**Questions Log – AAH1604 webinar “Case Study: UCLA Outpatient Surgery and Oncology Center”**

Q: What is the total building square footage?

A: 50,000 Square Feet

Q: What version of the FGI guidelines was the building designed to?

A: That was something the executive architect was responsible for.

Q: What factors determined the choice of exterior building material, i.e. concrete envelope?

A: The developer/contractor made the choice to build a concrete building.

Q: How closely did you work with clinical planner and at what point did you start to work together? Were the changes you proposed major?

A: We had a number of design meetings early in the process. It was important to get their input early in the schematic design process.

Q: On the Second Floor where are the changing rooms for the OR staff? Where does the red line begin?

A: On the second floor, the changing room is located to the left of the fire stair.

Q: Does the natural light come in the back of house corridor?

A: Yes. There is a long clearstory window, which you can see in the rear elevation drawing.

Q: There appears to be very minimal support space allocated for eight operating rooms. How was clean storage, staff support etc. handled for the surgery suite?

A: The back of house area is wide enough to accommodate storage along the entire exterior wall below the clearstory windows. On the entry side hallway of the operating room area, there is storage for various pieces of equipment, including portable x-ray equipment, etc.

Q: What was the construction budget with and without the parking structure? How long was construction?

A: Construction budget for the building was $22,000,000.00. Construction of the core and shell was 16 months. The TI work took approximately 6 months.

Q: Other than building material and planter, what are the mechanical and ventilation aspects contributing to the indoor air quality?

A: The lobby is used as a chimney to naturally ventilate the space. It rarely needs to be mechanically conditioned.

Q: How many cars were you able to park?

A: Total parking count is somewhere around 310 spaces.

Q: I noticed they kept the bamboo ceiling in the garage!!

A: Very observant, you are correct.

Q: What was the design concept for using so much cast in place concrete?

A: Developer/contractor request.

Q: Beautiful and thoughtful project! Question: I heard that the automated parking system has had issues, has it been solved and would you still recommend it?

A: You are correct; it had and still has a few bugs. We identified the problems and I would recommend the system as long as the bugs finally get resolved.

Q: What is the solar power used for? What is the percent of total power?

A: The PV’s power approximately 20 percent of the electrical power for the building.

Q: The use of bamboo seems different from the surrounding environment. Is there a special reason for the use of bamboo? Why was bamboo the choice of wood/nature used in the building?

A: Bamboo was selected because of its sustainable qualities and it was a nice contrast against the concrete building.

Q: How did you conduct the user group meeting? Did you have any other medical planner except George Pressler?

A: George conducted and ran all the user group meetings. We made building design, interior finishes and furniture selection presentations.

Q: Did you have User meetings in the planning process? Can you speak a little about how the spaces/departments were planned?

A: Yes, many user meetings. George made organizational planning decisions while working closely with our team.

Q: How many people are employed in the building?

A: I’m not sure. If I had to guess, I would 135.

Q: Did you use a sustainable system for this project? LEED, Living Building, etc.? If so, can you talk about how it drove the design?

A: Yes, LEEd was used. For my firm, LEED played no role in the design process. I’m not a fan of LEED for reasons which I won’t go into now. Please feel free to call my office, I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Q: The building has sun shades to control the sun but it appears that the lobby area has a glass or clear roof. Is that correct?

A: No, the glass lobby ceiling is fritted glass.

Q: Further clarification to the FGI Guidelines question. In California, building departments are required by state law to enforce the requirements of the California Building Code, and while FGI can be used for certain design criteria, it cannot be used for review and permitting of projects. Secondly, OSHPD-3 requirements apply to hospital outpatient departments such as this project.

A: This would be a question for the medical planner.

Q: Another clarification regarding Georgle Pressler. George Pressler was a long time California healthcare planner. Unfortunately George passed away in 2012.

A: You are correct and he will be and is missed as a colleague, friend, and an expert in medical planning.

Q: FYI George Pressler passed away in January of 2012....that should have been noted.

A: We published a book on the building which is dedicated in the memory of George Pressler, FAIA. I nominated George for an AIA Fellowship in 2011; he was elevated by the College of Fellows in February 2012, two weeks after he died.