

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD
October 21, 2014**

Members Present: Nancy Cornwell - Chair, Jeff Butler, Michael Everts, Chris Fastnow, Neil Jorgensen, Fatih Rifki, Jim Thull, Brenda York, Julie Tatarka, Glenn Duff

Proxy: Randy Stephens for Walt Banziger, Bob Lashaway and Jeff Butler; Brenda York for Tom Stump

Members Absent: Allyson Brekke, Brett Gunnink, Chris Kearns, Martha Potvin, Julie Tatarka, Greg Gilpin. Kurt Blunck, Shad Cristando

Staff & Guests: Andy Allen, Darryl Curfman, Duane Morris, Todd Jutila, Mike Kosevich, Randy Stephens

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

ITEM No. 1 – Approval of Meeting Notes

Thull moved to approve the meeting notes from September 9, 2014. Fastnow 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

The agenda was reorganized in the following order:

ITEM No. 4 – Informational - Bike Locker Investigation

This item will be discussed at the next UFPB meeting.

ITEM No. 5 – Informational - Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center Update

Randy Stephens presented an update to the Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center (NAIC). This project was brought to UFPB in Spring 2014 for a site recommendation and will be located at S. 7th Ave and Grant Street. Norm Asbjornson, the donor, has highlighted the following goals for this project: push the boundaries, create out of the box thinking, produce a building for the state of Montana and every department on Campus, and it is okay to fail. Since the site selection, A&E Architects, in Montana, and ZGF Architects, out of Seattle, have been selected as the architectural consultants (the Design Team). The recommendation and selection of the general contractor will take place in December 2014. Many work groups and committees have been developed for input on this project. The Building Committee is the primary recommender to the Oversight Committee and President Cruzado, and is made up of a broad campus contingency including student representatives. The two committees that support the Building Committee are the Parking Solution Committee and the Presentation Hall Committee, both of which include local community members. Input will also be taken from the Donor, UFPB, CSAC, and SMC.

The NAIC is intended to open in Fall 2018; programming discussions are targeted for completion in December 2014. The timeline for the parking solution is running concurrently, so that the smallest possible construction overlap between the parking solution and the NAIC is 3-4 months during the summer. Design of the project is following an Integrated Design Process (IDP), involving many disciplines early in the process for collaboration. As an educational opportunity, the student chapter of USGBC will facilitate a LEED charrette (workshop) in early Spring 2015; there will be more educational opportunities throughout the process.

The Design Team has begun to develop some diagrams with the impacts and influences the NAIC can have on campus, and the idea of a “welcoming gateway” has become very prominent. A site diagram has also been developed to start discussing how the NAIC, parking solution, presentation hall, and plaza can be situated on the site. As a critical piece of the Long Range Master Plan, the NAIC will begin to set up an extension of the academic core of Campus. The location of the buildings are pushed as close to the street as possible to emphasis the urban idea of a walkable street, for a more efficient campus.

Jorgenson commented that the pedestrian traffic across Grant Street around the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center and the SUB is already really heavy. Stephens responded that the hope is to be able to improve the circulation in that area and added that there is also a plan for a future SUB expansion, which would impact the Streamline Bus stop location. One idea is to integrate the bus stop with the parking solution, and another is that there may be bridge connections across Grant Street. There would be conversations with Streamline to modify their travel path. Rifki commented that he thinks the new plaza should be linked, at least visually, to the existing plaza area in front of the EPS Building. He also mentioned that if the Streamline stop is on the south side of Grant Street, it is on the wrong side of the street based on traffic circulation. Rifki suggested moving the NAIC to the west and keeping the parking off of Grant Street, so that the plaza can be closer to the intersection of Grant Street and S. 7th Ave. Everts added that one of the main principles of the Campus Master Plan is connection and creation of outdoor rooms on the interior of campus, and have circulation between those spaces as a way to experience campus; he agreed with Rifki's statement about moving the plaza closer to the intersection.

York commented to the widening of W. Kagy Boulevard and the addition of a light at its intersection with S. 7th Ave would be important for the vehicle circulation to and from the building and parking. Cornwell noted that if the plaza is to be used as a performance space, it is important to keep in mind the dimensions of the space, and a fanned shape would work well on the corner of the intersection. Everts also added that there is a pedestrian circulation axis that extends from the west side of the SUB to the south.

Stephens presented the project goals and visions: 'undisciplined interdisciplinary', meaning that reaching out to campus is a way to bring different groups on campus together; "super collaborator" to maximize interaction through community space and opportunities for intersections; building as a teaching tool and evolving laboratories so that it continues to function for the future; a catalyst of innovation and revolutionary thinking is the idea of the innovation center; the idea of an engineering playground where there is experimentation and discovery occurring; outreach and entrepreneurship to support meaningful connections to business; exemplary sustainability with a minimum of LEED Silver with the goal of Net Zero; inside-outside connections with the plaza as program space; campus gateway as this could be the first impression that visitors to campus would have; and Montana sense of place and respond to the uniqueness of the region. Fastnow commented that the NAIC is supposed to be a multi-disciplinary building, so she is really concerned about moving any department offices into this building because the perception of ownership of the building, which can be off-putting to programs and individuals with specific ideas that keep the building dynamic with innovation, and she has seen great examples of successful centers on other campuses. She also asked if this project has been brought to the Steering Committee, and Stephens did not think it had been.

More updates would come back to UFPB for input on the ideas of transparency and engineering on stage. More information about the project can be found at www.msuinnovationcenter.com. Cornwell noted that the Parking Solution Committee and Presentation Hall Committee are not listed on the webpage.

ITEM No. 6 –Recommendation - Haynes Hall Sculpture Yard Storage Containers

This item will be discussed at the next UFPB meeting.

ITEM No. 7 –Recommendation - ROTC/EHHD Performance Lab Relocation from Romney

Darryl Curfman presented the proposed locations for relocating ROTC Army uses and the EHHD Performance Lab. Romney Hall is on the 2015 Legislative agenda for funding to renovate the facility, and as a part of that there is some funding to study how the programs currently housed in Romney can be relocated. Campus Planning, Design & Construction has been developing the requirements of square footages and functions of these programs; the option of co-locating the programs was originally investigated and disadvantages were identified with that solution. More recently it has been proposed to have the programs on two different site locations; the EHHD Performance Lab would be relocated in an addition to the south east corner of the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center, and the ROTC would be relocated to a new building at S. 5th Ave near the Records Management Facility. This proposal has been arrived at through a consensus in meeting with executive committees, Sports Facilities and the Recreational Sports and Fitness Department, ROTC, the College of Education, Health and Human Development, and investigation of impacts on other players in the affected areas, including the Office of Research and Economic Development.

The addition to the Fitness Center will fill in the south east corner between the South Gym and the racquetball courts, will be two stories and will require a separate entrance to the area. There will be a high bay space for the Performance Lab, and an additional single- story space on each of the floors. Initial floor plans have been drawn to investigate square footage and egress requirements, to identify need for stairs and an elevator. Cornwell asked for clarification of

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what existing space will be repurposed in Fitness Center and how this is managed; Morris explained that the existing gym space is not being affected, and the upper floor space is the least used. Sports Facilities and the Recreational Sports and Fitness Department, which manage the building, believe this addition will actually increase the use of the upper floor, and give students additional recreation space after business hours. Curfman added that there is currently about 1,500 square feet of office space on the north west corner of the Fitness Center that is being occupied by EHHD, which could be vacated into the addition.

Cornwell asked how the proximity of the NAIC and the associated parking solution to this addition will be managed, as there is a concern of what the space between the two buildings will look like. Stephens noted that this does need to be addressed, and Everts commented that this is critical to address in relation to the Campus Master Plan. There was additional discussion about the requirement to have an inviting and safe space between the two buildings; Jorgenson suggested that the plaza part of the NAIC could be in this area instead of on the east side of the site to open the space up. Everts asked if there could be a minimum distance required to leave between the two buildings, and Stephens agreed that would be reasonable.

The proposed location for ROTC has two options: Location A is to the south of the Records Management Facility and Location B is to the east of the Records Management Facility. Location A is preferred due to the proximity to utilities and avoiding encroaching on an adjacent lot and negative impact on research in Faculty Court. The new building would be a similar building to the Records Management Building, and has access needs including a roll-up door. The existing sidewalk will remain between the two buildings. Jorgenson commented that access to Location B appears to be more limited.

Fastnow moved to approve the proposed site for HHD, and site A for ROTC, and considerations be taken for transit corridor. UFPB asked that the NAIC Design Team address the space between the site and the Fitness Center with the addition. Everts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 14
No: 0

ITEM No. 8 –Recommendation - Temporary Offices for Auxiliaries – Miller Dining Hall Construction

Andy Allen presented the need for temporary offices for Auxiliaries Services as part of the Miller Dining Hall renovation. Their central office staff needs to be move out for about the next year so that the construction team can have the needed access to Miller Dining Hall. There will be three temporary office trailers to house Residence Life Central Office, Food Service, and Auxiliaries staff. Multiple locations were investigated to place these and it was determined that the best location would be the grass area north of the SOB Barn and next to Gallatin Hall. Campus Planning, Design & Construction went through an informal bid for the trailers and selected the lowest bid company which could provide what was needed. The trailers will look similar to the Langlas construction trailers on the Freshman Residence Complex site. This location provides visibility and parking for customers and access to power, phone and AuxIT data. Auxiliaries Services has committed to returning the landscape to good condition when the trailers are removed in Fall 2015. People needing ADA accommodations will be met in North Hedges.

Rifki moved to approve. Tatarka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 14
No: 0

This meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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PC:

President Cruzado	Heidi Gagnon, VP Admin & Finance	Julie Kipfer, Communications
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