

**MEETING NOTES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
September 24, 2013**

**Members Present:** Walt Banziger - Vice Chair, Kurt Blunck, Susan Fraser for Glenn Duff, Greg Gilpin, Mandy Hansen, Ritchie Boyd for Martha Potvin, Fatih Rifki, Tom Stump, Cara Thuringer, Brenda York

**Proxy:** Michael Everts carried by Fatih Rifke, Julie Tatarka carried by Ritchie Boyd

**Members Absent:** Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Allyson Brekke, Jeff Butler, Linda LaCrone, Chris Fastnow, Bob Lashaway, Jim Luebbers, Jim Thull

**Guests:** Gavin Lommatsch, Andrew Kaltenbach, Maureen Michaud, Jeff Hix, Billy Dubois, Candace Mastel, Duane Morris, Steve Erickson

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

**ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes**

Stump moved to approve the meeting notes from July 16, August 13, August 27 and September 10, 2013. Thuringer seconded the Motion. The meeting notes were approved unanimously.

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

There was no action from the Executive Committee to report.

**ITEM No. 3 – Consent Agenda**

No items.

**ITEM No. 4 – Information – Romney Greenspace Master Plan Update**

Candace Mastel presented an update of the Romney Greenspace Master Plan. CTA has produced three perspective images and one plan for our use. They are not commissioned to do any further work as far as development. Mastel would like to do that in-house over the winter. The Board approved the plan in March, but had some issues that needed to be addressed before the plan was finalized.

Bike rack locations were included in the plan to meet or exceed current requirements, and they are integrated into the landscape design so they look like part of the site planning. The plan does not show the expansion that may never happen for Traphagan Hall. The tree layout scheme was pursued. As trees die or need to be removed there will be successional plantings that come in their place but will be planted in a more appropriate manner to accentuate the quad design. Some small trees in the middle will be relocated to a better location. This plan was developed with the University Arborist and EJ Hook based on the inventory of tree covering. A special event venue was expressed on the northwest side and the team discussed what the site could accommodate and it was proposed that a smaller venue is more appropriate based on user input. It was based on a more balanced use. A pedestrian connection will be provided from Veteran's Park to the Romney Greenspace and opened up on the back side. Small vehicles will still be able to access to Renne Library and the space will be shared with pedestrians. A landscape class has chosen to develop the SUB west plaza as an exercise for a larger site development project. They will be looking at solving some of the problems given to them for what happens in that space.

York expressed that the SUB area is so heavily used and is becoming a problem. Blunck also expressed that he's hesitant to use that space as a gathering place because of the vehicular and pedestrian interaction. Banziger commented they are currently working on a project with ITC to redesign their area with the possibility of taking one of their main delivery requirements and moving it off site. There would still be some deliveries to the library, but the daily deliveries of computers might be able to go away. Rifke emphasized that the priority is the pedestrian but that service can be accommodated as well. Currently, it appears to be a driveway rather than for pedestrians. Thuringer expressed concern with the danger to pedestrians in that area and believes deliveries should be carted in rather than brought in by a truck. Banziger reminded the Board that this is an informational item and that the intent of the document is to show the artist rendering of what could be there. Rifke added that pulling the trees more toward the buildings rather than the sidewalks will make the space more useable and that removal of the two cypress trees in front of the entry to Romney Gym is a great idea because you don't see the main door. The growth of the trees is working against the main idea of a processional from Romney Gym to Montana Hall. Stump expressed concern about the decision to reduce the capacity for the public event venue. The President wants the public to

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utilize campus as a venue for the community and he believes the planning group has overstepped its boundaries by limiting the size of the public event venue. When comparing the square footage with the Fieldhouse, 4,000 people will easily fit in that space. Banziger replied that issue can be brought back to the planning group for further discussion. The service area will also be further explored. The Master Plan will remain as presented.

#### **ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation – Naming of the Hedges Suites**

Tom Stump presented an overview of the new names for the Hedges Suites. For about 8-10 years Suites One and Two were called the “New Buildings” and were changed to Suites One and Two when they were no longer new. Suite One will be renamed Madison Hall, Suite Two will be renamed Jefferson Hall and the new residence hall will be named Gallatin Hall. They are in the same order as the rivers that come together to form the Missouri River, which is the SOB Barn. He would like the complex to be known as the “Headwaters Complex.” A sign will be placed in the oval denoting that the area is the Headwaters Complex and each building will have its own individual sign. Jefferson was the President at the time of the Louisiana Purchase and ordered Lewis and Clark to come out here, Madison was the Secretary of State that negotiated with the French, and Gallatin was the Secretary of the Treasury. Rifke clarified in the proposal that Jefferson is to the west, not the east. Rifke moved to approve the names as suggested and the area as Headwaters Complex. Stump seconded the Motion to rename these residence halls and place a sign in the green oval area indicating the area is “Headwaters Complex.” The Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **ITEM No. 6 – Recommendation – Timber/Logger Sports Club Location**

Candace Mastel presented an overview of the request for a Timber/Logger Sports Club location. This is a new club with potential funding and they would like a space for outdoor activities. They need electricity, storage, and a place for events. The original proposal was near Bobcat Stadium, but it is not a preferred site. West of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the Melvin Graduate Art Studio was suggested, but it is for Research only. New locations need to be investigated. Gavin Lommatsch presented an overview of the club and what they would like to do. He was part of the team in Flathead and would like to get one started here at MSU. They would like to offer the following events: singlebuck, doublebuck, axe throw, horizontal chop, vertical chop, choker race, obstacle pole, power saw, pole climb, log rolling and limber pole. They have safety equipment and chopping stands. The arena at the University of Montana has an area approximately 180 ft x100 ft. The club needs a designated area similar in size to the University of Montana, a locked building for storing equipment, a power outlet, water spigot, truck access, and exclusivity. Ideas for the future are to have a pond or channel for log rolling, climbing poles, and the ability to host competitions. Mastel questioned how many people usually come to the events and Lommatsch replied it depends where it is. In Missoula there are 100-150 competitors and about 200 people throughout the day. There are currently 24 members. It was questioned if they had to be on campus to be funded. They do not have to stay on campus, however, the benefit to staying on campus is proximity. They will continue to work with Drummond on a new location. The recommendation will be shelved until a new location is identified. Email comments and questions to [msuloggersports@gmail.com](mailto:msuloggersports@gmail.com).

#### **ITEM No. 7– Informational – Temporary Antenna on Wheels**

Banziger presented an overview of the temporary antenna on wheels. It is to expand cell service for emergencies and exuberant fans. The problem at the home opener was that cell phones were rendered useless. It is one 25 ft pole to get through the season until the permanent Distributed Antenna System (DAS) is installed next year.

#### **Update on Sites for the New Residence Hall**

The recommendation for the site selection has been extended for another two weeks so there is time for feedback from the campus. Locations will also be presented to ASMSU a week from Thursday. Thuringer commented about statements the senators received from students. They were very concerned with impact to parking and supportive of picking a site that would support additional parking. Thuringer contended that site A was popular for a new freshmen dorm, students opposed Family & Graduate housing being reverted back because it is a preferable living environment, and some did not like site F because of the green space issue. She recommended presenting the entire map and all the potential sites to students because there is a lot of differing opinions regarding the distance from dining services. Banziger mentioned that they are compiling comments from the presentations at the SUB, dining halls, Public and Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee. They have also met with Steve Erickson and Matt Caires about the impacts on site F and how it would affect the intramural and club sport use. Thuringer suggested they talk to Ryan Diehl, Director of Outdoor Recreation, as he has plans to expand his facility. She also mentioned that students did not respond well to the UFPB and Facilities created analysis of potential sites and suggested letting the students pick their own pros and cons. ASMSU passed a resolution two years ago about how all new buildings need to achieve LEED Silver and so that needs to be considered. Thuringer will find the resolution to make sure she is correct and for UFPB to look at. Comments will be gathered over the next two weeks for UFPB to make a recommendation. The site presentation will not be taken to Professional Council, Staff Senate or Faculty

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Senate as they are relying on the membership of the UFPB to take the information to those groups. If anyone would like a presentation they need to schedule it with Banziger and Stump before the next meeting.  
This meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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