

**MINUTES OF
THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
March 20, 2007**

Members Present: Lashaway Acting-Chair, Burns, Butler, Garnick, Johns, McIlhattan, Rutherford (ASMSU), Rimpau, Stump, Thull, York

Members Absent: Dooley, Johnson, Miles

Members Excused: Jacobsen

Members Represented: Drummond for Banziger, LaCrone for McCoy, Lashaway for Roloff

Guests: Al Bertelsen – Director Strand Union; Mandy Hansen–CEPAC–Alternate, Karen Hedglin, Facilities Project Manager; Dave Skelton - Bobcat Track and Field Association; Robert Putzke – Director – University Police

The University Planning Board met beginning at 3:30 pm, to discuss the following:

ITEM No. 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 6th, 2007 meeting were approved.

ITEM No. 2 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

No action was reviewed by the UFPB Executive Committee.

ITEM No. 3 – BOBCAT PLAZA – FINAL DESIGN AND MATERIALS

The site and two-phased concept received approved on April 18, 2006. Dave Skelton, Bobcat Track and Field Association returned to present the final design (from Prugh & Lenon Architects) and material selections for the 7000 square foot plaza. Material colors will coordinate with the color palette seen in the Stadium Complex. The 14-foot-by-14-foot grid is constructed of flatwork in an alternating pattern, with new tree plantings interspersed with seating giving the plaza a finished appearance. The finished appearance will allow for fund raising to move forward. One grid, selected within the plaza, will be a focal and starting point for the red engraved donor brick and pavers. Likely, some of the flatwork and perimeter of the plaza will also bear an exposed aggregate for additional visual texture.

Displaced ADA parking is to be removed prior to the start of this phase of the project, and be replaced under a separate phase in coordination with Parking, Sport Facilities and Auxiliaries. Concerns for the fiber optics and irrigation waterlines have been addressed, as have the removal of some existing trees on the site.

Stump made a motion that the Board recommend approval of the proposed design and material selections as presented, it was seconded by Johns and passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4 – BIKE RACKS AND REGULATIONS

Butler and Lashaway presented background on the “no-ride” zones on Campus, including the area inclusive of the Centennial Mall. It was noted that during the design of the Mall, the intent was to concentrate the bike racks at the east end, and near the SUB (not yet constructed). A serious bike

accident on Campus resulted in the “walk-don’t ride” recommendation and racks were placed outside of this “walk” zone to deter people from riding to the racks. Most bike traffic is now noted to be more courteous concerning pedestrians, but some areas still experience a high volume of bikes tied to columns and trees, especially near the Library.

It has been determined that the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) in conjunction with University Parking and Police, examine the bike regulations and parking issues. At present, the “no ride” rule is not emphasized on the Mall unless there is recklessness. Parking outside of designated bike racks is also not significantly enforced. It was noted that there is a wide range of opinion on this issue. One significantly opposed to maintaining the “no ride” zone, in essence sending the wrong message regarding the encouragement of alternative transportation, and one significantly opposed to doing away with the “no ride” at all. Enforcement of regulations is critical to their success, but that enforcement must also be reasonable. Consensus is for the Campus to remain friendly to alternative modes of transportation while providing conveniently placed bike racks.

A proposed rack at the northeast corner of the SUB, one between Renne and Reid, and all future rack pads need to be designed to a more plaza effect to conform to aspects and the intent of the Mall. Implementation of rack pads could begin in phases starting spring 2008. Rutherford (ASMSU) will work with PTAC, University Parking and Police to review any regulation implementation requirements.

ITEM No. 5 – CHEMISTRY RESEARCH BUILDING – LANDSCAPE

Lashaway presented information regarding landscaping for the new Chemistry Building. Siting the Chemistry Building in its final location was intended to begin to define the north edge of a main east/west pedestrian corridor, from Herrick Hall to Linfield Hall. The original intent was to integrate the landscaping plan for the Chemistry Building project into a coordinated landscaping concept/plan for the overall corridor, and the site drawings approved by the UFPB indicated that some amount of trees and shrubs would be installed by the project. However, development of an overall concept was not available during the Chemistry Building design (and is still not available). Therefore, rather than try to guess at some type of above surface (i.e., trees and shrubs, etc) landscape configuration during the Chemistry Building design, the project team agreed that it would be best to only include site restoration in the form of final grading, top soil, irrigation and hydro-seeding (turf), in the project bid and resulting construction contract.

Given the project required the removal of approximately 42 mature trees, the initial criticism was somewhat offset by noting that the building project would implement the first phase of the long-term development of an east/west pedestrian corridor. Therefore, it may be appropriate to ask the project team to consider contributing to that effort in the form of some above surface landscaping and/or funding toward the planning effort to develop the long-term plan for the east/west corridor.

Johns moved that Facilities Planning, Design & Construction ask the chemistry Building project team to propose some appropriate amount of landscaping, beyond the contracted simple site restoration, and/or some appropriate contribution toward future development of the proposed corridor planning. The motion was seconded by Rutherford and passed unanimously.

Non-AGENDA ITEM No. 1 – CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Lashaway and Butler presented status updates for several Campus construction projects.

- SUB Renovation has begun with Swank Construction. The south addition to the SUB is presently cordoned off, and an article is scheduled for the Bozeman Chronicle on March 21st, 2007. April 2nd Avogadro's is scheduled to close down and on April 8th, the main Union Market closes for the remainder of the academic year. The food court in the SUB basement will still be open with daily specials and additional seating provided. The dining halls will also be available for breakfast and lunch at a cost of \$5 for staff and students.
- The Black Box Theatre is scheduled to be complete mid June to July 2007.
- The H&PE Complex will have its pool unavailable for the summer; however, the project is slated for completion October 2007.
- Gaines Lecture Hall goes to bid in April 2007.
- Gaines Hall is still in the current bill for capital construction.
- Facilities will soon issue the 2007 MSU Campus Summer Construction Map.

This meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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