Another Element of the Master Plan Vision

The Tivoli Quad project has created a vibrancy for the Auraria Campus that will no doubt surpass the expectations of the Master Plan, which identified its importance. Another step in the development on that side of campus is to create a connection at the intersection of 11th Street and Auraria Parkway that will serve as a local access point for pedestrians, bikes, and vehicles.

As you know by now, Walnut Street was extended past the Tivoli to MSU Denver’s SpringHill Suites Hotel, and 11th Street was reintroduced to the fabric of campus along the edge of the Tivoli Quad to support internal access and transit. The next project is to connect 11th Street to Auraria Parkway with a signalized intersection that allows right and left turns with pedestrian crossings, while also linking the campus bike path to Denver’s system of bike paths.

The Hotel and Hospitality Learning Center is now pedestrian friendly, providing a more seamless connection to the campus and easier access for the hotel patrons. CU Denver’s future Wellness Center will be equally accessible along this arterial, and the Tivoli Quad will benefit from sufficient support space for events. The Tivoli Garage will become more viable as a parking option because exiting will...
be possible both at 9th and at 11th, relieving congestion following events and during other busy times. And finally, parking meters have been abundantly added to the area—with more to follow—to supply additional parking options on that side of campus.

The goals of the Master Plan continue to be validated and realized with each completed project. The new intersection at 11th and Auraria Parkway will demonstrate a continued commitment toward achieving the carefully planned Auraria Campus vision.

Barb Weiske
Chief Executive Officer

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Boulder Creek Program Plan

Boulder Creek is a prominent building in the CCD neighborhood. Positioned in front of the Colfax light rail station, it has a unique opportunity to serve as a gateway into CCD’s neighborhood.

A large-scale study of the Boulder Creek building was completed and presented along with the program plan to the Auraria Board of Directors in June. Pending funding from the State of Colorado, the future vision of the building includes two primary areas of improvement. First, to create inviting spaces for the campus, plans include enhancing the building exterior, including an addition to the building on the Colfax Avenue side of the building. Second, the plans include the relocation of complementary departments to the building for efficiency purposes. Based on program information, phasing assumptions, and preliminary renovation scope definitions, the total project budget, if funded, is estimated to be $23,590,783.

At 63,700 gross square feet, Boulder Creek is slated to become dedicated solely to CCD purposes. Plans include moving the Health Sciences and Nutrition programs to the building, which are both currently located off campus. A cafe run by the Nutrition program is planned for the building, as well, creating a neighborhood and campus hub with opportunities for revenue generation, identity enhancement, and social engagement. CCD administrative departments currently housed in the Administration Building are also expected to relocate to Boulder Creek. The initial phase of the remodeling and office moves are expected to begin in 2018.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

AURARIA WELCOMES

August 22 & 23

Auraria Welcomes is a fun opportunity to connect with students and show our “One Auraria” teamwork and pride.

During the first two days of fall semester, volunteers are stationed around campus to answer questions and help students locate classrooms, department offices, and campus services.

A required training will be held the week of August 15th to pass out materials and t-shirts (location and time to be announced).

Sign up by August 5
www.ahec.edu/AW-sign-up
50th Anniversary Culminates with Summer Soirée

On June 4th, MSU Denver wrapped up its 50th anniversary year with one final celebration—the Summer Soirée.

The event brought together local government luminaries, including Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, as well as alumni, friends, faculty, and staff to celebrate MSU Denver’s history and to support undergraduate student scholarships.

The Summer Soirée provided an opportunity to involve a wide range of groups, departments, and individuals in the event. MSU Denver’s Los Correcaminos mariachi band welcomed guests as they arrived on campus, while pedicabs gave free campus tours before dinner. Hospitality, Tourism, and Events students supplied delectable appetizers, while inside the giant event tent, a jazz ensemble from MSU Denver set the stage for the evening with its vibrant playlist. As part of the program, the audience was also treated to two speeches by students who benefited from scholarships.

View photos from the event »

Qatar Prime Minister Celebrates Son’s Commencement with Visit to Denver

The University of Colorado Denver hosted a dignitary at their spring graduation: the Qatari Prime Minister Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani. The primary reason for his visit was to celebrate the graduation of his son, Sheikh Nasser Al Thani, who received his B.S. degree in Management and Human Resource Management from the CU Denver Business School. In addition, the prime minister spent considerable time learning more about CU Denver’s academic programs and discussing possible partnerships between his nation and the university.

Barb Weiske was interviewed by Confluence Denver in May about integrating the Auraria Campus into the core of downtown Denver.

Read the article »

NEW HIRES

Roger Astorga
Custodian
Student Facilities Services

John Daly
Purchasing Agent
Procurement Services

Jenny Goetz
Supervising Teacher
Early Learning Center

Heidi Jackson
Controller
Business Administration

David Jackson
Custodian
Student Facilities Services

Jennifer Kerber
Media Specialist
Academic Support Services
Prime Minister Al Thani spent Friday with students at the spring Engineering Senior Design Competition. In addition, he learned about academic programs at a luncheon with members of CU Denver’s leadership team, including CU Denver Chancellor Dorothy Horrell, Provost Roderick Nairn, Vice Chancellor of Advancement Andrea Wagner, and Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs John Sunnygard.

At the luncheon, the prime minister emphasized his desire to forge even stronger relations with CU Denver. “We want to continue our relationship with this university and look at how to enhance and strengthen that relationship,” he said.

Auraria Sustainable Campus Program

The Auraria Sustainable Campus Program (ASCP) is a small team with a big job. Led by the Auraria Campus Sustainability Officer Liz Swanson, the ASCP team truly follows the Guiding Principle to “Make an Impact” on campus.

This tri-institutional program may be most recognized for outreach events, such as the fall Sustainability Fair or Earth Week in the spring, but “invisible” efforts to expand awareness, implement campus-wide projects, work with Denver community programs, and carry out big-picture strategies have made a huge difference for the Auraria Campus.

According to Swanson, “The vision and potential for the ASCP is to become more embedded across AHEC departments in terms of sustainability, working with many different departments in different capacities.” For example, the ASCP-led energy upgrade project saves the campus over $100,000 annually.

Loki Jones, ASCP Program Assistant, and Program Ambassadors Ida Nazeri and Laura Philips-Strain, create awareness and unify student groups and faculty around campus sustainability by giving class

HUMBLE HEROES

Pictured from the left: Laura Phillips-Strain, Ida Nazeri, Elizabeth Swanson, and Loki Jones

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

July 22, 2016
AHEC Employee Appreciation BBQ
1–2:30 p.m.
5th Street Garage, 3rd Floor

August 22, 2016
Fall Semester Begins

August 22–23, 2016
Auraria Welcomes

September 5, 2016
Labor Day (campus closed)

September 14–15
Fall Fest

November 21–27
Fall Break
(no classes, campus open)

November 24
Thanksgiving Holiday (campus closed)
presentations, organizing events, hosting outreach tables, writing their newsletter, and curating social media.

The ASCP team embodies the “Own It” Guiding Principle. What started as an effort to integrate recycling on campus has grown into a full-fledged program across multiple platforms of sustainability.

**ASCP Accomplishment Highlights**

**Bike Parking**—The ASCP plays a role in campus planning efforts to make it more pedestrian and bike friendly. For example, the covered bike parking in the Tivoli Garage offers bike commuters safe and convenient bike parking.

**Waste Mitigation**—The ASCP’s comprehensive Tivoli compost program is still growing. Eventually, they want to expand it throughout campus.

**Energy Upgrades**—The ASCP has worked to implement more sustainable energy use in various locations on campus.

**Food and Gardens**—The Connect Auraria Community Garden serves the campus and community, providing fresh food in an urban environment.

**Reduce Carbon Emissions**—The campus institutions—CCD, CU Denver, and MSU Denver—signed the ACUPCC pact to reduce campus carbon emissions, with the goal of a 20 percent reduction by 2020.

View the 2015 ASCP Annual Report »

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

**Sgt. Neil Hamilton**

**Auraria Campus Police Department**

Although born in Texas, Sergeant Neil Hamilton has called Colorado home since he was five years old. He served four years in the Marine Corps, stationed mostly in San Diego—a city he loves and credits as having the mildest weather in the United States.

Hamilton’s time in the Marines inspired him to transition to the police force where he could apply the skills and experience he gained during his service. He joined the Auraria Campus Police Department in 2008, and was named a “Traffic Safety Champion” in 2015 by the Colorado Department of Transportation. He exemplifies the “Respond with Urgency” Guiding Principle. Last year, he made 216 traffic stops, which resulted in 24 arrests for impaired driving. He’s responsible for 65 percent of all DUI arrests on campus. He received the award at a ceremony in May.

Even when Hamilton’s not on patrol, policing isn’t far from his mind. He’s currently working on a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and

**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

The **Auraria Early Learning Center** has openings in their preschool and kindergarten classrooms for fall 2016.

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Hamilton and his wife have a one-year-old son, Deklan, whom they adore. One of their favorite things to do as a family is explore the mountains in their pop-up camper. Their top camping locations are Carbondale and Breckenridge.

**FAVORITE FOOD**
Lasagna

**FAVORITE PLACE EVER VISITED**
Venice, Italy

**BEVERAGE OF CHOICE**
Strawberry Lemonade

**INFLUENTIAL PERSON I’D LIKE TO MEET**
Alive: Bill Gates
Deceased: Albert Einstein

**PETS**
Two dogs: D.K. (Detective Krispy) and Koda