

**Campus Land Use Committee Meeting
November 26, 2007**

Attendees: Mark Kormondy, Rich Davis, Robyn Herring, Paul Smith, Ken Tabbutt, RT Leverich, Kort Jungel, Jack Longino and John Hurley.

Guests: Sarah McCulloch, Maya Elson, Guy Maguire, John Dodge, Mike Jackson, Jess Robbins, Deane Rimerman, Jora Rehm-Lorber, Zander Demefrios and Sierra Shafer.

Recorder: Rishel Gordham.

Introductions:

An introduction of the guests at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes and passed.

Hazardous Tree Plan (Paul Smith)

A revised draft of the Hazardous Tree Plan has been circulated to the committee members via email. Paul has not heard anything back from the consultant regarding the proposed changes to the plan.

The current recommendations of the committee are that only the trees with an ISA rating of 11 or higher will be removed or modified. The original plan indicated that 458 trees with an ISA rating of 8 or higher be monitored on a bi-annual basis.

A guest asked when will the final draft be available

The draft document was received by the committee from Sound Urban Forestry, however, the final plan will be made by CLUC. The committee is trying to develop a long range plan. On the new draft the Tree Removal Criteria and Standards have been moved to the appendices.

Rich Davis provided the following suggestions to be incorporated into the plan: *Page 4, First Paragraph, First Sentence* –Suggest change “that” to “who”. *Page 16 towards bottom, Third Sentence* – “Eliminate the hazard to persons and property,” eliminate “only” trees with an ISA. *Recommend Tree Removal, Third Sentence* –“Should be monitored annually.”

A guest asked if students could participate in editing the document. Paul indicated that the CLUC allows students to participate though the Student Representative. The committee clarified that Derek Lathrope was the student representative. Paul also mentioned that the committee currently has a student representative position open.

With the Introduction Ken would like another paragraph with reasons why a forest shouldn't be managed. He would like to make sure we maintain a natural forest but also indicate that there is a concern for liability.

The committee discussed liability in general. Jack discussed perceived risk verses real risk. He questioned if it helps to say explicitly that we are willing to accept a level of risk? Paul said the College may be able to post a sign to make people aware of the risk.

The committee discussed the history of trees hitting people and a guest stated that the Forest Service doesn't manage the trees in their forest. The committee stated that they would hold a meeting once a year, to discuss the list of the trees that are rated an ISA 11. Mark stated that 60 trees last year fell in the storm. Four trees that were tagged came down this year during the wind storm. A tagged tree hit [Residence Hall "R."](#)

ACTION ITEM: Ken will provide a [proposed](#) change [to](#) the introduction.

A guest asked about the current notification process. Paul stated that all trees that would need modification would come to the CLUC, then go out to TESC CRIER. A guest suggested to reword the Tree Cutting Procedures so that it doesn't create exemptions to removing trees that are along roadways. The committee discussed the use of cables to save a tree. Ken and Jack oppose this idea. The guests discussed protecting the trees by any means.

A guest asked if there would be a time in the meeting for general questions. The guest was extremely concerned about one of the trees that was ranked an ISA 11. This specific tree was cut to a stump. The Hazardous Tree Plan stated it had root rot but the guest believes that this specific tree didn't have it. The guest was also concerned with why the tree had been cut to the stump. He felt it should have just been topped?

Paul stated that the tree inspections were done last March. A habitat snag was not left because of the proximity of the tree to the target. The guests expressed concern with the fact that there was no way the tree would hit the building if it had been cut for a habitat snag. Jack mentioned that he has seen a de-emphasis to make habit snags on campus. Jack suggested that the committee renew it's commitment and make a statement to be more observant at the potential to create habitat snags. Mark indicated that they have been more actively involved in making snags. A guest expressed that their needs to be clearer communication with contractors when leaving snags.

Paul indicated that he is still working on getting GIS access. The tree inventory will be online shortly. This tree inventory will be a generic assessment of the state of the forest. The guests expressed that students would like to be involve by being present when the trees were cut. Paul mentioned that there is a risk factor involved with that request

A guest questioned the arborist being paid \$200.00 an hour. Paul stated that the proposal was advertised. Anyone could have responded to the advertisement. However, two firms responded and one was non-responsive. Facilities followed the procurement rules regarding this contract.

Smoking Shelter (Paul Smith)

Paul discussed the removal of an old cedar snag near the CRC. A guest stated that there are a lot of other places where this shelter could go. It was mentioned that there was a proposal for a smoke free campus. Ken indicated that there is more value in the old cedar snag than in the small saplings near it.

ACTION ITEM: Mark will look at moving the site of the structure to save the snag and potentially remove smaller trees.

ACTION ITEM: Mark will ask Marja if she would like the small trees.

Other Items (Paul Smith)

Paul stated that CLUC website will be updated with the State of The Forest Plan. He also asked the committee members to review the Campus Master Plan and provide comments on the blog. Paul discussed that

The next Campus Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on January 23, 2008 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm in the Facilities Services conference room.