



December 17, 2015

President Michael Schill
University of Oregon

Dear President Schill,

The Campus Planning Committee, at our December 10 meeting, discussed the proposed improvements to Hayward Field. As it is the charge of the committee to "advise the University President on long-range campus development with regard to the design of the campus, including buildings and landscaping . . .", we are very interested in the Hayward Field project and eager to offer suggestions, especially at the project periphery where changes will interact with the existing (and proposed) campus structure and with the greater community.

Understanding that the Hayward Field project will be developed under the Track Two, PHIT system outside of the normal campus planning process, the Campus Planning Committee offers the following suggestions to the Hayward Field design team:

1. Do everything possible to facilitate implementation of an east/west pedestrian pathway at the south edge of existing Hayward Field. This important connection has been highlighted in the soon-to-be published Campus Framework Vision Plan, and investment has been made in the western section of the path by the Jane Sanders Stadium project. This pathway will provide important access to and from campus from the east, and its potential for improving pedestrian circulation (and services) at Hayward Field events is great. The committee also encourages the team to carefully consider this pathway in relation to the crossing of Agate Street at or near to the 17th Avenue intersection.
2. Carefully consider the opportunities for enhancing the pedestrian environment at Agate Street and especially at 15th Avenue, which has been identified by the Framework Vision Plan as a pedestrian-first open space. Except for the entry plaza at the intersection, these street edges currently read as blank walls. The opportunity to enliven the edges with human activity is tremendous and would contribute significantly to the streets they help to define.

We hope that these suggestions will find their way to the Hayward Field design team, and we welcome the opportunity to interact with that team as it sees fit.

Sincerely,

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