

MINUTES

Master Plan Review Team

Friday, February 29, 2008

10:00-12:00 p.m.

Green Hall President's Conference Room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, chair, Bob Weygand, Celest Martin, Jerry Sidio, Bob Drapeau, Vern Wyman, Tom Frisbie-Fulton, Ryan Carrillo, Will Green and Rick Rhodes.

Roger Williams Wellness & Fitness Center Reuse:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton reported on the plan for reuse of the Roger Williams Dining Center. He indicated that it would be used as a wellness and fitness center and that they would be renovating the 2nd floor dining commons and putting additional insulation on the exterior. He also indicated that \$2M had already been donated and they expect at least \$5M more. Studies done for this project show that the trends would be more around student users than faculty and staff, though any member of the University community will be welcome to use it. **The Committee was supportive of the proposed use plan and Capital Planning and Design will follow up in the future with the Committee on design reviews.**

Research Campus Master Plan:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton presented this as an informational item for discussion. He distributed handouts on the site selection for the Research & Technology Park. He indicated that they had selected a firm to do the study for the 130 acres of land north of Flagg Road acquired by the University. Four potential locations have been outlined for the research park, which would be 20-30 acres. The most likely site chosen would be the Flagg Road site. There are ongoing discussions with CELS faculty respective of trying to continue to meet their teaching needs in the surrounding woods. The Master Plan talked of no development north of Flagg Road. This item will come back to the Master Plan Review Team.

Hellenic Center:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave an update on the Hellenic Center images and site plan. He reported that this would be a 17,000 sq. ft building that would be owned by Padeia and built near the Fine Arts Center. It will have an academic tie-in with the Humanities Program and will also be used for educational programs. He also indicated that the Fine Arts lot would be losing 160 parking spaces. Concerns of the committee included storm water issues, compatibility of the design with the Fine Arts Center, subscribing to sustainability standards, eliminating visual and physical obstructions for pedestrians between Fine Arts and verifying the use of underground utilities.

Action: Bob Weygand made a motion to have Tom recommend that the issues identified above by the Committee be addressed by the Padeia group. Seconded by Celest Martin. Motion passed.

Campus Parking:

Ryan Carrillo gave the committee a handout. He reported that no new parking is being planned currently for some of the new buildings, but that potential new lots could be at the new Chemistry building area, or a parking garage behind Fine Arts, or have a structured pay as you go parking in lieu of the parking pass.

Action: The Committee recommended that Capital Planning and Design undertake a feasibility study to add 250-300 parking spaces to the North District. They will look at options and come up with some recommendations to bring back to the MPRT.

Other Updates:

911 Signage: Ryan Carrillo reported that there have been requests for 911 signage to be on buildings and roads.

Action: Ryan, Tom and Vern will come up with some recommendations as to what the signage should look like and bring back to the next meeting.

Flagpole:

Tom reported that the flagpole on the quadrangle needs to be replaced because of its condition, so there's an opportunity to relocate it. A suggestion was made to contact Mike Rice or Sandy Taylor as to understand the history of the location of the flagpole. MPRT approved the location of the flagpole on the quad.

Informational Updates:

President's Sustainability Committee:

Bob Weygand reported that the committee's main concentration has been to try to develop a carbon footprint of University and what can we implement to reduce greenhouse gases. He indicated that the biggest cause of our carbon footprint is commuter traffic to/from campus. He also reported that students are planning various events for Earth Week on the quad.

College of Pharmacy:

This building is progressing and they should be ready to show some designs of the exterior plans for the College of Pharmacy in about a month or so to the MPRT.

Lippitt Hall:

Lippitt should be done by August for move in.

CBLS:

This building is progressing well and is on target for LEED Silver Certification.

Traffic Information:

URI is working with the town in efforts to make the traffic flow pattern at Plains Road and West Alumni a 4-way stop towards West Alumni.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.