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Master Plan Review Team

September 15, 2006

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, Chip Yensan, Jerry Sidio, Paul DePace, Michael Rice, Tom Frisbie-Fulton, Bob Weygand, Vin Murray, Vern Wyman, Bob Drapeau, Art Tuveson and Rick Rhodes

Capital Planning and Projects Updates

Bob Weygand gave the following project updates:

Pharmacy Building

He reported that the \$72.5M bond issue for the Pharmacy Building was Question #4 on the voting ballot. \$65M would be for the Pharmacy Building and the other portion would be for renovations to DCYF.

Research and Technology Park

The University has acquired a purchase & sales agreement for the acquisition of the Tibbitts property. A feasibility study for the research and technology park will be done with Vin Murray and others. The EDC, town and university officials are all working together.

There were other updates including Independence Hall, IEP House, HRL and the Hope Commons, etc., but Bob Weygand referred everyone to look at the attached handout for them. (See attached)

Way finding progress and planning

Official campus map:

Discussion was brought to the table about the University needing an official campus map. Bob Drapeau handed out the new copy of the 2006-2007 parking map to everyone, but indicated that the University needs to come up with an official campus map. Discussion points included:

- The committee agreed that it was up to the Master Plan Review Team to come up with an official map for the University. It should be a more sophisticated base map. There was a suggestion to check with Peter August and possibly hire a GIS student to help with this map.
- The committee agreed to seek approval and that this project should originate out of University Advancement because of the branding issue. Way finding should also be included with the branding.
- Need to set up Adobe and set up all layers that are needed for handouts, way finding, parking, Admissions and put up on the web.
- The map needs to fit with the Master Plan.

Follow up: Ann will talk with the President and Bob Beagle to see whether this project should fall to the leadership in Advancement division.

Wind Turbine project:

Vern Wyman gave a brief update on this project. He indicated that this is still very much an intern-driven and student project. A test wind turbine has been set up beyond the NW corner of the Plains Rd lot. They have six months worth of data that is being handed over to NORESKO, the energy services company who has a contractual agreement with URI for energy costs. Authorization was given from the legislature for \$18.5M for energy efficiency improvements. So Vern indicated that data is being developed and the groundwork is being laid, so NORESKO should have a preliminary report of the data by the first of October.

Follow up: Have NORESKO bring a report to the next meeting before the end of October. Eileen will check back with Vern on report before next meeting.

Sustainability Goals:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton and Rick Rhodes gave an update on the Center for Biotechnology & Life Sciences building. They indicated that the design team has hired a nationally-recognized consultant, Bill Reed, to help the University know what the criteria is and what the building might entail, They distributed a handout of the LEED points in the CBLS building. There was some discussion on this handout.

There was also some discussion on how to document the history of the CBLS building. Some ideas were as follows:

- Maintain a building website with reports
- Self-guided computer clip
- Slide show on website with lessons and pictures
- Have a sign indicating that it is a sustainable building
- Students could actively learn about sustainability

Other buildings that could achieve LEED certification will be the new student housing and the new dining hall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.