

Campus Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2004

Attending: Bill Bruner, Michel George, Robyn Herring, Benjamin Helmes, Rob Cole, Rob Knapp, Deane Rimerman, Rip Hemingway, Cliff Hepburn
Guest: Martha Rosemeyer
Recorder: Maria Horan

1. April meeting minutes approved.

2. Update on Memorial Bench

Bill left a message for Jon Epstein about meeting with the committee about the installation of the memorial bench. A meeting will be scheduled soon. All committee members are welcomed to attend that meeting.

ACTION: Bill to schedule meeting with Jon Epstein to discuss installation of the memorial bench on campus.

3. Update on Evergreen Parkway Project

Michel provided the group with an update. The purpose of this project is to repair the roadway, calm traffic, create pedestrian and bicycle pathways and improve signage. One lane will be overlayed, the outside lane in each direction will be converted into a pedestrian and bicycle lane with a permeable surface between the roadway and pathways. This plan is the most cost effective because the pathway (10ft wide) will not have to be repaired to the same extent as the roadway.

The project was broken up into three phases. Phase I construction will be during the summer, Phase II and Phase III after September. Traffic will be able to flow through during construction. Lighting is currently being analyzed by the designers. The roundabouts will be wide enough to allow for bike and emergency access. The McCann plaza roundabout will be oval to minimize impact on the forest. Both roundabouts will have brush swirl concrete and an 18" retaining wall with an architectural decorative element. One tree and some shrubs will have to be cut out for the McCann Plaza roundabout. The roundabouts will be landscaped, the designers are currently working with Frederica and Benjamin to come up with a plan. The project will also include new signage and banners. The road bed will be raised a few inches and the existing culvert will be slightly expanded to help alleviate flooding issues. Since floods are infrequent it's not feasible to do more and if the roadway becomes impassable, traffic can and will be diverted.

The project goes out to bid at the end of June, trustee approval will be in July and construction should begin in August and complete by November.

The project was introduced to all staff/faculty/students at an open campus meeting a couple of weeks ago. Michel also introduced the plan to the Cooper Point, Cedrona, and Madrona associations. Most feedback was positive. A few people had issues with reducing the number of lanes. However, current traffic density does not require there to be two lanes in each direction. There will be an open public meeting next week.

**NOTES/ACTIONS/
FOLLOW-Ups**

1. *Bill to schedule meeting w/Jon Epstein to discuss installation of the memorial bench.*
2. *Maria to send out a reminder to committee members: comments on chapter 3 changes should be emailed to Maria before the next meeting.*
3. *Cliff to ask Ahoi to create and post hours of operation signs for graffiti wall.*

Designers are currently working with Cliff and Mark on locating a construction staging area. Also, the material in the median will be broken up and recycled into the project. The design has been reviewed and okayed by the fire marshal as well as Steve Huntsberry, Chief of Police Services.

Motion to approve the Evergreen Parkway project: Project Approved.

4. Update on Library Remodel Project

Design for phase I is proceeding as planned. There will be little impact outside of the building. However, they may have to move some of the Sycamore trees, an arborist and soils consultant will submit a report soon. Michel is working with Frederica to have a landscape plan so that when the trees die out (lifespan expectancy is about 60 years) a plan to replace them can be implemented. Construction for SASS will begin in June/July, phase I construction will begin in October. Rob Knapp's student's held a charette that may provide information for phase II of the remodel.

The structural integrity of the building will be improved by putting in massive concrete walls. The look of the exterior of the building will remain the same. Balconies will be improved to meet current code. Improvements to the Clock tower will be made during phase II. The design for phase II has not begun. Michel will keep the committee updated as the project progresses.

5. Master Plan Update

Michel and Steve put together a draft proposal to introduce to the Vice Presidents. The proposal is to help guide and prioritize projects for the college for next 5 years. The document is a short range plan that will fit in with the college's long range planning. The plan will detail finances, operating costs and recurring costs like upgrading equipment. It can also be used to analyze new projects and allow for fundraising opportunities. The goal is to have a year long campus dialogue about these issues, use this document as a guide, and make it flexible enough so that priorities can be put in place.

Updating of the campus master plan, obvious changes are names of new members and position title. The plan should be updated every 5 years because of the current significant change happening. Once the current growth passes, the updating of the plan should be changed to every 10 years. The language should be flexible enough to allow for change and review every 5 years and allow for major updating every 10 years. This review, in part, is intended to give students a venue to participate in the process, and allow them to review the plan and make recommendations. The review should be done in January. Deane will transfer his recommendations for chapter 3 on a word document so that everyone can print it out. Changes to Chapter 3 will be discussed and finalized at next meeting.

ACTION: Comments to CMP Chapter 3 changes should be sent to Maria before the next meeting. Maria will send out an email reminder.

6. Campus Aesthetic Plan

There's a recommendation for an aesthetic plan in the campus master plan. Deane wants to research this issue further as part of his MPA program. He will find out if there are groups that want to take part in creating such a plan. He will look into it further and keep the committee informed.

7. Smoking Policy Update

The Health and Safety committee submitted a smoking policy proposal to senior staff. Staff has some concerns about people smoking outside the Seminar II building. They think it's too close to the health center. Another item of concern is enforcement; it may turn into a peer enforced policy. Robyn has responded to senior staff's concerns and is awaiting their response.

8. Graffiti Wall Update

Robyn met with students involved with the graffiti wall and all involved agreed that the wall will be partially opened until a permanent location is found. The graffiti wall will be available Monday through Friday, from 7pm to 7am and all day on the weekends. Signs will be put up to notify users. Robyn, Cliff and Ben to look for graffiti wall alternatives.

ACTION: Cliff to ask Ahoi to create and post hours of operation signs for graffiti wall.

9. Organic Farm Proposal

Martha Rosenmeyer came to the meeting to inform the committee about CELL's long term plan for the Organic Farm. The CELL, which allows for coordination of all units at the farmhouse, began meeting in February of 2003 and is comprised of students, faculty and staff involved with the farm. They hold monthly meetings (Friday's 3:30-5:00pm).

The proposed plan is for the Organic farm, the farmhouse, Demetrious garden, the experimental garden and the compost facilities. Martha indicated that the proposal that was emailed to the CLUC members is a draft of their 10 year plan. Martha went into detail about the different projects/programs that they want to see happen at the farm. The goal is to teach students to be responsible for their impact on the environment. She said the priorities are the experimental field plot, expansion of the production space (to winter crop production), small livestock, teaching greenhouse, teaching kitchen, and compost.

CLUC members informed Martha to consider the long term impact of these projects, and recommended that the CELL obtain community feedback on the proposed projects and return to the CLUC with that information. They also suggested that facilities get involved as soon as possible so they can assist the CELL in obtaining permits, and giving them information about the different issues involved with these projects. In addition, the CELL should involve Robyn whenever health and safety issues come up.

The committee members thanked Martha for coming to the meeting and providing the committee with a vision of where the organic farm is heading. Martha indicated that she will discuss the proposal with the CELL, prioritize the projects and provide a final proposal to the committee. Someone indicated that

it would be helpful to put the projects on a map. Bill will distribute the final version of the proposal to the Deans.

10. Next meeting:

June meeting cancelled.