

**Master Plan Review Team Minutes**  
**Friday, January 20, 2006**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Green Hall President's Conference Room**

**Attendance:** Ann Morrissey, Paul DePace, Jerry Sidio, Robert Weygand, Erin West, Mike Rice, Rick Rhodes, Chip Yensan, Tom Frisbie-Fulton, Bob Drapeau, Linda Acciaro, Will Green, and Ray Nickerson for Vincent Murray.

**Absent:** Art Tuveson, Vern Wyman, Judith Swift and Jeff Callahan

**Pell Library Project:**

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave a brief presentation about the Pell Library exterior design project.

**Project Highlights:**

- 38,000 sq. ft building to a 41,000 sq. ft building
- New building will connect different parts of the campus
- A new café has been designed to fit about 30 people or 80 for a group meeting
- Create better handicap accessibility
- Silver LEED Certification
- Demolish Fish Bldg as part of the project to open up views of the Bay
- Timetable: Expected occupancy by Fall 2008
- Cost of the project: \$15.5M

There was some discussion and it was recommended that in the future the gateway entrance to the Bay Campus needs to be redesigned from a welcoming and aesthetic standpoint. Tom Frisbie-Fulton will keep this in mind in future planning.

**Action Taken:** After some further discussion, the Master Plan Review Team approved the design of the Pell Library project.

**Campus Hardscape Design Standards:**

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave a brief presentation on the campus hardscape design standards. A handout was provided to the committee.

Discussion highlights and recommendations:

- There needs to be consistency in color and form of various structures (i.e. lampposts, signage, dumpsters, gate systems, etc) in order to create a more consistent aesthetic look to the campus and in efforts to convey “a URI brand” in terms of appearance.
- Pay phones, with the exception of the one on Upper College Road, should be removed since they are an eyesore and not utilized.

- With regard to bike racks, Chip Yensan noted that several were in storage from the URIDE program and that he wanted to install them around the residence halls. He will work with Tom Frisbie-Fulton to do this.

Discussion ensued and the consensus of the group was that there needs to be a consistent process for gaining approval to place any equipment, advertising, or structures that impact the overall physical appearance of the campus or any external element of any and all campus buildings.

**Decisions:**

**All exterior physical structures, such as large banners, bike racks, lighting, etc, being added to buildings or campus grounds, by any campus department or individual, must be reviewed by the Director of Capital Planning and Design. He will bring forward items to the Master Planning group where appropriate.**

**MPRT supports the direction for the design guidelines as presented by Tom Frisbie-Fulton, but would like to see more details, including a strategy for implementation, costs, goals about landscape elements and rationale. Tom will follow up on this.**

**Tree and Shrub Removals:**

Will Green expressed to the committee some concerns from faculty in CELS about the trees and shrubs that are being removed on campus. Discussion ensued and the following was proposed:

- Find out what are the plants and locations of them that are used on campus for teaching purposes? **Rick Rhodes** will contact Angelo Simeoni, Brian Maynard and Sue Gordon to obtain this list.
- There should be a conscious review by **Carol Johnson & Associates and Tom Frisbie-Fulton** to determine how and when plants should be replaced. A suggestion was made to **develop a subcommittee** to consist of representatives from CELS, Facilities and Capital Planning & Design to come up with some preliminary concepts with the consultants and bring this back to the committee for review. In the interim, they should follow the effort that is in place right now and give notification of what plants and when plants are being taken down.
- Need to work with Carol Johnson & Associates to target landscape areas for teaching or other needs, such as a development of arboretum projects. They could work with them on a process of what plants could be incorporated. There should be a point person on the academic side partnered with Facilities and CELS reps.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.