

Master Plan Review Team  
Thursday, March 27, 2003  
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
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**Attendees:** Ann Morrissey, Abu Bakr, Les Humphrey, Paul DePace, Vern Wyman, Jodi Hawkins, Linda Acciardo, Charlene Dunn, Jeff Callahan,, Judith Swift, Chip Yensan, Jerry Sidio, Sandy Taylor, Rick Rhodes, Eileen Orabone

**Absent:** Will Green, David Block, Steve Lysik, Anna Prager

**Invited Guests:** Dennis Stark, VP, Business & Finance, Deborah Grossman-Garber, CELS

The meeting began with the introduction of Ann Morrissey and Abu Bakr informing the committee of their being the new co-directors and assistants to the President for the newly created Office of Planning Services and Professional Development. This office was created by merging together the Office of Strategic Planning & Institutional Research (SPIR) and the Office of Professional Development, Leadership & Training (PDLOT)

**Strategic planning and the Master Plan process:**

- The creation of a Sr. Planning Group by the President, made up of the Provost, Vice Presidents, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, President of the Student Senate and two representatives of the University's non-faculty employees. This group is still in the process of being put together and figuring out what its mission will be and how it will intersect with other committees.
- Need to make announcement to campus community to let people know the process of how things will work. Communication and information of what is still being decided.

There was also discussion as to how the Master Plan Review Team would function in conjunction with the Sr. Planning Group. Discussion highlights included:

- The original approval of the Master Plan
- The subsequent Master Plan addendums and updates such as the North Campus plan and their incorporation into the Master Plan.
- The process for amending the Master Plan.

- The review and approval process for projects and programs.
- The role of the Master Plan Review Team
  1. As an approval body
  2. As a review team
  3. As a review team to make recommendations
- The need for a technical review process/team/administration to prepare projects, programs and materials for the team to consider.
- The need to keep communication going. Need to have forums and share information and listen to people who are directly impacted.
- The policing and monitoring of the Master Plan.
- Be the champion and steward for the Master Plan -- keep the process going
- The responsibility and need for refinement, study and updating of the Master Plan.

**Private Student Housing Project** -- Chip Yensan

Chip Yensan gave a brief presentation on the Private Student Housing Project to the Master Plan Review Team. Discussion Highlights included:

- To construct 500-800 new on-campus student bed spaces in apartment-style housing for juniors, seniors and graduate student population.
- Target date - Fall 2004
- Core campus site would be West Alumni Avenue
- Rents within market range
- Consistent with the Master Plan
- Full support of the construction of new housing at URI by the Board of Governors

Action: Approval is needed by the Board of Governors on the selection of the developer. When approval is given, Chip will bring a full presentation of this project back to the Master Plan Review Team.

**CELS Building** -- Deborah Grossman-Garber

Deborah Grossman-Garber gave a brief presentation on the new CELS Building. Discussion highlights included:

- New name for building is the URI Center for Integrative Learning and Technology
- Building size: 28,000 sq. ft
- Cost of Building: \$10 million
- Public/Common spaces and the CELS Undergraduate Programs and

- Experiential Learning Center would be on first floor
- Technology classrooms on second floor
  - Traffic flow patterns and roadways -- Les Humphrey will lead a process with the architectural firm to assess adjustments that may be necessary and present some options that would better serve traffic flow through and around the campus.

There was discussion following the presentation.

Action: It was decided that we would incorporate the North Plan as an addendum to the Campus Master Plan document. Les Humphrey would continue to attend the Sustainable Communities Building committee meetings and provide a report at the Master Plan Review Team meetings. This will become a standing agenda item.

### **Elephant Walk project** -- Paul DePace

Paul DePace gave a brief update on the Elephant Walk project. Discussion highlights included:

- Carol Johnson & Associates will be the firm for this project
- URI will be in partnership with the RI Nurseryman's Association
- Looking for donors before we develop it
- It will be at least two months before a refined plan is in place

### **Bus shelters** -- Les Humphrey

Les Humphrey gave a brief update on the proposed bus shelter locations. A handout was provided as to where they would be located on the campus.

### **Meeting Schedule**

It was decided that the Master Plan Review Team should meet on a monthly basis from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.