

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
May 20, 2014**

Members Present: Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Walt Banziger - Vice Chair, Tom Stump, Jeff Butler, Julie Tatarka, Jim Thull, Carsten Kirby, Bob Lashaway (for Terry Leist)

Proxy: Julie Tatarka for Ritchie Boyd, Walt Banziger for Kurt Blunck, Michael Everts, Fatih Rifki and Chris Fastnow, Tom Stump for Brenda York

Members Absent: Glen Duff, Martha Potvin, Mandy Hansen, Robert Marley, Brett Gunnick, Renee Riejo Pera, Linda LaCrone, Greg Gilpin

Staff & Guests: Victoria Drummond, Randy Stephens, Melanie Stocks

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes

Butler moved to approve the meeting notes from May 6, 2014. Stump 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 – National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Tower Site

Walt Banziger presented a proposed site for an observation tower for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON). This project has been in discussion on campus for about two and a half years, and is moving forward now. NEON is a government research organization that studies different ecological areas across the United States by gathering information on climate with probes in the ground and comparing the areas. In this region they are looking at Yellowstone as a wilderness area, and MSU Bozeman as an urban or suburban area. In 2011, NEON contacted Research at MSU to discuss a potential site; the first site they proposed was the field on the Museum of the Rockies, which was determined would interfere with cultivation of fields and would have push back from the neighbor hoods. With Tom McCoy (previous VP of Research), Andy Hansen (Professor of Ecology) and Jeff Jacobsen (previous Dean of the College of Agriculture), other sites on campus were reviewed. When some of the Family & Graduate Housing houses located on W. College St. and S. 15th Ave were removed, and Facilities Services accepted maintenance responsibility of the area, this site was proposed to NEON.

Over the last year NEON has looked at this site and done soil samples, and have now expressed interest in the siting and moving forward with the project. The new VP of Research, Renee Riejo Pera, has been brought up to speed on this project and is interested and in support of the project. NEON would ideally like to have this tower on the site for 30 years, or at least 10 years, and it has been explained to them that 30 years cannot be guaranteed anywhere on campus. NEON has said that the site could develop around since it is an urban setting that they are looking for. The location on the site would be north of the existing houses, with an agreement that they would have the site unless at some point the university needs to move it; in that case they would find another location on campus or cease the operation. As part of the campus Master Plan, this site may become a parking lot, and eventually academic buildings would expand this direction.

Lashaway added that this is reasonable site for this project at this point. Butler asked what would happen if the university decides to build on this site in five years; Lashaway responded that this will be addressed in the contract with NEON to make sure we have the ability to terminate their operations. Stump added the streets were removed with the houses so no vehicle conflict, and Banziger noted that this site is currently being used as a staging area for the Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship building construction, and could be used in the future for the construction of the new College of Engineering building and Romney project. Drummond asked if there would be a fence around the tower and if the underground probes would be disturbed by any construction in the area. Banziger said Andy Hansen would know more details about this part. This will be brought to a future UFPB meeting as a recommendation item and Hansen will be asked to be at this meeting.

ITEM No. 5 – Recommendation – Replacing Butler Building

Melanie Stocks presented a proposed new storage building and expansion for Sports Facilities. Currently Sports Facilities uses a 30 foot by 60 foot building for storage of equipment for events, but this is no longer large enough for all the items that they need to store. This building is located along the service drive behind the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse and the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center and next to the Tennis Facility building. The new building will be 30 feet by 90 feet, and will have 12 foot side walls which is two feet taller than the existing building. There will be overhead doors on each end of the building, so that there is access to all parts of the building. The current building is light blue, and the new building will be changed to match the color of the Tennis Facility building. The Fieldhouse arena is in construction this summer, so Sports Facilities would like to complete this project while the arena is not being used for events and have it finished for the first events of the fall semester.

Cornwell asked if the finishes of the building could be considered to make the building match well with other campus core buildings, including the upcoming College of Engineering building which will be a neighboring building. Stocks responded that the color of the Butler building will match the Tennis Facility and the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center, and it is in a service drive area. Butler added that the Tennis Facility is a much larger building with metal siding and roof, and matching that building would be affective. Banziger suggested using screening with landscaping, and this may be beneficial in directing pedestrian traffic in a direction other than through the service drive area. There was additional discussion about the orientation of the building and exact location on the site. The things that need to be considered for the site location are the utilities in that area, having a large enough turning radius for vehicles, and the budget for the project. Butler suggested that if the board approves the general location of the building, Facilities Services and Facilities Planning, Design & Construction would work with Sports Facilities to determine the orientation of the building and exact location on the site. In order for the project to be accomplished under the intended timeline, the building can be ordered before the final orientation is determined. Banziger read to the board comments from Michael Everts, which suggested that a design standard for Butler buildings on campus. Lashaway suggested that this project move forward, and that a design standard for storage buildings could be considered at a later time.

Thull moved to approve the general footprint of the building and work with Facilities Services and Facilities Planning, Design & Construction would work with Sports Facilities to determine the orientation of the building and exact location on the site. Stump seconded the motion. The motion passed affirmatively.

The vote:

Yes:	12
No:	2

This meeting was adjourned at 4:40p.m.

VCD: lsb

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