

**MINUTES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
October 14, 2008**

- Members Present:** Walt Banziger, Kurt Blunck, David Dunbar - ASMSU, Jeff Butler, Brad Garnick, Mandy Hansen, Tom Stump, Jim Thull, Brenda York
- Members Absent:** Susan Agre-Kippenhan - Chair, Allyson Bristor, Scott Davis, Jeff Jacobson, Mary Miles, Jim Rimpau, Allen Yarnell
- Members Represented:** Banziger for Michael Everts; Lashaway for Roloff; Linda LaCrone for McCoy and Dooley
- Guests:** Todd Eliason, MSU Alumni Assn.; David Singel, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Victoria Drummond, FPDC; Candace Mastel, FPDC; George Thompson, FPDC

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

**ITEM No. 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walt Banziger chaired the meeting and introduced David Dunbar as the new ASMSU Senate representative for UFPB. Brad Garnick moved to approve the minutes from September 30, 2008. Kurt Blunck seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2 – Executive Committee Report**

The Executive Committee received a request from an Architect Master Thesis student, Neil Baggett to place a temporary structure outside of Cheever and Haynes Halls for approximately two weeks. The Executive Committee approved the request as long as he met the following criteria: Jon Ford approved it; the time limit was two weeks; he would install it within a week from approval from the committee for the installation; he would clean up the project when he was done; the School of Architecture would cover the cost for any removal; and he would use all materials that were purchased, not scavenged. Banziger will be giving the approval of the committee with the conditions this week.

**ITEM No. 3 – Recommendation – Review locations for chemical storage containers**

Walt Banziger explained that this item came to UFPB eight months ago; two temporary chemical storage container units were placed outside the Chemistry Biochemistry Building for one year. FPDC was charged to look for a possible permanent location for the chemical storage units. The chemicals were originally stored in Gaines. With the Gaines renovation, it was determined that the chemical storage facility should not be placed back in Gaines because of accessibility, cost in creating two-and three-hour walls for such a facility, and the majority of users of the chemicals are located in the Chemistry Biochemistry Building, so it would be appropriate to locate the facility in that general area. Dr. David Singel stated the chemicals are mainly, but not solely, used for research. George Thompson's charge was to look at the original site and the alternative sites and bring his findings to UFPB which would make a recommendation on how to proceed.

Program requirements: readily accessible to the research community and faculty, ability to accept mass quantities of materials (truck deliveries), one FTE staffing component (currently the staff is located inside the building), regulatory requirements, site location with regard to security, site and building containment issues (you cannot build it cheaper than the current containers), design issues such as card readers, ability to discourage stockpiling chemicals causing code violations, and aesthetics.

Thompson presented his findings and suggested three areas:

- Faculty Court, a remote location. There is plenty of area, but accidents increase as well as the cost of transportation the longer and farther you have to carry chemicals.
- Behind Leon Johnson reflects fewer users and an uneasy path for access.
- The current location, behind Chemistry Biochemistry, has a number of advantages such as it is already there, back of the building, and 50% of the chemical use is from this building.

Banziger explained that what is requested from the board is a two-fold answer:

- Whether the board approves or not the current site behind Chemistry Biochemistry becoming a permanent site.
- And if it is approved as a permanent site, guidance from the board in making recommendations in terms of site design issues that should be addressed if this is an approved site.

Linda LaCrone stated for the record that the Provost and Vice President of Research are backing the approval of the recommended location behind Chemistry Biochemistry.

Dr. Singel stated there will be no need for additional storage in association with Gaines because it has a very small chemical footprint. A .6 FTE technician is required now, with the advantage of the rest of the building keeping an eye on the container. If a remote site is chosen, that would increase to a full FTE or 1.6 FTE. The temporary units are designed specifically for chemical storage.

Banziger remarked that from a planning perspective, based on the charge that UFPB gave to FPDC last time to go back and work with the client to find alternative locations as Thompson described, the complications of putting it in remote sites, the Chemistry Biochemistry falls back into something that would be appropriate. Its location is a service area in the building; therefore, FPDC felt that UFPB wouldn't object to the site being used permanently as long as the details of it are defined and it is screened properly.

Lashaway moved to recommend that the current site be used as the permanent site for these facilities and Tom Stump seconded the motion.

Dr. Singel believes the chemical footprint will never need to grow. Expansion will be achieved by managing inventory more efficiently.

Permanent screening was suggested to soften the site to include the chiller, but then there would be no access to the service area. It was discussed that screens do not always do what they were intended to do and often simply change the look, not improve it.

Lashaway amended his motion to read that UFPB would approve this location for the permanent site for the modular structures contingent upon a satisfactory screen wall design and plan for construction. Tom Stump seconded the motion. The motion passed:

12 yes (Dooley proxy vote)  
1 abstain (Everts proxy vote)

#### **ITEM No. 4 – Informational – Update regarding S. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements**

Robert Lashaway gave an update from discussions with the City of Bozeman regarding the possible change of land use from Carmike Theatres to a Town & Country grocery store.

The city desires to develop S. 11<sup>th</sup> to uniform collector standard from Lincoln to south of Kagy, which is the standard MSU has through campus. S. 11<sup>th</sup> is slated to be a Collector Street in the Bozeman area Transportation Plan and it's currently being updated by the City; therefore, it is not scheduled to be a minor arterial or an arterial in the future. It is unlikely that the City would require total reconstruction to widen this section to the standard 45 foot collector width from its current width of 44 feet. The City will probably work with people from Town and Country with their frontage, restripe, and remove the parking on both the east and west sides of the street between Lincoln and Kagy, and install bike lanes and two travel lanes.

Modifications/improvements to S. 11<sup>th</sup> have direct impact on MSU and the City engineers agree they should discourage improvements that encourage more community traffic thru campus. That may have more impact going south of Kagy with Town & Country.

The City engineers have reviewed the traffic counts out of the Town & Country development study. The intersection at S. 11<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln by the field house meets one warrant for traffic control, so the city will ascertain whether MSU can implement a four way stop right of way or not.

The Transportation Plan indicates that the intersection at Kagy and S. 11<sup>th</sup> meets two of the eight warrants for traffic control, so they will review roundabout as well as signalization. Roundabout will have right of way issues. Since Kagy is part of the Highway system and S. 11<sup>th</sup> is part of the urban secondary highway system, it falls under the jurisdiction of MDT. Prior to designing, funding and installing controls, MDT would have to determine that the warrants have been met and controls are justified. Occasionally, the highway department looks at an intersection that meets warrants but determines that control of the intersection is not justified and there are other things that can be done; but, not likely in this case. It may be stipulated for the development of Town & Country prior to occupancy that the City would have to exercise the controls at Kagy or have a

plan and funding in place to do that. That doesn't mean that the development itself would pay for it or be involved with it, but it may be a stipulation on their occupancy.

MSU used to have a lot of traffic backup at the intersection of S. 7<sup>th</sup> and Kagy until the City put in a slip lane so you can turn right. Once the city did that, the backup went away and the delay warrant wasn't met any longer, so signalization at S. 7<sup>th</sup> will not be pursued until the traffic increases at that location again.

The City of Bozeman voted in late September to pursue a roundabout at S. 11<sup>th</sup> and College to begin design. They are now soliciting an engineer and talking to the property owners while hoping to start construction next year. The city is also willing to work with MSU so MSU can develop the center of the roundabout with some kind of gateway entry for MSU. MSU would then be responsible to maintain it. College and S. 8<sup>th</sup> is also being looked at for a roundabout.

#### **ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation - North Campus Landscape Development Plan**

Candace Mastel presented the request for recommendation of the North Campus Landscape Development Concept Plan. This is an effort generated by the Facilities Planning and Maintenance that was meant to develop in response to maintenance issues in this area, which is Montana Hall to Johnstone Center and between Herrick and Linfield Halls, and where to apply money that would be in Maintenance funds to help redevelop sidewalks. That is how this plan began by Jeff Butler who wanted to take a look at opportunities and constraints in these areas and how Facilities Planning and Maintenance might beautify, enhance and improve very simple things like circulation with appropriation of funds for upgrading everyday maintenance items. It grew into a response to the Long Range Campus Development Plan and how we might approach future projects while improving this within the bigger plan and also every year with sidewalk improvement plans, how service drives are addressed, and how landscaping is replaced. The North Campus Landscape Development Plan responds to all these things, and also bigger, long term plans over the next fifty to seventy-five years.

CTA created a plan that established opportunities and constraints such as screening areas that were not attractive like the service drive; address pedestrian circulation issues and also emergency vehicle circulation issues; old buildings with odd entrance locations as well as some new buildings, non functional issues were taken into consideration also like aesthetics. CTA paid respect to the formal relationships of the historic buildings and also the potential they have to create interesting new spaces. Another good thing that came from this is how, with the improvement of the north side of Leon Johnson, MSU can reinvest in this area and make it more walkable, enjoyable, and scenic. In the middle of the drawing is the potential for a great gathering space with some nice transitions, sidewalks and plaza; and also, to pay homage to the front of Montana Hall improving the whole approach.

Walt Banziger stated there is some flexibility built into the concept plan: there is some phasing that can take place the way that it is designed, and if we choose to modify any parts of the LRCDP, there will be some flexibility to do that also. This concept plan also makes this area more of an entrance, both for pedestrians and for vehicles, and connects north/south with a semiprivate public space in conjunction with a possible new development along College to the north. The hope is that someday when Johnstone goes away, we open that up through the college and it becomes a formal portal for pedestrians to enter campus from the north side that looks up the hill at our signature building, Montana Hall. This plan is readdressing some of the aesthetic issues in front of Montana Hall by dressing it up smartly with a mini plaza or a rival area, so we can have a nice approach and a gathering space paying respect to the formality of the building. The long term goal is to create an area that has just as much importance as Centennial Mall, but with a very different feel. The walkways are smaller in width; it will feel subordinate in design to Centennial Mall, but it will get people where they need to go, address the circulation issues, and helps line up the formal relationships with buildings.

By using this concept plan, as Maintenance moves forward doing projects, what is being done will not be torn out in a year or ten years or before it has lived its useful life. It will help get things like walkways, lots, and plans for landscapes included into new construction projects. By being conceptual, it generates enthusiasm, but is flexible in design; little things can easily be modified, because what is wanted is the general idea, not the details. For example, the general idea of the double loaded sidewalk going wide all the way up to the center point and getting narrow as it heads up to Montana Hall.

Mike Everts liked the formality of the plan but was hoping to see more defined open space as in the vertical area instead of the concentration of trees on the horizontal area. Mastel explained that those areas are variables; the concept for which she is seeking recommendation is as follows:

Taking the functional aesthetic considerations into mind, gaining UFPB's approval for a realignment of circulation routes, paying respect to formal relationships, alignments and building locations, creating pedestrian plazas and interesting spaces for people to gather, and usable spaces in the landscape while taking into consideration emergency and service access, along with the importance of the view portal in and out of campus, the importance of the

intersection of the two green belts, and the creation of a formal lawn area that highlights the entry portal and view up the hill to Montana Hall.

Brad Garnick moved to approve the concept and Brenda York seconded the motion.

A discussion followed: If the concept was approved, the process to come up with the concept would be complete and then become part of the future Landscape Master Plan; we would then use it in the future as a guideline.

The motion passed unanimously. (Everts proxy vote)

**ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation – Bobcat Sculpture Location**

The same drawing was used by Candace Mastel on this item as was used by Candace on item 5. Candace presented this item for Lindsay Schack.

On August 5, 2008, UFPB approved the recommendation for the Alumni Plaza Location, a location for the Bobcat Sculpture project. After much consideration, the alumni Association and FPDC determined the appropriate location for the sculpture. The sculpture itself is meant to serve as a focal point for school spirit and to acknowledge the contributions of alumni and students and people involved with the university on a level that is important for the survival of the university, so they wanted to have a special space on campus with the sculpture commemorating those people. The space was also meant to respect future plans for campus. They wanted to respect the Long Range Campus Development Plan and work with FPDC in that regard.

The spot chosen will hopefully be a new focal point on campus at the axial intersection of the two corridors. This was thought would be the perfect location for a plaza and for situating a sculpture. It wouldn't be in the middle, but off to the side where you could approach it and be in a physical room of its own in the landscape. This site would have an amazing view of Montana Hall and off to the distance, the mountains. The sculpture would be extremely visible and people could interact with it in a space that was accessible from both routes. It would become a new interesting space on campus because of the icon.

Todd Eliason, MSU Alumni Assn., appreciated working on the project with the Facilities team. They examined four sites on campus and had an opportunity this past Sunday at the Alumni Association Board meeting to look at the North Campus Landscape Development Plan that Mastel had presented and the specific site she is recommending for the placement of the sculpture. The entire board was very excited about that location, especially after the board walked over to look at the site. The board was looking for a place of spirit, tradition, and home for current students, for alumni, for the generations. Having a place with the university mascot and the hero building behind it and likely be in the picture was an extraordinary concept for the board to consider about that potential site. The other sites were the south side of Montana Hall, The Romney Oval, and the roundabout that would be located in front of the SOB Barn on Garfield. Once the Alumni Association was aware of the location proposed today, they became enamored with it.

UFPB had approved the general concept of this piece coming to campus and now the development of a specific location is being proposed. This would be the reservation of the site similar to what UFPB did with the Native American Student Center when they reserved their site. The design of the sculpture will go to the Public Art Committee and then come back to UFPB for approval.

Robert Lashaway moved to recommend approval of the requested site location, i.e., the intersection of the two main pedestrian concourses southeast of the main entry to the Chem-BioChem Building. If the sculpture does not materialize within a five year period, UFPB will revisit the site reservation for this purpose.

Jeff Butler seconded the motion.

The vote:

11 Yes (Mike Everts Proxy)

1 No (David Dunbar)

Dunbar offered reasons for the no vote: He thought MSU was trying to emulate the UM and he does not see the location as being the central focus of campus today.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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