

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
March 25, 2014**

Members Present: Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Walt Banziger - Vice Chair, Kurt Blunck, Michael Everts, Greg Gilpin, Mandy Hansen, Tom Stump, Carsten Kirby, Brenda York, Fatih Rifki, Martha Potvin, Robert Marley, Ritchie Boyd, Chris Fastnow

Proxy: Bob Lashaway for Terry Leist

Members Absent: Glenn Duff, Julie Tatarka, Jim Thull, Allyson Brekke, Jeff Butler, Brett Gunnick, Renee Riejo Pera

Staff & Guests: Rebecca Barney, Kate Hall, Candace Mastel, Gary Gramer, Sam DesJardins, Andy Allen, EJ Hook, Bill Walker, Glenn Duff, Randy Stephens, Jillian Bertelli, Victoria Drummond, Butch Damberger, Justin Puuri, Jake Scott, Jason Smith, Adrian Sanchez, Daniel Hodun, Kathy Powell, Erik Garberg, Brian Teats, Susan Dana, Kregg Aytes, David Singel, Megan Bittinger, Allison Banfield, Kevin Amende, Clem Izvrieta, Jeanne Marie Callahan, Kristin Blackler, Todd Kaiser, Kathy Osen, Shelly Shroyer, Mike Lynch, Susie Beardsley, Steve Erickson, Maureen Michaud, Grace Dazler, Colin Shaw, Jeff Heys, Dale Huls, (others not signed in possible)

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes

Stump moved to approve the meeting notes from March 11, 2014. Potvin 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 – Informational – Residence Hall Update

Andy Allen presented an update on the new Residence Hall design and schedule. Allen explained that there are meetings scheduled with the City of Bozeman, CSAC and Neco, Sports Facilities personnel, and multiple student groups for feedback on design. There are two Question & Answer forums that students and the public have been invited to, on April 2nd 1-2pm and April 16th 4-5pm in the Johnstone Academic Center.

The new Residence Hall will have 400 beds, which are comprised of 70% double rooms, 20% semi-suites, and 10% single rooms. This building is designed to be 4 stories tall, 3 wings with two bathrooms on each wing, lounges throughout the building, and a two story lobby area. There is also an RD apartment, a custodial break room with natural lighting, and laundry and kitchen facilities. Allen explained that the design team visited some universities in Colorado to get ideas, and have reached out to MSU Facilities personnel to be able to incorporate operational and maintenance needs into the design.

The site will extend to S. 15th Ave the west to allow access to the building, 100 parking spaces to the north, and a relocated service drive. The current service drive west of Roskie Hall will be removed and that space will become part of Roskie Beach.

ITEM No. 5 – Informational – College of Engineering Site Presentation and Discussion

Walt Banziger presented the plan for the new College of Engineering building and the site selection. The sites have been considered similarly to other recent projects including the new residence hall and the College of Business building, but the process has been expedited forward by exploring four sites. Three sites are south of SUB, west of Hamilton Hall, and north of the College of Business. The fourth site that was explored is the current location of Facilities Services. The purpose of this discussion and the next two meetings is to take input from the public for a recommendation to UFPB.

The proposed site is the one south of the SUB, bordered by Grant Street, S. 7th Ave and the Hosaeus Fitness Center. The priority issues that are being looked at in developing the site are a building that is about 120,000 gross square feet, beginning

to expand the College of Engineering neighborhood with a possible plaza and presentation hall with connection to the current Engineering buildings. The site next to Hamilton Hall is too small for this size building. Connectivity to campus infrastructure, utilities, transportation, roadways and tunnel systems are also important. Availability of the site to build quickly eliminates the current location of Facilities, based on the timeline to build and amount of time and cost involved in relocating these operations. The timeline for this project is to have the architect on board by the end of June and break ground a year from now. The site north of the College of Business is too far from existing College of Engineering facilities.

Banziger explained that the design criteria for the building includes expanding existing College of Engineering laboratory, classroom, collaborative and study spaces, multi-modal user access for both Engineering students and campus as a whole, buildings connected aesthetically and physically to campus, connectivity to campus utility systems, accommodating current and projected college growth, facilitating collaborative opportunities with other colleges, and room for expansion. The sustainability considerations are compliance with State of Montana High Performance Building Standards for a minimum of LEED Silver construction, consideration of impact on existing natural environmental on campus such as trees, solar orientation, connecting to utilities, transportation opportunities, and being a planned building site in the campus master plan. Banziger reviewed the advantages and challenges of this site that are related to planning, multi-modal user access, experience and environment, staging the activities, and utilities and energy availability.

Banziger reviewed the schedule for public forums and the site recommendation process, then invited questions from the audience. Question 1 - where the building would be positioned on the site; Banziger responded that this would be developed throughout the design process and the site will include an exposed plaza and a presentation hall. The presentation hall concept is still being developed but is essentially a location for different types of presentations to take place. Question 2 - an explanation of "community interface"; Banziger explained that this has to do with anytime there are events that are open to the university community as well as the local community, so both interact. Question 3 - Butch Damberger asked about the impact on parking as it effects the SUB and what the plans are; Banziger replied that whatever parking is displaced will need to be replaced in some manner and somewhere in the vicinity and this will be addressed within the project. Question 4 - if the project would include a parking garage underneath the building, and it was noted that this is an option that could be discussed. Question 5 - if this building would be physically connected to the other Engineering buildings; this is something that has been discussed and may happen, possibly through skyways or tunnels of some sort. Question 6 - if Grant Street is to be closed between 11th Ave and S. 7th Ave; because of circulation in and around campus this is not something that either the University or City has been interested in the past. Question 7 - if the intersection on S. 7th Ave and Kagy will have added turning lanes; there have been ongoing conversations with the City about this and there are plans to widen Kagy, and there is discussion about putting a traffic signal at this intersection sometime in the future. This building may impact these considerations. Question 8 - how many parking spaces are on the considered site; the combined parking spaces of the Visitors and South Gattton parking lot is in the range of 620 spaces. Question 9 - what would happen to the tennis courts that are on the site; the affect on the tennis courts will be considered during the planning process but they would likely be relocated to somewhere in the vicinity, possibly to the south. It is possible that the tennis courts will not be affected. Question 10 - if Facilities could be relocated in phases; this could be considered but the efficiency of the operations may decrease in this process and there would still be a need for a space to move Facilities into. It would still take longer than is ideal to move part of these operations than it is planned to break ground on this building. It is part of the master plan to eventually relocate Facilities Services, but the timeline of this is not developed at this point. The last question asked by the audience was if there is access to sewer, water and electric services at this site; the sewer system may need to be added to, but water and electric are connected to university tunnel system.

Banziger asked for comments and questions from the board as well. Cornwell asked about opportunities for collaborative interactions and spaces and if the board will be looking at design throughout this process. Two committees will be developed to have input on the design process; the first will be a building committee including students, faculty, and staff, and the second is the oversight committee on the VP and Provost level which directs big concept ideas. There will also be public presentations and open forums throughout the process. Hansen asked that if Mr. Asbjornson's gift does not cover the cost of the entire project where the additional funding will come from. The University would need to raise this money and the Comprehensive Campaign is being considered for this matching portion, and this would not have any impact on the Romney project. Jason Smith clarified that Asbjornson's gift is intended to cover the costs of the building, though the related aspects - the presentation hall and plaza - are not included in that amount.

Additional questions and comments after this meeting can be directed to Lauren Sherman-Boemker at 994-5413 or sherman-boemker@montana.edu.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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