

Master Plan Review Team
MINUTES
Friday, January 26, 2007
Green Hall President's Conference Room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, Bob Weygand, Jeff Callahan, Paul DePace, Bob Drapeau, Jerry Sidio, Linda Acciaro, Ryan Carrillo, Lynn Pasquerella, Vincent Murray, Will Green, Erin West, Chip Yensan, Mike Rice and Rick Rhodes.

Guests: Tom Dougan and Dave Lamb

New Residence Hall potential sites

Chip Yensan asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

AEPi fraternity house and Hillel

Tom Dougan gave a brief presentation to the committee as to what this project was about. He indicated that the AEPi fraternity was first constructed in 1963 and that it has been vacant for three years. Hillel has made a tentative purchase of the fraternity and is looking to put a new center on that site by either renovating the current building or building a new facility. He indicated it would be cost prohibitive to renovate the facility, so Hillel is looking for approval from the University to put a Center on this site and allow them to engage an architect to build a Hillel Center. Tom also mentioned that the facility would have a kosher kitchen/dining area so that they could have effective programs. He indicated that Hillel is a recognized student organization and that the support and function of the center would be similar to the fraternities and sororities. There were questions of other potential uses for the building such as for a fitness center. He explained that the building would not be adaptable for a fitness center.

Action: The Master Plan Review Team endorsed the plan for Hillel to have a Center built on the site of the AEPi fraternity. It was understood that Hillel will engage an architect with the understanding that this committee would review the architectural renderings.

Wind Turbine project:

Dave Lamb gave an update on the results for the Wind Turbine project. He reported that the data did not indicate wind speeds that would provide a financial benefit. The wind studies indicated that a double the capacity would be needed, about 24% for it to be financially worth it. He also indicated that the wind turbine would cost approximately \$3M, making it further cost prohibitive. The renewable energy company changed and the seed money had expired in October, so the money would become a loan now. There was discussion on some of the previous sites and why they couldn't be used. It was decided that one of the possible sites to be revisited would be the GSO site. The committee supported the continued examination by the students of alternative sites for this project.

Action: The committee supported any decision by the students to pursue alternate wind testing sites, such as the GSO site. It was agreed that the students should look into finding another anemometer and the University would find the money to fund the project. Rick Rhodes offered funding for the anemometer. He also indicated that this project could be used as a Coastal Fellows project. Dave Lamb will get in touch with Rick Rhodes to discuss further.

Child Care Center Site location:

Carolyn Sovet along with Grace Frenzel from the President's Commission on the Status of Women committee gave a brief history of this ongoing project. The main item of discussion was to find a campus site location for the Child Care Center. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Bob Weygand would ask Paul DePace to follow up by asking Don Krasko to put together a building foot print, site design and requirements plan. Carolyn Sovet will be the contact from the President's Commission on this project. Bob Weygand indicated that a promising potential site would be within the new Research Park.

Action: Ryan Carrillo and Tom Frisbie-Fulton will look at alternative sites working with the Women's Center and bring back recommendations to the committee. It was stipulated that the site should be close and/or central to the campus.

Research & Technology Park Update:

Bob Weygand gave a brief update. BETA Engineering has been brought in to do wetlands mapping, along with help from Peter August to identify wetland areas. He will bring back to the committee the report and business plan at a future meeting.

Pharmacy Building Update:

Paul Larrat and Ian Lester are working diligently with the Building Committee: Bob indicated that the size of the building will need to be reduced square footage wise and there is a problem with regard to siting: The BISC building needs to be vacated and the Biotechnology building will not be done by the time this happens.

Action: Tom Frisbie-Fulton and the architects are exploring other options and will come back to the committee with their recommendations.

Concrete Barriers:

Will Green brought up the issue of the aesthetic appearance of the concrete barriers. The committee requested that Tom Frisbie-Fulton recommend what the campus needs to adhere to in terms of types and placement of jersey barriers. The latter involves perhaps recommending either a rule of thumb for a variety of situations or a process for how decisions are made as to where and what type of barriers are placed around campus. It was stipulated that the campus needs to purchase and use barriers that are: portable, functional, aesthetically pleasing, and cost effective.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.