

Campus Land Use Committee

September 17, 2007

Attendees: Derek Lathrope, Robyn Herring, Rich Davis, Kort Jungel, Azeem Hoosein, Mark Kormondy and Ken Tabbutt.

Guests: Jack Longino and Bob Worley.

Recorder: Rishel Gordham.

Introductions:

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Hazardous Tree Maintenance Plan (Sound Urban Forestry)

Initially the campus had conducted a species condition report. The Campus was broken down into management sections. Michael and Kevin outlined the study. Kevin discussed trees on campus that are leaning, decayed, dead or that have laminated root rot.

Kevin stated that the ratio of trees that need to be removed are small compared to the whole amount of trees on the campus. Kevin provided an example of a tree that should be removed. The tree was diseased and declining and near a road (height of the tree, location and target (potential for hitting something or someone)).

There are only 15 trees that are rated an 11. There are 104 trees ranked at 10. There are 159 trees ranked at 9 and 181 trees ranked at 8. Kevin referenced Table 2 out of the report which outlined a proposed timeline for removal of the trees. The proposed cost to remove the trees is \$127,092.00. The committee discussed the proposed timeline and the potential for leaving snags instead of simply cutting the trees down. Paul suggested coordinating with faculty in regard to use of the wood.

Kevin indicated that the ArbroPro system is a great tool and potentially students and staff could utilize the information for study plots.

Environmental faculty member, Jack Longino, represented concerned faculty regarding the removal of trees. Jack stated that from an eco-system health point-of-view it is negative remove the dead and dying trees. Dead and dying trees are important to the wildlife on campus. Jack would like the CLUC to approach the tree removal process in the least aggressive way possible.

Paul emphasized that we want to have a catalog to watch the trees and to be able to make a decision in the future. Ken indicated that there are 458 trees that are rated 8-11 so there are a large number of trees that can be monitored during the upcoming years.

The committee discussed the wording in Table 2 in regard to the proposed outline.

ACTION ITEM: Sound Urban Forestry will re-word Table 2 in the report to be less specific on the amount of trees that needed to be removed on a yearly basis.

Removal of Trees (Mark Kormondy)

Mark mentioned that one of the 15 trees fell down in the past few weeks so there are now only 14 trees that need to be removed. The committee discussed moving toward on the removal of the 14 trees. The trees need to be marked and the community needs to be notified. Mark would recommend taking all 14 trees out and making the commendation to leave habitat snags if possible.

Alternative Site for Postal Pick-up (Kort Jungel)

Kort reported that the postal service has discontinued selling stamps out of the vending machine located in the CAB and that a new location needs to be found. The committee discussed potential locations which included the main entrance to the library near the book drop off, closer to the bus pick up and outside the Bookstore in the CAB.

The committee recommended that Kort come to the Space Committee for the second floor of the CAB.

Next CLUC meeting is on Monday, October 15, 2007 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Facilities Services conference room.