

UK Master Plan Update

Merchants Meeting Minutes

Location: 127 Wethington Bldg., Commons Room

Date: October 2, 2012

I. Introductions/Overview

Members of the Master Plan Team were introduced by Tom Harris. Greg Havens, Philip Perlin and Maggie Dolan from Sasaki and Jeff Stivers of RossTarrant Architects were in attendance representing the consulting team. Greg Havens provided an overview of the master plan process including project goals, timeline and work completed to this point. Dall Clark of UK Capital Projects provided an overview of the status of the new housing plan. Tom Harris facilitated a discussion of the merchants' needs and expectations for the plan.

The turnout was light for this meeting. The following topics were discussed:

II. Discussion of the Positive Aspects of Owning a Business near UK

- Local businesses help the neighborhoods and students blend together.
- The business climate along Limestone is better now that there are more merchants along this strip. We welcome more restaurants and shops. It only helps our business.
- The increase in housing on campus will also bring more business to adjacent merchants.

III. Discussion of Parking Issues

- Businesses rely on parking. New bike lanes proposed for Upper Street will take away street parking.
- While I support walking and biking and always want to see more of both, the parking issues need to be addressed.

IV. Questions about Student Housing

- Will the residence halls have new dining facilities?
- Will the potential retail space in the first floor of the residence halls be owned by UK or open to the Public?
- Will anything be done with the Student Center?

V. Other Needs and Concerns

- Need to know what UK is planning in the transition zone. I don't want to expand my business until I know if UK is planning on buying my property.

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