

**MINUTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
January 6, 2009**

Members Present: Susan Agre-Kippenhan - Chair, Walt Banziger, Kurt Blunck, Jeff Butler, Michael Everts, Mary Miles, Jim Rimpau, Tom Stump, Jim Thull, Brenda York

Members Absent: Allyson Bristor, David Dunbar, Dave Dooley, Brad Garnick, Mandy Hansen, Allen Yarnell

Members Represented: Duffy for Jacobsen; LaCrone for McCoy; Lashaway for Roloff

Guests: Scott Hedglin, Dowling Sandholm Architects; Ben Elias, CTA Architects Engineers; David Singel, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Victoria Drummond, FPDC; Karen Hedglin, FPDC; Dennis Raffensperger, FPDC

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

ITEM No. 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Rimpau noted a spelling correction, then moved to approve the minutes from December 9, 2008. Tom Stump seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with changes noted.

ITEM No. 2 – Executive Committee Report

There was no action from the Executive Committee to report.

ITEM No. 3 – Informational – Review Changes to Verizon Antenna

Victoria Drummond presented the information. On December 22, 2008, Verizon notified MSU that the antenna model specified to replace antennas currently attached to the rooftop and penthouse of Leon Johnson Hall had been discontinued. Verizon selected an alternative antenna model that was approximately three feet shorter than antenna specified.

The replacement antennas will not impact the previously submitted Harmonic Study, nor will it affect the construction plan or increase the number of building penetrations. The project is scheduled to start January 7, 2009.

ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation – Proposed New Chemical Store Bldg. in Service Court at CBB

Karen Hedglin introduced the recommendation to approve the conceptual site plan. The University received a Howard Hughes Grant which funds the renovation of Room 54 in the Chemistry Biochemistry Building (CBC), that will begin the first of March 2009, and a new structure in the service court area of the same building. Based on use and constraints, Hedglin recommended placing the new structure off the parking lot, screening the two hazardous storage buildings.

The new structure will house dry goods (glassware, goggles, gloves, etc.) currently stored in Room 54. The exterior materials of the new structure will match the existing CBC. The City of Bozeman has approved the location, site plan and the occupancy rating of “S.”

Scott Hedglin, Dowling Sandholm Architects, explained that due to the classification of the existing chemical storage containers, there has to be maintained a fifty foot separation to the CBC. The City of Bozeman will allow MSU to consider the Chemical storage containers and the new structure as a single complex; therefore, no part of that complex can be within fifty feet of another structure. A small amount of sidewalk will be lost and some grading issues to be worked through in that location, but the benefit will be to screen the other two unattractive existing storage containers with a structure that matches the existing CBC and meet the function of the user.

A discussion about student traffic in regard to the specified amount of sidewalk removal followed: David Singel, CBB, stated that the sidewalk is rarely used. Kurt Blunck remarked that the plan will not impact ADA parking at all. Linda LaCrone stated that Dr. McCoy and Dr. Dooley are in full support of the location. Jeff Butler interjected that just because we suspect the sidewalk is not heavily used, doesn't mean it is not used at all. If the sidewalk is moved, the only option left would be to walk through the parking lot. Jim Thull asked if the dimensions of the building could be changed. Scott Hedglin said the balance point needs to be maintained, but maybe the structure could go higher. Project progress has to be shown by February, according to the grant. Chem stores is now being boxed up and moved to a temporary location until fall. Walt Banziger felt from a planning perspective, that the service court would be the best place for the structure. Brenda York expressed concern over the ADA requirements being met, so Facilities will seek acceptable solutions. The site plan approval is needed today, or the grant will be lost.

Jim Rimpau moved to approve the conceptual site plan as presented. Mary Miles seconded the motion.

The vote:

8 Yes (David Dunbar Proxy)

6 No (Agre-Kippenhan, Banziger, Butler, Everts, Stump, York)

ITEM No. 4 – Recommendation – TBI Renovation at 6th Floor Leon Johnson

Karen Hedglin introduced the recommendation to approve the conceptual design for a renovation on the sixth floor of Leon Johnson Hall for the Thermal Biology Institute (TBI). The areas being renovated are assigned space to TBI, with the exception of the elevator lobby. The project consists of two remodeled modern research laboratory spaces; an office remodel, which will also address circulation issues; and the renovated elevator lobby.

Ben Elias, CTA Group, explained they will be making the elevator area more welcoming and it will assist with wayfinding. There will be a sense of arrival at a place that studies biological organisms and a feeling of interaction when you arrive. When the elevator doors open, there will be a curving wall with metal panel that could be used as a magnetic display surface. Another element is a translucent panel box with color change lights that change at a very slow scale. The third element is a working space where you can place a computer console, which visitors would be allowed to utilize (check email or quick check something). Also, there is a display case that potentially has flat screen monitors in it showing some of the latest work TBI is working on or other groups within the floor, and closed in glass display cases. The curved ceiling serves as a wayfinding back to the TBI office suite and the conference room. The goal is to start construction in summer of 2009.

Michael Everts moved to approve the conceptual design as presented. Tom Stump seconded the motion.

A discussion followed about who would be responsible for the maintenance: Technology will be maintained by the department; and the motion was amended to include Facilities will be involved in the selection of and design of the finishes for which Facilities will be responsible.

The motion passed unanimously. (David Dunbar proxy)

This meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning, Design and Construction

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ASMSU President
Patricia Chansley, Assistant to the Provost
Cathy Conover, Vice President, Communications & Public Affairs
Lisa Duffy, Assistant to the Dean of Agriculture
Victoria Drummond, Associate Planner
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