

## CLUC Minutes 10-18-10

Attendees: Rich Davis, Paul Smith, Sarah Pedersen, Mark Kormondy, Maryam Jacobs, Robert Leverich, Cameron Hostetter, Mike Paros, Jack Longino

Guest: Paul Przybylowicz

Recorder: Emily Sladek

Introductions: Done

Approval of Minutes: Approved as written.

### Organic Farm:

Paul Przybylowicz reviews Organic Farm Master Plan document. The document was created to find a location for the new Sustainable Agricultural Lab building and was developed by HKP Architects in 2010. Jack asks with the Campus Master Plan being completed in 2008 why the Organic Farm master plan needs updating so soon. Paul Przybylowicz, Marty Beagle and Melissa Barker wrote a document for the Organic Farm that got incorporated in Campus Master Plan. Jennifer Gerend and Karen Gaul taught a class in the Spring of 2009 and Markthor MacFarland taught a class in the Summer of 2009. Both classes did a lot of research into issues at the Organic Farm. The Campus Master Plan calls for expanding arable land, but doesn't go into the specific details. This is what the HKP master plan does; as a non-vested third party, the purpose was for them to find solutions to the issues discovered by faculty and students.

How can we get the Organic Farm plan to be vetted by the campus community? Paul Przybylowicz met with Organic Farm core curriculum faculty last week, and another meeting is scheduled in November 2010. Paul Przybylowicz would like the community to see the proposed master plan and written explanation of the plan by core faculty. Paul Przybylowicz is going to start on a position paper and bring it back to the CLUC to discuss. Paul Przybylowicz is still brainstorming ways to get campus-wide discussion and approval on the plan.

A timeline and order of respondents is brainstormed. The CLUC and Paul Przybylowicz can develop a list of questions for campus conversation, and both faculty and CLUC will approach campus together, get feedback, incorporate feedback and resubmit plan to the campus.

Do we know if the PDF of the Organic Farm Master Plan from HKP is in an editable format?

ACTION ITEM: Paul Smith will check on sending an editable version of the HKP Organic Farm Master Plan to the CLUC.

- Jack Longino adds the need to offer options for the Organic Farm to expand that don't include tree clearing.

- Rich Davis asks how irrigation expansion will be handled and how utilities are planned. He asks that increase usage and costs be considered as part of the plan, adding the questions: How are we using land, are we taking care of it, and what's the long-term production output plan for the farm.
- Jack Longino asks when Paul Przybylowicz and Organic Farm faculty will have an idea of the curriculum plan and how much space is needed. Paul Przybylowicz says there are several ideas and that direction from the campus may help the faculty to design the space they need for programming.
- Bob Leverich says the 2008-2009 academic program, Green Studio, worked on an expansion location. It seems like the issue of expansion has been the topic of many discussions. The outcome of the Green Studio class was that the Organic Farm may not need to be expanded on campus.
- The existing site of the Organic Farm needs to be redevelopment whether it is expanded or left as the same size footprint. Paul Smith is planning for the renovation of all existing buildings. No new structures are planned.
- On the agenda for November 2010 CLUC meeting, a further discussion of the Organic Farm Plan to provide questions to send to Paul Przybylowicz. Paul Przybylowicz will not be attending the next meeting.

#### Other Items:

##### Organic Farm Bat Colony Intern:

A Masters of Environmental Studies Intern is studying the bat colony at the Organic Farm. Noel Furgenson is trying to find alternative housing that the bats will accept and move to. Martha Henderson is his faculty sponsor. He is also being supported by a community member that also knows about the colony at Woodard Bay, whose habitat will also be disturbed soon.

##### Hazardous Trees:

Dead Western Hemlock outside Lab II. Paul Smith would like to grind it down and plant a native species there.

Dead Maple by the Longhouse has fungus growing at base. Paul would like to leave it as habitat.

CLUC agrees to the proposed plans for each tree.

**ACTION ITEM: Paul will post email notifying campus.**

##### Outdoor Sculpture Workspace:

Bob Leverich requests space to create 3-D sculptures. Historically, students have used the Library Loading dock as their studio space for stone and wood projects. He is hoping with the renovation of the Art Annex a more long-term space can be designated for this work. His brainstorm is that the site would be accessible by truck, have, at least for the beginning, a gravel yard with a few storage shelters for tools. Structures may be built by students as part of his Spring 2011 program. There is a brief discussion about the site needing a fence and the aesthetics of fencing. Cameron Hostetter mentions that he has seen colleges where an artistic fence has been erected that looks good and still protects property.

**ACTION ITEM: Bob Leverich will draw up proposals on three sites adjacent to the Art Annex.**

**Next CLUC Meeting is Monday, November 15 from 3-5pm in the Facilities Conference Room, Lab II 1250.**