

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
May 25, 2010**

Members Present: Susan Agre-Kippenhan - Chair, Walt Banziger, Jim Becker, Jeff Butler, Brad Garnick, Mandy Hansen, Linda LaCrone for Tom McCoy, Robert Lashaway for Craig Roloff, Mary Miles, Ed Mooney, Tom Stump, Brenda York

Members Absent: Kurt Blunck,* Allyson Bristol,* Michael Everts,* Joe Fedock,* Jeffrey Jacobsen, Jim Rimpau,* Jim Thull,* Kasey Welles – ASMSU, Allen Yarnell

Guests: Victoria Drummond, Candace Mastel - Facilities Planning, Design & Construction; Amy Chase, Jill Davis, Alta Howells, Errol Schumann - Students for Danforth Park

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes

Brad Garnick moved to approve the meeting notes from May 11, 2010. Jeff Butler seconded the motion. The meeting notes were approved unanimously.

ITEM No. 2 – Executive Committee Report

Walt Banziger made a clarification regarding the *Sound Guidelines*, a recommendation discussed on May 11, 2010. The guidelines were designed and written specifically for equipment physically attached to the building. The guidelines refer to building operation noise, not the occupant or equipment within the building.

ITEM No. 3 – Consent Agenda - None

ITEM No. 4 – Recommendation – Danforth Park Re-Design

Candace Mastel requested the board recommend approval to implement the Iris Garden and Danforth Park Re-Design with flexibility regarding plant material and bench design. This project came before UFPB informally on August 18, 2009. Jill Davis, Alta Howells, and Errol Schumann gave background information and addressed their hope that the first phase of the project will have a ripple effect by the community and future students to cherish the space and take care of it as the first students did. The Students for Danforth Park has been working since August 2009 to secure a final design and funding for implementing Phase One of the renovations. This phase focuses on the following:

1. New bench and prune existing landscape, new signage
2. A re-visioning of the landscape with lighting and sundial
3. Create an informal amphitheater sitting space east of Iris Garden
4. Extend the path toward the east

Discussion opened with questions regarding the new sidewalk on the east side, seating material and design, the sun dial, size of the garden and ADA accessibility. Brenda York said the garden needs to be accessible to all students and varied mobility. Susan Agre-Kippenhan stated that it would be good to have a sense of the phases, as in the order of things that are being done as funding is acquired, and whether ADA accessible pathways are a high priority or not. It was noted that the polymer sand fill around the separated stones would make the path as accessible to wheel chairs as a cobblestone street, but the west entrance is still too steep for ADA current standards. Rather than approve individual phases, Walt Banziger suggested a proposal for the entire design, and the Students for Danforth Park would work internally with FS and FPDC on the phasing, design of elements, and bring things large in scope back to UFPB or to the Executive Committee. Robert Lashaway pointed out that Victor Stanley is the contemporary standard for benches and UFPB should keep that in mind instead of going in the direction of teak benches. However, an argument could be that this place is unique and historic so that it could have a different type of bench. It was suggested that the circular concept was agreeable to all including UFPB, but not the materials (metal vs. wood seating), which the Students for Danforth Park will have to work out with Facilities. Jeff Butler suggested tabling the amphitheater, because it would delay any action possible for the Iris Garden at this meeting.

The Students for Danforth Park stated they would like to proceed with the first phase by removing the overgrowth, revisiting the bench design, re-landscaping, and possibly signage and lighting.

Jeff Butler made the motion to move to approve the Iris Garden concept design with the condition that the details of the design would include FS and FPDC coordination with their approvals and input; that the amphitheater is excluded from this

approval; and at some point a plan would be given back to the UFPB regarding the phases and show the handicapped accessible pathway as a priority. Tom Stump seconded the motion; it was approved with the following vote:

Yes: 16 including the proxy votes of Kurt Blunck, Ritchie Boyd, Allyson Bristol, Mike Everts, Jim Rimpau, and Jim Thull
Abstain: 1 – Brenda York

This meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

*Member who submitted proxy

VCD:da

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Jody Barney, Budget and Fiscal Director, Office of Dean and Director
Patricia Chansley, Assistant to the Provost
Cathy Conover, Vice President, Communications & Public Affairs
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