

September 9, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: University of Utah – Red Butte Garden Horticulture Compound

Issue

The University of Utah requests authorization to proceed with a project to provide new horticulture facilities for the development and growth of Red Butte Garden. Approval is requested to design and construct a 13,400 square foot Administration Building and to perform site work (including the realignment of a roadway) for a future building for vehicle storage. The Administration building will consist of conditioned space containing offices, labs, records, and maintenance.

Background

The attached letter from the University documents the need for this project. The estimated project cost of \$5,300,000 will be funded entirely through donations. Additional operating and maintenance (O&M) costs, estimated at \$100,000 annually, will be funded by revenue generated from Red Butte Garden operations.

The project was approved by the University of Utah Board of Trustees at their August 11, 2015 meeting and will be submitted to the Utah State Building Board for final approval. Legislative action regarding this request is not required because no state funds are being sought either for construction or for O&M support. A site plan showing the location of the proposed project is also attached for your information. University representatives will be present at the meeting to provide additional information as needed.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends Board authorization of this project for presentation to the State Building Board for final approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachments

August 19, 2015

Mr. David Buhler
Commissioner
Board of Regents Building, The Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

**RE: *University of Utah
 Red Butte Garden Horticulture Compound***

This proposed project will provide new facilities to house a wide range of horticulture needs for the development and growth of Red Butte Garden. The current horticulture compound is not a facility, but rather a loose collection of temporary buildings added through the years to house a wide range of horticulture needs that include staff offices, labs, research plant production and growing facilities, perishable materials storage, and vehicle and equipment maintenance and storage.

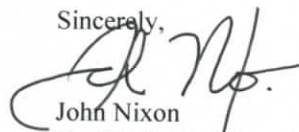
Approval is requested to move forward with design and construction of Building A (the Administration Building), and the roadway realignment and site work required to allow future installation of Building B (Vehicle Storage Building). Building A will consist of 13,400 SF of conditioned space containing offices, labs, records, and maintenance facilities. Building B will consist of 5,150 SF of interior equipment, materials, and vehicle storage space. The project site has been reviewed by the Campus Master Plan Committee of the Board of Trustees and the updated Campus Master Plan was approved by the full Board of Trustees in the spring of 2015.

The proposed total project budget is estimated at \$5,300,000 and will be funded by donor funds. Additional operating budget of approximately \$100,000/year for O&M will be funded by Red Butte revenue.

The University of Utah's Board of Trustees approved this project at their August 11, 2015 meeting and we respectfully seek your support of this request and the opportunity to present this project for Board of Regents approval at the September 18, 2015 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



John Nixon
Sr. Chief Administrative Officer & CFO

Attachments: Red Butte Horticulture Site Compound

Cc: Jason Perry, Vice President, Government Relations
 Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management

Red Butte Horticulture Compound – Board of Regents September 18, 2015

