

*Campus Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes*  
*April 20, 2005*

**Attending:** Ken Tabbutt, Rich Davis, Mark Kormondy, Rob Knapp, Jim Stroh, Evan Marks  
**Guests:** Daryl Morgan  
**Recorder:** Maria Horan

**1. March meeting minutes approved.**

**2. Torri Gate Proposal Update**

The Torri Gate design drawings were submitted to the group. A site has been located, the NE corner of the library meadow was found to be the best location. This is a place that is visible to the community, and an entry to a quiet and nice trail.

Upon receiving approval from Rich, holes were dug in the soil for testing. The testing shows that there will be continuous soil moisture. (Jim indicated that if the holes are dug below the layer of till the water may not be an issue. Daryl may consider this.) The moist soil conditions may require that the post footings be set in concrete with steel, while this is not the traditional method for setting a Torri gate, Daryl indicated that this was one of those compromises that may need to be made.

The wood will need to be preserved (may require that it be retreated every other year or so). Daryl and his team looked for an environmentally friendly preservative that will work above and underground, and at the interface. The best they could find is the preservative that is used by the State of CA. They are open to suggestions for possible preservatives.

The committee agreed to submit a recommendation to the VP to move forward on this project (with the following conditions; products to be used are approved by the Health and Safety coordinator, permits are obtained from the county, and Evergreen community is informed of this project). The group may continue on this project once approval is received from the VP.

Daryl and his team will work with Robyn on safety products and practices; and Rich to assist in obtaining the required county permits. Daryl and his student group will work on the publicity. The Evergreen community and others that may be interested in this project will be informed.

**ACTION:** Daryl will re-fill the holes by tomorrow.

**ACTION:** Daryl to provide the MSDS for the wood preservative to Robyn for review.

**ACTION:** A recommendation will be forwarded to the Vice President of Finance and Administration.

**3. Smoking Shelter Presentation**

In concept, administration has agreed to the covered smoking shelters. Based on the feedback received from the charettes and public input, three designs were selected. The goal is to get one of the structures built by June 30<sup>th</sup> (unsure that goal will be met). The students are working with Richard Miles and Robyn Herring on materials to be used and other related issues.

Jeff introduced himself and the team of students involved in the project to the committee. The students agreed that since these shelters can be used by both smokers and non-smokers alike, they will be called campus canopies from now on.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Daryl Morgan will ask his students to refill the sample holes and to provide the MSDS to Robyn for the wood preservative being considered.
2. Recommendation will be forwarded to the VP for the Torri Gate proposal.
3. Mark to work with students on the campus canopy proposed site within the London plane trees.
4. Mark and Jim will determine if any non-authorized structures will be taken down by maintenance staff.
5. Robyn to contact company contracted for clean up of potentially hazardous debris.
6. Maria will draft a recommendation from the committee to the VP regarding non-authorized habitation and structures issue.
7. Ken and Jim will contact 'WA Trout' to get more information about proposal & will determine if request is to be approved.

(Renaming the shelters may make the transition to a future non-smoking campus smoother).

To preserve the integrity of campus aesthetics, and accommodate smokers and non-smokers, a couple of the designated smoking sites will be moved from their original location. The team has worked with Rich and Robyn on these changes. The changes are to the two designated smoking areas closest to Seminar II. The one near the welcome statue will be moved in between the first set of London plane trees (the trees closest to the front of Seminar II), the second site (near the Seminar II café) will be moved to the area near the CRC swimming pool (next to the outer fence where the CRC stores their diving equipment).

The Tacoma campus community agreed on the Arca Archa design (only one will be installed). They will modify the design to fit their site, and they may add a green roof.

The designs will be customized to fit the size of each site. The goal is that the canopies fit naturally in their locations. Each may have a seating capacity of 10 or 12.

The committee has asked that they evaluate what the foot traffic impact will be to the areas where the canopies will be, how the pitch of the roofs relate to the sunlight; if green roofs are to be put in, students should take into consideration how the plants will be sustained during dry periods (suggestion made to plant mosses and lichens). The committee suggested that the students contact Bellini for additional moss suggestions for the green roofs. A suggestion to create a life size mock up was also made.

Another suggestion to explore was to include an additional shelter at the opposite end of London plane trees (closest to the CAB) that complements the currently one proposed in between the first set of London plane trees.

The proposed sites within the London plane trees need to be looked at closer. Irrigation may have to be adjusted to accommodate these structures, and the box of control valves is near the proposed site (lighting, plumbing, storm drains may be impacted by construction in this area). Maybe adjusting the size of the shelter to avoid these utilities is possible.

**ACTION:** The students will work with Mark on this issue.

The committee commended the students on a great presentation (material presented was of quality, response to feedback thorough, students provided information well as team). The committee approves the site changes with the condition that utilities are not impacted negatively.

The team will consult with the Facilities staff on the proposed sites in question and provide an update and site specific design drawings at a future committee meeting.

#### **4. Unauthorized Structures and Habitations**

This weekend Jim was out in the woods and discovered a number of unauthorized structures and areas where people are living. The structures are not safe, there is debris, and fire pits at some of the sites. These things were found in the ecological preserve area and should be removed to ensure the public's safety, preserve the integrity of the ecological reserve areas, and to comply with campus and state policies on unauthorized habitations on college property.

The committee agreed that the structures need to be removed and debris cleaned. Jim will work with Mark to determine if any of the structures can be taken down by the maintenance staff safely, whatever isn't removed by them will be removed by a contracted company that is trained to clean up potentially hazardous debris.

**ACTION:** Jim and Mark will determine who will clean which areas (staff vs. contracted company).

**ACTION:** Robyn will contact company that is contracted to conduct this type of clean up and direct them to either Jim or Mark for directions to the sites.

This has been an ongoing problem for years however it seems to have increased in recent years. Police services is aware of the situation, they are conducting foot patrols and know that as the weather improves this problem may increase. There was discussion that perhaps there needs to be more awareness of this issue.

**ACTION:** Maria will draft a recommendation from the committee to the VP about this.

#### **5. Washington Trout Low Impact Proposal**

Jamie Glasgow of Washington Trout submitted a proposal to conduct field surveys to update Thurston County stream maps. The committee stated that in the past, professionals and students have conducted studies similar to the one described (stream studies conducted on Schneider and Huston Creeks). Since this proposal is low impact, the committee agreed to allow them to conduct their survey if agreed to by Ken and Jim after they discuss the request with Jamie. If the studies are authorized, the committee indicated that it would be a good learning opportunity for students (perhaps they can follow along), also study may provide new information for the database.

**ACTION:** Ken and Jim will contact Jamie to get more information and will determine if this proposal is to be approved.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled on Wed., May 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the Facilities Conference room, Lab II, room 1250.