spine crosses the Library patio and Chamberlain Field should be made part of the plans for the Library before construction so that it is not done as an after thought.

2. Chamberlain Field:
After the intramural fields are completed and a reasonable secure transportation choice exists (new shuttle hours, better lighted walkway etc.) and when the Challenger Center field is made available, then Chamberlain Field should become the center of the campus with the Library anchoring its West side. The consensus of the morning group was to make it all green, immediately. That wasn’t what the afternoon indicated. When I asked, they said (not all of them), when you have the challenger center field up and ready to go and a reasonable shuttle route and extension of hours based on intramural schedule, then the majority of the afternoon session attendees would agree that Chamberlain could become the Campus Green.