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Master Plan Review Team

Friday, May 14, 2004

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Green Hall President's Conference Room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, Paul DePace, Vern Wyman, Judith Swift, Jerry Sidio, Annie Newman, Chip Yensan, Rick Rhodes, Will Green, Linda Acciardo, Sandy Taylor, Bob Drapeau and Jodi Hawkins.

Invited Guests: Taylor Spalt, Auriane M. Rollo-Koster, Courtney Blodgett, Nancy Selman, Erich Stephens, and Dr. Lefteris Pavlides.

Presentation of wind turbine project update -- URI Renewable Energy Club

The URI Renewable Energy Club provided the committee with an update of the wind turbine project.

Update included:

- Benefits of the URI wind turbine
- History of the turbine project
- Siting considerations -- currently five sites are being reviewed on the Kingston campus
- Kingston campus sites comparison
- Outreach plan
- Wind turbine economics
- Third party ownership
- Permitting
- Construction/Construction stages
- Operating and Maintenance
- Next Steps

After the presentation, the committee discussed what the challenges would be to endorse this project. The concept of the project would need to be approved/accepted by the University. It was suggested that the MPRT committee make a conceptual recommendation for this project.

Next Steps:

- Feasibility study needs to be developed -- **Vern Wyman** will follow up on this.
- Look at some of the sites being considered and define site selection criteria
- Gather data at other universities to see how they sold it financially and educationally.

North District Plan Update:

Paul DePace handed out a copy of the North Campus Sustainable Communities plan with the changes made by McDonough to the committee. Discussion was brought back to the committee to review the changes in the North Campus plan and to decide whether the plan was acceptable or not. After brief discussion, the following changes were suggested to bring back to McDonough:

- The sustainable communities building between the library and Woodward Hall should be removed and made green space and the second CILT building next to Rodman Hall also needs to be removed. After some discussion, the committee decided that both buildings should be removed and that it should be referenced in the text about sustainability, not in the plan. It was agreed that the term should be changed or say that this is the site for the sustainable communities building.
- Take the pharmacy and nursing labels off the maps and just label them academic buildings.

The committee also suggested that we should be clear with McDonough about how we are going to use this plan, why we are doing what we're doing and that these plans need to be altered for presentation purposes. A question was also brought up as to whether we have ownership of this plan?

Followup: Paul will go back and look at the contract and see how much money we have left. He will update the Master Plan Review Team at the next meeting.

Other Updates:

Paul Depace informed the committee that the Rodos Center project is being actively pursued. They want to be able to start construction this fall.

Concept Statement for Master Plan

The statement that Judith Swift and Rick Rhodes worked on was reviewed by the committee. There was one minor change made and the committee decided it should be used as a subset in the web Master Plan to introduce the North District Plan.

Bike Path extension:

Jerry Sidio gave a brief presentation on the proposed bike path extension in South Kingstown. He gave the committee a copy of the four alternatives for locations with a map indicating where they are. He reported that they had taken a field visit to all four proposed locations and had talked with the URI College of Environment and Life Sciences and the sustainability office at URI. Per the information in the handout, Jerry indicated that Alternative 4 had been chosen by most groups being affected, but the town anticipates problems with the Kingston Improvement Association.

Recommendation: Take alternative 4 as the primary choice, but should the South Kingstown community not go for it, then go back to Alternative 3. URI would need to have more say on this if Alternative 3 were chosen.

Signage - Alumni Center

Jerry Sidio brought a request to the committee from the University Advancement office. They would like to have their name added to the Alumni Center sign. The committee recommended this be brought to the President's attention for his approval seeing it does not meet the Master Plan standards.

Followup: Ann will bring this to the President for his approval.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.