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From: Barnes Bierck [mailto:sludge1@mindspring.com]
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To: Town Council
Subject: Campus Master Planning and Town/Gown Interactions

Dear Mayor and Town Council:

Since appearing before you briefly, I've been doing some follow-up, researching processes for town/gown interactions on planning.

I wanted to point out what I think is some interesting and helpful information.

The architecture firm that is working for UNC has done campus master planning at other schools, and an interesting example is Carnegie-Melon, the report for which is here: http://www.cmu.edu/planning/master_plan/
The report for the Carnegie-Melon plan discusses a very interactive process with the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding neighborhoods, that included meetings at the beginning to set goals and objectives. (Other information on the firm and campus plans it has worked on are here: http://www.asg-architects.com/fs_creating.html , with some information on other campuses here: http://www.asg-architects.com/fs_comparing.html.)

It seems to me that this approach in Pittsburgh with Carnegie Melon is very instructive, and is different in a number of ways from the approach to UNC's master planning and to Carolina North, which is noted by the architect here: http://www.asg-architects.com/fs_creating.html, and which also exists as a powerpoint presentation.

This information ties into my suggestions for considering Programmatic Environmental Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment approaches.

I'm really impressed with the hard work and rigorous thinking that all of you folks are doing.

Best regards,

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