

**MEETING NOTES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
January 26, 2016**

**Members Present:** Kregg Aytes – Chair, Walt Banziger – Co-Chair, Jeff Butler, Brenda York, Neil Jorgensen, Kurt Blunck, Tom Stump, Kathy Marcinko, Martha Potvin, Bob Lashaway, Chris Fastnow, Fatih Rifki, James Thull, Allyson Brekke

**Proxy:**

**Members Absent:** Charles Boyer, Chris Kearns, Julie Tatarka, Kyle Glose, Michael Everts

**Staff & Guests:** Randy Stephens, Tracy Ellig, Todd Jutila, Mike Kosevich, Jeff Downhour, Matt Aune, Jonathon Dupea, Dennis Raffensperger, Bill Walker, Tracy Krushennsky, Andrea Michael, Loras O’Toole, Miranda Wheeler, James Tobin, August Uhl, Bill Shields, Vaughn Judge, Dave Biegel, Maxwell Hamberger, Milana Lazetich, Martin Lewis, Alison Harmon, Graham Austin, Keith Kothman, Marie Doubrava, Tony Campeau, Jenna Graham, John Dudas, Dan Stevenson, Gail Schontzler

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**

Draft notes from November 17, 2015 and January 12, 2016 to be distributed before next meeting.

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

Report on any current Executive Committee actions.

**ITEM No. 3 – CONSENT AGENDA – None**

**ITEM No. 4 – RECOMMENDATION - New Dining Hall Site Selection**

Randy Stephens presented the information for selecting the site for the New Dining Hall. This building will be approximately 30,000 square feet in size and will serve the northeast residential area of Campus and the academic core. On December 1, 2015, the site selection was brought to UFPB as an informational item with eight preliminary location options. On January 12, 2016, this was brought back to UFPB as an informational item with three sites for consideration (sites A, B, and G). This is now being presented to UFPB as a recommendation item. Aytes explained the public forum, letting guests know that we would accept public comment first, and then the Board will discuss and vote.

The following are the comments that were made:

**Comment 1** – Alison Harmon, the Interim Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Development, expressed that she has heard a lot of negative comments about site G. This is a tight space for this new facility, limits potential growth for Herrick Hall, and there is a Child Development Center (CDC) on the south side of Herrick Hall that may not be compatible with this function. **Comment 2** – Miranda Wheeler, from the Child Development Center, explained that there are 55 children ages 3-5 years old that use this preschool, and the parking lot at Herrick Hall is heavily used for pick up and drop off of children. There is a safety concern for young children and parents, around delivery trucks and service vehicles. Lashaway followed up by asking if site H would be any better for this situation. Wheeler responded that site H is the current location of the CDC playground and the dedicated garden, so that wouldn’t be any better. **Comment 3** – August Uhl, a parent of children at the CDC, advised against sites G and H, primarily due to the volume of delivery and service vehicles that would be in the area. This would put the CDC in a difficult position by having to monitor this. **Comment 4** – Milana Lazetich, the Building Supervisor for Herrick, agrees with reasons previously mentioned. She explained having trouble getting deliveries to Herrick Hall currently, and is concerned with the traffic and parking in the area. Lazetich also expressed concern about the old growth trees in the area having to be removed. **Comment 5** – Graham Austin, a parent of the CDC and Faculty in the College of Business, argued against site G for the reasons previously mentioned. Austin mentioned that not all of the families at the CDC are at MSU, so they do not park on Campus for

the day. Austin also is against site B for parking reasons, especially for visitors. She thought site A would be great. **Comment 6** – Andrea Michael, a parent of the CDC, agreed with the reasons against site G previously mentioned, especially the parking issue. Lazetich added that the CDC is a preschool laboratory, and is used to teach students. Wheeler noted that this semester there are about 120 students using the CDC for fieldwork or observation experience, and about 40 percent of families using the CDC are not affiliated with MSU.

Stephens presented the analysis that has been done on the sites. The design team established a rating system, and applied cost impacts, to have a method for analysis. Each site has its own challenges and opportunities. The walking distance to each site from Hannon Hall and Langford Hall was taken into consideration, as well as how each site would respond to the existing utilities and tunnels, as this has high cost impacts. Upon analysis, site A has shown to be the least costly, and site G would be the most challenging to develop.

Site A is immediately north of the Chemistry Biochemistry Building, and has pretty high overall ratings in this analysis. The site development at this location would require removing the temporary Chemistry Modular buildings, which has cost implications; the cost of removing the Modulares is shown but the cost of relocating the functions is not included in this project. This would also displace some parking for service access. One thing that is important to the layout of the site is to hold the line that is established by the eastern façade of the Chemistry Biochemistry Building; this helps develop the walkway from Montana Hall to Harrison Street and maintain the green space. The additional costs associated with this site include removing one or two trees, elimination of about 40 parking spaces, and extending the utility tunnel about 260 feet.

Some massing and diagrammatic layouts on the site help show how access would work for the building, the scale of the building and how it might look. The massing shows a two story building, which helps with the presence in this location. Looking at site circulation, there would be service entry on the west side from the parking lot, and the main entry to the building would be from the common green space on the east. The images shown express that the exterior space is just as important as the interior space, and show how that can be developed. Site A especially has some southern and eastern exposure.

Site B is immediately north of Jabs Hall, in the parking lot. This site has a larger impact on parking, likely displacing about 60 parking spaces. The additional costs associated with this site include extending the utility tunnel about 220 feet, and relocating a steam line and storm drainage. The scale of the building would be similar to that at site A, and would have the service access off Harrison Street, and the main entry to the building would be from the west off the green space. With a layout like this, to get service access may conflict more with pedestrians and traffic on Harrison Street. The approach to showing the service access in this location is to minimize the parking loss, and in relation to Jabs Hall, but this doesn't have to remain the approach. Additional ideas for spaces that could be developed include a sky garden, terracing and various seating areas.

Site G is between Herrick Hall and Hannon Hall. This site shows fewer advantages and higher cost implications than sites A and B. The additional costs associated with this site include removal of eight to ten mature trees and six to seven smaller trees, extending the utility tunnel about 360 feet, displacing some parking (though not as much as sites A and B), street costs, and sewer line extension and underground power. The service access will be off W. Cleveland Street, and shared service to be maintained into Herrick Hall. There is about 50 feet between Herrick Hall and this site in this layout. There would be a couple entry points at this site, from the north and south sides. The building can be oriented this way to allow the street and access to parking to be maintained once construction is complete. The scale of the building in this location has a little less presence because of the grade of the site. Additional ideas for spaces that could be developed include outdoor spaces and a contemplative garden.

The internal site selection committee, which included representatives from Campus Planning, Design & Construction (CPDC), Facilities Services, and Auxiliaries Services, is recommending site A to the Board. Aytes added that a factor in recommending site A, in addition to cost, is that safety at site B and G would be more of an issue.

York asked about the functions currently located in the Chemistry Modular buildings, especially the ADA accessible lab for Lewis Hall. Banziger responded that at this point, locations for the operations within the Modulares have not been addressed and would be addressed as part of the design process. When most of the occupants were assigned those spaces, it was assigned on a contingent basis and these were temporary buildings. To address relocating the

ADA lab, we will need to work with the Registrar's Office and the Space Management Committee to find a solution. Butler added we will have to find a way to address this, and Stephens noted that the timing of this will be important with ground breaking this fall. Marcinko asked how sites C and D were eliminated; these sites would be more expensive due to extending the tunnel much more. These sites are also much further from Hannon Hall, and are relatively close to Miller Dining Hall. Thull asked if it is a given that a utility tunnel is needed; Butler responded that the tunnel provides access to all the utilities and it is better to maintain those long-term in a tunnel. Banziger added that it is a consideration that each project that requires extending the tunnel do so, so that eventually the tunnel is complete.

Potvin moved to recommend site A, along with the request that the Planning team, in conjunction with the Space Management Committee, work diligently and quickly to find a solution for the occupants that will be displaced from the Chemistry Modular buildings. Blunck seconded the motion. The motion passed affirmatively.

The vote:

Yes: 13

No: 1 (York opposed because it is unknown where space will be found for the ADA accessible lab)

#### **ITEM No. 5 – RECOMMENDATION - Museum of the Rockies Storage**

Bill Walker presented schematic design of the Museum of the Rockies New Collections and Storage Facility project. The Museum currently has two offsite storage facilities that don't work well for their operation. They have funding for an addition to their facility to consolidate their operations. The schematic design shows an addition to the southwest corner of the building, as well as providing a new loading dock and a lift inside the building to solve a current problem. The proposal is to add the amount of space that is used currently in the offsite storage, which is about 6,000 square feet. This space will be two stories matching the existing two main levels of the existing building. This space includes 12,000 square feet of storage, four small offices, and two small secure work rooms. The addition will have a similar appearance to what the building currently looks like, with similarly colored and textured exterior concrete walls.

Stump moved to approve the schematic design of the project as proposed. Thull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 14

No: 0

#### **ITEM No. 6 – RECOMMENDATION - Student R&R Building Fee Funds for Haynes Ventilation Improvements**

Walt Banziger presented items 6, 7, and 8 together (but with separate motions), since they are all requests for Student R&R Building Fee Funds. The guidelines for use of the Student Building Fee Funds were revised and approved by UFPB and the President in November 2015, to include the Non-Residential Student Building Fee fund and the Academic Building R&R fund. The Academic Building R&R fund currently has an available balance of about \$1.18M, and the Non-Residential Student Building Fee fund as an available balance of \$2.6M. These requests will not result in an increase in student fees.

The Haynes Hall Ventilation project is in response to some issues in the existing HVAC systems in the building. Since its original construction, the intensity and type of demands on the buildings ventilation/exhaust systems have increased and changed, leaving the present systems inadequate to maintain satisfactory indoor air quality in several locations. This project is intended to be completed in sever phases, and the current request for funding is for phase 1, in the amount of \$600K. All the phases of work, including phase 1, will total about \$2.75M over the course of several years. The improvements that will be made in phase 1 are primarily in the metals and jewelry areas, and will include new heating and water systems, and improvements to ventilation. With approval by UFPB, this request would also go to ASMSU for resolution, and recommendation to the President.

Potvin noted that the situation in this building is causing issues with accreditation. Vaughn Judge added that there are about 400 students in the art majors, but there are also about 700 non-art major students in art courses. This project was triggered by student and faculty complaints of adverse health effects. This was seen as a major area of concern during the accreditation process. The School of Art is also looking for additional funding of this project.

Thull moved to approve the request for funding, and encourage the department to seek other funding for future phases. Stump seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 14

No: 0

**ITEM No. 7 – INFORMATIONAL - Student R&R Building Fee Funds for Howard ADA**

Banziger explained that this project is being brought as an informational item. A design solution is being investigated to improve ADA access within the building. The item will come back to UFPB for recommendation in the future. There is a significant level change from the east side of the building to the west side of the building, and currently there is a stair and very steep non ADA compliant ramp. The plan is to remove the ramp and replace it with an ADA compliant transition. Further investigation will be done with the building occupants to find an appropriate solution. Currently the project is estimated to cost about \$125K but this may change depending on solutions.

Keith Kothman added that the ADA compliance was also brought up in the most recent accreditation report for the School of Music. This is not the only ADA accessibility issue in the building; other concerns include not having an accessible practice rooms, and adequate space and proper facilities for instruction of the programs. CPDC will work with the occupants to develop a prioritized plan.

**ITEM No. 8 – RECOMMENDATION - Student R&R Building Fee Funds for Tietz Engineered Systems Upgrades**

Banziger presented the proposal for the Tietz Hall Engineered Systems Upgrades. Tietz Hall is the primary animal care facility serving MSU’s research operations, and is a strong contributor to undergraduate and graduate student education, as well as the mission of the University. The HVAC systems in this building are currently also original to the building and have reached the end of their usable life. The intent of the project is to upgrade these systems. There is currently \$1.5M in funds from the State, and are about \$500K short of funding the total of the project. With approval by UFPB, this request for \$500K would also go to ASMSU for resolution, and recommendation to the President.

Fastnow moved to approve the request for funding. Blunck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The vote:

Yes: 14

No: 0

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

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