

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
June 10, 2008**

Members Present: Susan Agre-Kippenhan - Chair, Walt Banziger, Kurt Blunck, Jeff Butler, Allyson Bristol, Mike Everts, Mandy Hansen, Brad Garnick, Mike Pasque -ASMSU, Jim Rimpau, Tom Stump, Brenda York

Members Absent: Scott Davis, Dave Dooley, Jeff Jacobson, Jim Thull

Members Represented: LaCrone for McCoy; Lashaway for Roloff

Guest: Candace Mastel

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

ITEM No. 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from May 13, 2008, Kurt Blunck moved to approve the minutes and Tom Stump seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

ITEM No. 2 – Executive Committee Report

There was no action from the executive committee to report.

ITEM No. 3 – Recommendation –Culbertson dish – continued from May 13, 2008

Butler presented the continuation of the May 13th meeting request for a satellite dish on the roof of Culbertson to provide a news link. The request required the penetration of the new roof which Facilities would like to avoid if at all possible. Butler and Stump looked into acquiring the news service without the penetration of the roof. They found out initially that the estimate of \$15,000 to pull cable from Prior Hall was incorrect; it would be only half the amount that was stated. Stump made enquiries to Bresnan, but has received no word back on what it would take to get a feed into Culbertson from their line that runs overhead along College Street. MSU has a contract with Bresnan where typically we provide the conduit and run the cable and Bresnan hooks the cable up at the site. This allows MSU to pay a greatly discounted monthly rate. Butler suggested that if the cable arrangement is successful, he would go ahead with it and report back on it at the next meeting.

Lashaway moved, as a contingent plan to the cable effort, that we approve a roof mounted antenna so that it doesn't have to return to the committee if the cable plan cannot be accomplished. Stump seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 4 – Recommendation – Hosaeus Fitness Center building sign lighting installation

Banziger introduced the recommendation, a request by Melanie Stocks. With the remodel and the relocation of the existing exterior sign of the fitness center, we have had a request to install ground lighting to light the sign. The additions of lighting for signage previously approved by the board were the SUB, the Police Department and entry signs to the campus. Butler explained the way we have functioned in the past is that the building sign standard does not include lights because of energy consumption, light pollution, sustainability and the fact that most of our building signs are readable by pedestrians due to sidewalk lighting. The guidelines that we have used in the past were that Facilities would provide light if people from off campus need to regularly attend public functions in the building at night. This applies to the Police Department and special events held in the Black Box theater and the Reynolds Recital Hall. The fitness center does not typically host public events. The sign is not in the dark because of walkway and street lighting.

The questions before the board are:

- o Do we approve the illumination of the fitness center sign
- o Whether or not to establish a standard of whether or not we should illuminate other signs throughout campus; such as the Black Box Theater, Haines, Howard Hall, and Reynolds Hall

Lashaway moved to deny the sign to be lit. York seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Banziger insured the standard of not lighting signs will continue to be incorporated into the guidelines.

ITEM No. 5 – Discussion – Mall Bike Policy

Blunck presented the following: The Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC), a standing committee of the University Facilities Planning Board (UFPB), recommends that the “No Ride Zone” on the Centennial Mall be repealed. In moving for repeal, PTAC has taken into consideration the following:

1. The “No Ride Zone” was implemented concurrent with the removal of Garfield Street thru the heart of the campus core and construction of the vehicle-restricted Centennial Mall in ~1996. The “No Ride Zone” was implemented in response to speculative concerns regarding mixing high numbers of pedestrians with bicycles in the center of campus and a then-recent bike/pedestrian accident in the area west of 11th Ave. The UFPB agreed to establish a “No Ride Zone” to assuage those speculative fears.
2. As a practical matter over the years, MSU Police have found the zone virtually impossible to enforce. Consequently, the mall is regularly used by cyclists and there is no deterrent affect that can be developed. Signage deployed to demarcate the zone is ineffective and an eyesore.
3. There have been no cyclist/pedestrian accidents on the mall since its completion.
4. There have been no reported cyclist/pedestrian accidents in the No-Ride zone in over 10 years and very few elsewhere on campus in that time. Accidents involving cyclists are almost exclusively limited to vehicle/cyclist accidents, most of which occur at crosswalks – approximately one per month – and few of these involve any injuries.
5. The vast majority of cyclists using the mall are observed to be riding courteously, safely and responsibly.
6. In the future as the university begins to address sustainability issues, PTAC will be exploring ways to encourage alternative modes of transportation to/from and on the campus. The “No Ride Zone” is perceived by the cycling community as unfriendly to cyclists and contrary to the development of a primary alternative mode of transportation.
7. A subcommittee of PTAC assigned to review the campus bicycle regulations has evaluated the efficacy of the “No Ride Zone” and unanimously agreed and recommended that the zone should be repealed.
8. Bicycle parking on the mall is a separate issue from the “No Ride Zone” and will properly be considered separately in the future.

Lashaway moved to repeal the no ride zone on the mall. Stump seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation - Fitness Center and Romney Gym new service drive

Butler presented the recommendation as a solution to turn the current contractor’s staging area into a service drive for the following reasons:

- o Currently there is no service drive for Romney Gym
- o There is only a secured access to the back of the Fitness Center

Banziger stated that there is not a better place to put a service drive at this point in time without either relocating Veterans Park or interfering with the access around Romney Oval. There is no opportunity to put it on either side of Romney to adequately serve this area. The area east of the Fitness Center is currently in disarray from the construction work and it would be easily converted over to the recommended service drive.

Pasque (ASMSU) noted that ASMSU leadership desires to be very cautious about how we treat existing green spaces on campus and requested more time from the board to discuss the service drive with the ASMSU. It was decided to table the item until the next UFPB meeting. Butler and Banziger will meet with the ASMSU to discuss the recommendation.

ITEM No. 7 –Recommendation – LRCDP final sign off continued from May 13, 2008

Banziger presented the Long Range Campus Development Plan proposal that went before the EOC yesterday. The College of Agriculture had requested that their lands be depicted on every single drawing, itemizing their use throughout the Master Plan document. To do so would dilute, or distract away from the purpose of the maps.

The Executive Oversight Committee approved inserting in chapter three a drawing that shows existing agricultural research and teaching in the academic section. The second drawing is a bubble diagram which goes into chapter four identifying the different districts to include the agricultural lands. There is a ten year build out in chapter five which shows how the College of Agriculture will be affected, the next drawing will show how they will be reduced some more in the twenty five year period and then the final vision that was agreed to eventually utilizing the lands to the far west for housing, to the south for auxiliary services and support services and to the north for academic research. The EOC agreed that this was an adequate proposal and met the intent. Going back and revising every drawing would draw away from the intention, so they have agreed that this should come back to the UFPB for approval and be incorporated into the LRCDP.

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Candace Mastel went through the text changes. The text packets were in order of chapter and pages within the chapters. The first sheet reflects that when we speak of land west of 19th, we are mostly referring to agricultural lands. The goal to the right of this will basically state this is university land and used as MSU sees fit, not how the city of Bozeman wants to utilize it. The key was that the right side goal was specific to the left side premise. The second sheet represents that there is no key to alphabetize and that will not be changed. The third sheet reflects a bullet point inserted and a new sentence in the left column under *Agriculture element strategies include: Create Agricultural Endowment*. On the fourth and fifth sheets, there were no changes approved.

Tom Stump moved to include the changes as we have noted them and as the EOC has recommended them into the final book and send it to President Gamble for endorsement. Jim Rimpau seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Those in favor: 14

Those opposed: 1, Jeff Jacobson by proxy

This meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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