

Campus Land Use Committee

October 15, 2007

Attendees: Derek Lathrope, Robyn Herring, Rich Davis, Kort Jungel, Azeem Hoosein, Mark Kormondy, Paul Smith, Bob Leverich, Jack Longino and Ken Tabbutt.

Guests: Tim Stutzman, Steven Jublanske, R. Shaffer, Erika Davis, Grace bell, K-teeo Oleynik, Tree Steele, Davi Rios, Forest Student, Maya Elson, Deane Rimerman, Justin Shephard, Charles Loosen, Jess Robbin, Kim Chaplin, Troy Perry, Case Wyse, Riley Fishborn, Nicky Tiso, Travis Greer, Crystal Shepard, Paul Joseph Trench, Cody Cohan, Shannon Pritchard, Eva Saunders and Joa Eheig.

Recorder: Rishel Gordham.

Introductions:

Introductions of the committee members were made.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Follow-up Hazardous Tree Maintenance Plan (Mark Kormondy)

Mark has not received an electronic copy of the plan. Mark indicated that not much has changed with the status of the trees. Paul said that Deane came in to the office and was given a copy of the "Draft" plan. Paul passed around copies of the meeting minutes regarding the committee's discussion of the hazardous tree maintenance plan. The committee asked the consultant to re-word the draft plan to not include a set schedule for removing the trees.

A guest asked what the current schedule is for removal of the trees. Paul indicated that 10 trees have been removed. Four trees remain that need to be removed. One of the trees must be removed by Puget Sound Energy. Mark provided specific locations of the remaining trees.

On September 21 an email was sent out to TesCrier and only two comments were received. Notices have been posted on the trees. Mark stated that he was having a difficult time keeping the notices posted. Someone was taking them down as soon as he would repost them.

A guest mentioned that the announcement that was sent to the community provided inadequate description of the location of the trees. A guest asked who is making money off the removal of the trees, Sound Urban Forestry? Mark stated that some of the work is done by Evergreen staff. Sound Urban Forestry is just a consultant. They do not offer removal services.

A guest asked what “heavy pruning” means. Mark stated that half the tree would need to be removed. A guest was concerned with the arborists rating of a hazard tree. Ken suggested that the committee should study the correlation between the trees that have come and the ones that are ranked as hazardous. Then complete a statistical study after the next wind storm to assess what ISA ranking and determine if it is accurate.

A guest inquired as to how many trees fell last year in the wind storm? There were sixty that hit roads or building and numerous more in the woods. Deane was concerned with how is making the recommendation to remove the trees. Mark use to do it in the past. Now sheets are currently being submitted with the detailed description of the location of the trees. Paul stated that the purpose of the Hazard Tree Maintenance Plan is to assess what trees we need to be watching out for. A guest asked what trees were rated 1-7? Paul stated that we didn’t have enough money or time to assess each tree. The committee was only worried about those which are listed as hazardous, although trees with an ISA rating of 1-7 could still fall down.

A guest asked statistically how many trees does Evergreen cut down a year? Mark stated 6-10 trees are removed yearly. A guest asked what was the ISA rating of the tree that fell down at the Shops? It had an ISA rating of 9. Paul stated that the trees that are cut down will be left in the forest. Cedar trees are offered to First Peoples since they can use the bark. Also, some of the cedar was used in the sister’s gardens. Evergreen also tries to leave snags whenever possible. Paul also clarified that the reserves are not going to be touched.

Guests expressed concern with the trails being maintained. Individuals also expressed concern with Michael Moore being listed on the draft plan. Deane expressed that he does not want Michael working on campus anymore. Guests expressed that they have concerns with trees being removed and they would hope that the committee would error on the side of caution when removing trees.

Dead Tree Near the Lecture Hall (Paul Smith)

The dead tree near the Lecture Hall is rated an ISA 8. It is a cosmetic removal since the public art piece created by Barbara Earl Thomas is going to be in front of the Lecture Hall. The tag number listed on the tree is #737.

Other Items

Ken informed the guests about the draft Campus Master Plan which encompasses facilities, building, and woods. He asked the guests to please read the draft plan and send comments to the steering committee. Comments will be taken through October 26.

Next CLUC meeting is on Monday, November 26, 2007 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Facilities Services conference room.