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Master Plan Review Team

June 23, 2004

Green Hall 2nd Floor conference room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, Paul DePace, Annie Newman, Rick Rhodes, Bob Drapeau, Jeff Callahan, Chip Yensan, Bob Weygand, Vern Wyman, Jodi Hawkins, Jerry Sidio, Ray Nickerson for Vincent Murray and Will Green.

Parking and Transportation Update:

Bob Drapeau provided the committee with an update on the Parking and Transportation changes that have been put in place or will be in the future. (See attached presentation) After the presentation, there was a question and answer discussion. Lucas Lussier also provided an update on the RIPTA shuttle service. He distributed a handout of a survey given to riders on the shuttle.

Discussion points included:

- It was reported that shuttle runs should average no longer than 8-minute wait time.
- Security Cameras – Request was made by Jeff Callahan to include the Bay Campus.
- Band practice area in Fine Arts lot will be restored and additional spaces will be built in for students with band equipment and art work to unload.
- Demand for additional parking when we get the extra resident population.
- There is a critical need for short-term parking in the Memorial Union parking area.
- Funds have been approved through the CIP program for the repaving of some parking lot areas and spec bids for next year will be funded by Parking Services bond funds.
- At the opening of school, it was suggested that Parking Services promote a learning program about the shuttle service.
- Establish a committee representing all constituencies to determine modifications needed for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Suggestion was made for Parking Services to conduct a survey and informational campaign targeted at those who don't normally use the shuttle to better understand why more don't use it.

New Student Housing: Rick Hertzler /SLAM Collaborative

Rick Hertzler, from SLAM Collaborative, provided the committee with an update on the new student housing project.

There are two sites currently in progress for the new residence halls. Site one would be located on the corner of West Alumni Avenue and Heathman Road and will have 450 apartment-style beds. Issues concerned with this site were as follows:

- Need to remove .4 acres of wooded wetlands and would need to get DEM approval. This can be a long process and is a time element concern.
- Need to remove vehicular access on Heathman Road as shown schematically in this plan and only allow service and emergency vehicles.
- Concern was raised as to how to avoid potential flooding and improve the water quality?
- Concern was expressed by Will Green as to how effectively the existing wetland could be moved without compromising the value the aquifer provides to the community.

Action Taken: After the discussion, there was a motion to accept the proposed schematic siting for 450 units and removing vehicular access to Heathman Road. The Master Plan Review Team approved Site One with respect to taking every consideration to address the wetlands issues.

Follow up: Paul Depace will invite Will Green to the next meeting with the Maguire Group on this issue. The concern is that this is an area of economic importance.

Site two, which will be 350 suite-style beds will be located west of Browning and Adams Halls. This site is consistent with the Master Plan and has no wetlands issues. The Master Plan Review Team approved Site Two. The motions carried and the recommendations will be brought forward to the President and Provost by the Office of Capital Projects and the Vice President for Administration.

Dining Hall Project: Bill Gray, Marco Tommasini/Vision III architects

Bill Gray, from Vision III architects, provided the committee with an update on the new dining hall project location.

Points of discussion on the location of the new dining hall, which will be located on Butterfield Road between Merrow, Tucker, Hutchinson and Peck Halls, were as follows:

- The location of the dining hall fits with the Master Plan.
- Two parking lots would be taken away with a total of 50 spaces being lost.
- We would need further study as to where the parking would be located.

Action Taken: After the discussion, the Master Plan Review Team approved the site of the new dining facility.

Follow up: Parking and Transportation will come back to the committee with a plan to address the parking challenges.

North District Service Sector plan

Bob Schultz, from the Office of Capital Projects, provided the committee with an update on the service sector plan in the North District.

The plan has been reviewed with Facilities Services and will include a future automotive garage and extension of the southern area as indicated in the handout he provided.

Discussion highlights included:

- 62 parking spaces would be lost.
- Will there be any hazardous waste or chemical concerns in removing the automotive garage?
- Timing issue: How we are going to accommodate parking for English and Languages in 210 Flagg Road. The Office of Capital Projects will need to communicate this information to the University community.
- Construction will start on the garage in summer '05
- Fits in with the Campus Master Plan.

Action Taken: After the discussion, the Master Plan Review Team approved the long-range location and plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2004 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Green Hall President's Conference Room.

Next Agenda:

North District Plan
Paideia Bldg.
Other Capital Projects Updates

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm