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Master Plan Review Team

July 29, 2008

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Green Hall President's Conference Room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, chair, Bob Weygand, Tom Frisbie-Fulton, Ryan Carrillo, Paul DePace, Rick Rhodes, Erin West, Andree Rathemacher, Linda Acciardo, Will Green, Bob Drapeau, Dave Lavalley, Vincent Murray and Art Tuveson.

Absent: Chip Yensan, Jerry Sidio

Campus Heritage Subcommittee:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton reviewed for the committee the Campus Heritage subcommittee, which was discussed and approved at the January 28 meeting. He indicated that the following people will serve on this subcommittee: Mary Brennan, Tom Frisbie-Fulton, Ron Onorato, Sam Peterson, Mike Rice, Sarina Wyant and Vern Wyman.

The charge to the committee will be as follows:

1. Recommendation for establishing an historic campus district.
2. Develop format for documenting historic buildings; begin assembling existing archival drawings and photographs.
3. Study historic building exterior trim colors and make recommendations for design guidelines.
4. Study historic building exterior door treatments and requirements for service and code compliance. Make recommendations for design guidelines for new doors.

The committee will begin to meet within the next two weeks. Will Green asked whether the historic landscape would be a consideration. A suggestion was made that perhaps this could be a student project with a faculty member. **Will Green and Tom Frisbie-Fulton will meet to discuss further.**

A motion was made for approval of this subcommittee. Paul DePace moved to approve and Erin West seconded.

Public Art Selection Process

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave an overview on Public Art on Campus. The RI Council of the Arts will manage the public arts process for URI's new buildings and renovations, the site and theme and the artist selection. The selection committee will have 5 members. Molly Sexton hired as project manager, 2 RI artists, one member from the public suggested by URI, the principal architect and Tom Frisbie-Fulton will be the URI representative. There will be website submissions by the artists and the committee will

review them. The finalists will be given a stipend for site-specific proposal and the presentations by the artists will be in a public forum. **Tom will develop a policy to be endorsed by the committee and will send it to everyone via email. He will follow up at the next meeting.**

Updates:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave updates on several projects.

College of Pharmacy:

The site has been reviewed and the building will be Silver LEED certification. Payette Architects has been selected for the project. The CBLS building will be occupied in January '09 and the old BISC building will be demolished in Spring '09.

Beck Field:

Tom reported that this project has generated private support money to improve the baseball field in synthetic turf for multi-purposes during all seasons. Clough Harbor Associates will help design the baseball field and the entire field will be artificial surface. This project is currently out to bid, but work is expected to begin by October 1 and should be completed on or about January 1, 2009.

Hillel Center:

The location of this building is at the former Alpha Epsilon Pi house at Fraternity Circle. They will be renovating the part of the building that was burned and they have not decided on LEED certification yet.

Research Campus Update:

Bob and Tom have been in discussions with faculty who use this area for research. The faculty asked to reduce the scale of the project because of teaching in the North Woods. Consolidation rather than scaling back is a proposed potential solution along with the relocation of the teaching area. There are 330 acres of land for this project to be used for a Research and Technology campus with a daycare facility included within the building, a conservation area and a graduate, staff & faculty and alumni housing unit. The College Inn future site still being considered is on Upper College Road between Adams House and the UCLUB.

Ranger/Green Landscape:

Tom reported that they would develop new hardscape and landscape in two phases. The timeframe for this project would be the bidding within a month and construction will be in the Spring '09. The second phase will follow next summer.

Volleyball & Basketball courts:

Tom gave an update on this project and the Master Plan Review Team approved the following:

- New volleyball court locations on the lower paved area west of the Multi-Cultural Center. This site was approved with the condition that the courts would be removed

if and when funds are available for the larger development of this central campus (open space as a student-focused landscaped area.

- The formalization of the existing “informal” volleyball court site west of Coddington Hall. Improvements to the existing court are needed.
- Two new outdoor basketball court locations in the east end of the Dairy Barn parking lot. These courts will need to be terraced to accommodate the grade, and a new parking lot entrance will need to be constructed on the west end of the basketball courts.

Update on banners to promote the University:

As part of the Branding Initiative to promote the University, there will be banners hung on black stainless steel fittings along Upper College Road. The Communications and Marketing department will be in charge of maintaining the signs.

Way finding & Signage Status:

This item was readdressed to the committee by Ann Morrissey for Chip Yensan, who was unable to attend. The committee has continually been interested in having a more accessible and reliable way finding system, such as digitalized maps, an enhanced Visitor Center and better website information. **Ann will confer with Paul Witham who is overseeing the area of Public Affairs on recommendations from Visitor Center committee. Tom Frisbie-Fulton reported that resources (staff time and budget) are delaying this project.**

911 Signage:

Ryan indicated this would be a cast aluminum sign that would match the branding color. The color was approved, but the committee asked if the signs could have white reflective numbers. Tom and Ryan will look into it.

Wellness Center:

Kite Architects were selected as the architects. Planning will start in the next 2-3 months.

Next Agenda:

Discussion on how the branding initiatives may inform or impact decisions that we make of the Master Plan Review Team.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.