

**MINUTES OF  
THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
April 29, 2008**

Members Present: Susan Agre-Kippenhan, Garret Vo (ASMSU), Blunck, McIlhattan, Stump, Thull, York, Jacobsen, Everts

Members Represented: Lashaway for Roloff; Linda LaCrone for Tom McCoy; Victoria Drummond for Walt Banziger

Members Absent: Bristol, Davis, Dooley, Rimpau, Sharrock, Yarnell, Butler, Miles, Garnick

Guests: Victoria Drummond, Debbie Drews, Karen Hedglin, Megan Walker, Tom Morrison, Jon Haas, Lisa Duffy, Kari Janikula, Mandy Hansen

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

Meeting started by Bob Lashaway. He suggested moving item 8 forward to accommodate the MDT guest.

**Agenda Item No. 8 (reviewed first) – Recommendation – Authorization to execute the Right of Way agreements with the Montana Department of Transportation (on the May BOR agenda)**

Victoria Drummond and Bob Lashaway presented impacts to MSU with the MDT road improvements project scheduled this summer affecting College Street and S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. John Haas of MDT was present to answer questions about widening the secondary highway, which impacts MSU. Additional right of way request to include curb, gutters, turn lanes, road widening, and the following:

- Right turn in only and right turn out only from Garfield and Lincoln onto S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- The project continues Babcock to Kagy
- There are no left turns on S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. between College and Kagy project
- Traffic lights are not warranted at this time
- Some trees are to be removed from the right of way
- A new fence will be repositioned on the west side of S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. (a 32" woven wire topped with two barbed wire strands)
- South of College on the east side of S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. there are 10' wide paths for bike and pedestrians separated from the road by a green boulevard.

The Fish, Wildlife and Parks folks had a concern about the trees, so instead of a ten foot wide combination bicycle/pedestrian path, it will be a five foot wide path. Regarding the restricted left turn into housing from S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., people will figure out how the traffic works and make it work for them by planning their route and not all the housing units on campus will be impacted, only twelve or fifteen units. South 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. will be two lanes each way with a raised median for safety.

Bob Lashaway moved to accept; Michael Everts seconded; no discussion; those in favor-6; that opposed-1; those abstaining-2.

Chairman Susan Agre-Kippenhan arrived and resumed the meeting with Agenda Item No. 1.

**Agenda Item No. 1 – Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from March 4, 2008 –Sharon McIlhattan moved to approve the minutes and Bob Lashaway seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without changes.
- Approval of minutes from April 1, 2008 – Jim Thull moved to approve the minutes and Sharon McIlhattan seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

**Agenda Item No. 2 –Executive Committee Report**

There was no action from the executive committees to report.

**Agenda Item No. 3– Recommendation- Chemistry/Bio-Chemistry Building: Tree Cookie Display**

Megan Walker described the tree cookie as a three inch slice of a tree showing the rings of the tree's life. The cookie was taken from the oldest tree removed from the Chemistry/Bio Chemistry building site. Big Sky Institute prepared the cookie and sanded it down and worked on the display. The display board is 60 inches wide and 40 inches high with the tree cookie in the middle of it. There are dates off to the right that

correspond to specific tree rings. It is a tribute to the tree and marks the growth of the Chemistry field. The Chemistry Department came up with the dates and the verbiage. It can be ready to go up within the next two weeks. It will be located in the main lobby. Because it is going to be displayed in a public space, the UFPB is required to approve the placement. Bob Lashaway moved to accept and Kurt Blunck seconded. The vote was unanimous – The motion passed.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4– Recommendation-Chemistry/Bio-Chemistry Building: Donor Recognition**

##### **Sign/Art**

Megan Walker presented a sign/art request for the Chemistry/Bio Chemistry atrium area to the right of the Byker Auditorium, consisting of two plaques as a tribute to the Bykers who made the auditorium possible. The plaque base is a plywood panel two inches deep and the assembly which is probably an inch and a half to attach to the concrete column.

Parts of it are lit up, but they are LED lights, very cost efficient. The cost for two pieces is \$36,000.00. The process is the same as commissioned piece of art work, but the money was donated. The designs have not come before the UFPB before. Byker, a major donor, is the inventor of the electro chromic mirror process which is utilized the rear view mirrors that automatically dim when someone from behind shines a bright light. The panel uses this process and acknowledges his contribution to science.

Bob Lashaway moved to accept and Linda LaCrone seconded. Discussion: Chair was concerned about this as precedence, said a fine line between donor sign and art, and suggested establishing standards for future. The UFPB should have been involved earlier. We should have a donor process. Vote – those in favor-7; that opposed-0; that abstaining-2; the motion passed.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5– Recommendation-Request for exception to Campus Air Conditioning Policy**

Victoria Drummond and Jeff Jacobsen presented the request to allow use of window air conditioning units in the office of the Dean of Agriculture (room 201-204 and 212-216) of Linfield Hall.

Options considered:

- Evaporative coolers
- Portable ac units
- Montana Hall retrofit
- Continue what we have been doing – open windows and fans

It will allow the rest of the policy to stay intact and just extend it on a case by case basis while we are reviewing the new policy. Bob Lashaway moved to extend the policy for one more year to allow grandfathered units through March 2009; Jim Thull seconded. There was no discussion. Vote – those in favor-8; that opposed-1(Garret Vo); the motion passed.

The second request for a blanket exception covering all of North Linfield to allow all other occupants to fund and have Facilities install window units for summer use was withdrawn by Jeff Jacobsen.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6– Recommendation-Comments and Review of the Animal Bio Science Building**

Debbie Drews introduced the building. The committee met in October to discuss the USDA research building located next to the Animal Bio Science Building. The purpose today was to look at how the elevations have evolved. The latest designs received a positive reaction from the Committee; the design with the extended/overhanging parapet was the preferred choice as the unanimous view was that the ‘faux’ mansard roof doesn’t really work on this building.

The Committee acknowledged that the Architects had improved the detailing on all elevations especially the west, which was lacking previously – and that the latest designs were a big step forward.

The porch/entrance area is the only part of the design that was disliked by the Committee, as it felt like an add on. It was discussed that as this was on the north side of the building it would be dark and did not represent a very welcoming entrance. Debbie Drews suggested bringing in some symmetry with the adjacent animal bioscience building and opening up the porch area with steel encased columns rather than the ‘modernist’ brick walling detail. The columns could be on the north and east side of the structure and give a nice view into the adjacent building and to the relocated Creek area – it could provide a nice linkage between the two buildings.

Bob Lashaway suggested sending UFPB comments to the architect and then in two weeks review it again. They are trending in the right direction.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7– Recommendation-Two antenna recommendations from the Telecommunications Antenna Committee**

Victoria Drummond presented the request for two antenna applications. The antenna requests are for MSU internal use. The dish will go on the west side of Culbertson Building, installed by Facilities, not on the roof; the same as the existing one. Due to the late hour (5:00 pm) and the questions – it was suggested to not take action and continue the item to 05/13/08.

The second request was presented by Tom Morrison, ITC Network Systems Director. There will be no recurring costs from Cutthroat for the backup Internet service to MSU, and the small antenna will be located on the northeast exterior corner of Leon Johnson Building. The antenna provides back up Internet access that right now is only a single connection that runs under S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. This is critical now before the MDT Road Improvement Project this summer. Linda LaCrone left before the antenna vote. Bob Lashaway moved to accept, Jim Thull seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The new service drive for Fitness Center and Romney Gym item on the original schedule will be discussed at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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