

**MINUTES OF
THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
April 1, 2008**

Members Present: Agre-Kippenhan, Bovard Tiberi, Banziger, Blunck, Butler, Everts, Lashaway, McIlhattan, Miles, Rimpau, Stump, Thull, York, Hansen

Members Excused:

Members Represented: Linda LaCrone for Tom McCoy

Members Absent: Bristol, Dooley, Garnick, Jacobsen, Roloff, Sharrock, Yarnell

Guests: Victoria Drummond, Megan Bergstedt, Candace Mastel, Mike Cavaness (ASMSU)

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

ITEM No. 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from February 5, 2008 – Banziger moved to approve the minutes and Lashaway seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without changes.
- Approval of minutes from February 13, 2008 – The minutes were changed to reflect the vote for the motion regarding Chemical Storage. Everts, Jacobsen, McIlhattan, and Butler opposed the motion while Bristol, Agre-Kippenhan, Garnick, Blunck, Dooley, and McCoy voted for the motion. Walt Banziger abstained from the motion. Clarification was also provided in that the meeting continued after McCoy and Dooley had to leave and a further motion was presented and approved unanimously. Rimpau moved to approve the minutes with the discussed changes and Banziger seconded. The minutes were approved with the discussed changes unanimously.
- Approval of minutes from February 19, 2008 – McIlhattan moved to approve the minutes and Thull seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved without changes.

ITEM No. 2 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There are no executive committee reports.

ITEM No. 3 – Informational update - HOWARD HALL SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPE PLAN

This item originated in 2001, first as a building renovation and now it is just a building sign. A group of constituents have been consulted on the decision and drawings that are being presented to the committee. Planning didn't want to solely have a sign, but make it an inviting area by adding landscaping, benches, etc. In regards to landscaping, we need to make sure that the shrubbery around the entrance doesn't interfere with any security issues (people hiding in them, for example). Candace Mastel informed the committee the specific plants are of the "dwarf" variety and won't grow to more than 3 feet high, so the security was taken into consideration. The walkway lighting needs to be included in the drawing as well.

Susan Agre-Kippenhan added some clarification about the sign by stating that a lot of activities are actually going on inside of Howard/Reynolds and that the music department wanted the sign to be informative. The sign will be a moving sign with red lettering to inform students, faculty, staff, the community, etc. of what happenings are taking place. The sign is specifically for advertising special events, not just the daily activities of the building. The sign will be on all of the time and the departmental staff would be in charge of the information that is displayed. With the installation of this sign, the Howard Hall building sign will have to moved to the other side of the sidewalk, which is fine.

ITEM No. 4 – Informational update - FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION (FDC) SIGN STROBE LIST

These buildings will be added to the list. The strobes are triggered by an alarm.

ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation - LOCATION SELECTION FOR THE NEW OUTDOOR RECREATION BUILDING

There are 3 sites available for the new Outdoor Recreation Building:

Site #1 – Intra Shop

Site #2 – 19th and Lincoln
Site #3 – Roskie Beach

When choosing the 3 different sites, several things were taken into consideration including the use of the intramural fields, the campus master plan, future roadways, availability of electrical, and availability of egress.

ASMSU had an MOU that stated 3 specific requirements:

1. They want to discourage the removal of any green space
2. The building needs to have adjacent parking
3. The location of the building needs to be conducive to student access.

This MOU was completed between ASMSU and Auxiliary Services so that Recreation could be re-located in order to begin renovation on the SOB.

Site #1 was voted on by ASMSU because of its proximity to campus/residence halls, there is adjacent green space, and there is adjacent parking. If this location is chosen, the current first-aid hut that is located in that area will be moved into the new Outdoor Recreation Building. Lashaway stated that the committee needed to take into account that residence halls may be going up in the Roskie Lot sometime in the future, with an underground parking garage or parking somewhere in the area. It seems, in this case, that Site #2 might be for long-term use because of the outdoor space available for storage/expansion, if necessary. That space also has the potential to become a parking garage into which the building could be incorporated. For Site#2, green space is available, proximity is not as good, electric is available, but sewer may be difficult to tie into. Brenda York supports Site #1 because of its proximity, especially considering the growing number of war veterans. Lashaway supports either site as long as the streams are preserved when opened up as well as the 9 intramural fields.

Lashaway moved that the project proceed to develop the building site around Site #1. There is still a lot of detail and development left to be done, but Site#1 does work and fits in with the campus master plan, as long as provisions are made for the stream when it does open up in the future. Jeff Butler seconded the motion. No comments were made and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6 – Discussion - UFPB’S ROLE RELATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY’S SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

President Gamble signed a commitment to sustainability along with 300-400 other university presidents. There is also the 20/10 initiative that requires state entities to have reduced energy usage by 20% by the year 2010. Jeff Davis has all of the information regarding the initiatives and sustainability. He will present his power point to the committee at the next meeting. Mary asked if there have been any budget changes to accommodate these changes. A plant fund could be set up that addresses conservation. Also, other universities have added a student sustainability fee that will charge students and then the university will match those funds. Tiberi has said that ASMSU is going to propose a student sustainability fee that they are going to take to the Board of Regents for an application next fall. Thull thinks that MSU should be forward-thinking in this respect and Agre-Kippenhan agrees. Susan Agre-Kippenhan would like to pose the question to President Gamble of how UFPB will be involved. For example, where the planning process is involved, do we have the right to charge people with a certain sustainability requirement? Currently, many engineers and designers in Montana have not become involved in sustainability, but as it becomes more prominent, these kinds of things will be automatically built into their designs. Agre-Kippenhan believes that we need to pose the question to President Gamble as to how this committee is suppose to approach future requests. Should UFPB now be looking at everything through a “sustainability lens”? What kind of position does UFPB have to provide direction?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

cc: Geoffrey Gamble, President
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