

Master Plan Review Team  
Thursday, September 11, 2003  
10:00 - 12:00 noon  
Green Hall conference room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, Les Humphrey, Sandy Taylor, Annie Newman, Candy Dunn, Chip Yensan, Jeff Callahan, Bob Drapeau, Linda Acciardo, Judith Swift, Paul DePace, Will Green, Jerry Sidio and Ray Nickerson for Vincent Murray.

### **Bike Racks**

Lorraine Keeney and Professor David Fastovsky gave a brief presentation to the Master Plan Review Team on a recommendation to change the bike racks that are currently shown in the Master Plan to a more traditional rack. (Specifically recommended were racks BR 12.9 single sided, BR 16.9 single sided and BR 16.9 double sided racks from the Bike Security Racks Co., Inc.) The recommendation is a bike rack that will take a wide front fork and support a bike that is not locked in place. She indicated that the major difference between the existing bike racks on campus and the recommended ones is that the recommended model can accommodate the wide variety of bicycles that are used on campus. David Fastovsky asked whether any bike racks have been purchased. Jerry Sidio said that there have been no specific number of bike racks ordered and that they get ordered when there is a building renovation. Therefore, it will be possible to replace all new racks with the recommended design. The campus currently has 21 racks and URIDE is requesting 15 bike racks. This number will satisfy some of the need; optimally, there should be a rack for every building on campus. Each bike rack is approximately \$1000. It was agreed that Parking Services would fund 20-25 bike racks through parking improvement bond funds and a commitment was given to go forward with the URIDE recommended bike rack. Representatives of the URIDE program indicated that they expect the number of privately owned bikes on campus to increase as well. Therefore, the demand for racks will also increase. It was recommended that they work with Lands and Grounds and Parking Services to determine the best locations for bike racks. Lorraine also mentioned that the opening ceremony for the URIDE program would be on Thursday, September 18 from 10:00 -2:00 p.m. on the quadrangle. It was decided that the new bike rack recommendation should be added as an amendment to the Master Plan.

### **Capital Projects Highlights**

Paul DePace gave a brief update on the capital projects.

**North Campus** -- This will be a \$180M construction project in the North Campus over the next 6 years which will include the BioTech/BioScience building, the CILT Building, the Pharmacy Building and the apartments and suites. He reported that there will be no beds off line this year and for the fall semester of the next two years. They are hoping to

have some of the new apartments on line by January '06. Paul also reported that the Pharmacy building is in the architect selection process.

### **Lippitt/Tyler Exchange**

The architects have met with the three occupants that we have proposed for this building which include the Math Department, Computer Science Department and the Honors Program. No decisions have been made yet.

### **Independence Hall**

Capital Projects is gathering information about the needs of the building. There is a proposal to expand 210 Flagg Road by adding a second level to include 12 classrooms. This project would replace the Surge II project in the CIP. It still needs approval from the Board of Governors at the September 23 meeting. The proposed timing for this project would be January 2005 completion so as to be available for classes when Independence Hall would go off line.

### **Ranger Hall**

This is a bond referendum project that included renovations for the ASF Center for Hunger Free America and the Nutrition & Food Sciences department. There is \$2.5M left on the bond referendum. No decisions have been made about moving forward

### **Steam line Work**

There will be major steam line and waterline work done by East Hall, Edwards Auditorium, Independence Hall, Green Hall and Ranger Hall. The dig will happen the day after Commencement 2004. Capital Projects expects this to go out to bid in December so we will have pipe.

### **Athletics**

Paul reported that there will be an Athletics Performance Center project on the west side of Tootell. This project will include a weight training room for all sports, plus have tutoring available for the athletes. This project will be privately fundraised. It will be a two and half story building and is expected to be a \$3-4M project.

There will also be grandstands built for Meade stadium. The grandstands will be built with the rest of the Ryan Center funds, plus some fundraising will be involved. Goal: September 1, 2004 - \$1M

### **Introductions**

Ann Morrissey introduced Annie Newman, the new planner, in the Office of Capital Projects and Ray Nickerson, who was sitting in for Vincent Murray from the South Kingstown Town Council.

### **Building Committee Policy**

Paul DePace handed out a draft copy of the building committee policy that was done back in 1997. It was decided to bring this agenda item back to the next meeting so that

everyone would have a chance to review and give Paul any changes or revisions to the policy. Points that were brought up included the following:

- No true policy for building committee
- Need to incorporate sentiment that the committee is important
- Need a policy to assist the President with building committee
- How will they connect with the Master Plan Review Team
- Need the ability to replace a member who is not functioning
- How will we orient process of building committee?
- What will be the reporting connection of the MPRT as well with the President's Office?

### **Signage Update**

Jerry Sidio gave an update on the signage issue. He reported that they have been working with BETA Engineering and have pulled people in from Parking Services. The group has had good discussions and is dealing with the issues that were brought forward. Annie Newman had some good ideas and will work with BETA. They will be meeting in October and will bring recommendations to the October MPRT meeting. Will Green will work with Ann and the group to share some samples of slides from different institutions.

### **North Campus Plan Update**

Les Humphrey gave a presentation of proposed action plans and recommendations based on reviews of the North District Plan and ongoing reviews of the Master Plan. (See distributed documents) There was discussion by the committee on these action plans and recommendations.

### **Other Items:**

Ann Morrissey announced that there will be a sustainability teleconference held on October 9 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

### **Next Agenda**

Building Committees  
Signage and wayfinding update  
Addendums to the Master Plan  
Action Items of the North Campus

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.