

Campus Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2005

Attending: Collin Orr, Ken Tabbutt, Rich Davis, Mark Kormondy, Rob Knapp, Susie Seip,
Robyn Herring, Marcus Craven
Recorder: Maria Horan

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Ken to discuss land use database with Rip.
2. Maria to provide copies of the CMP to committee members.
3. Mark to provide committee with number and type of trees that will be cut down for library modernization, also locate temporary and possible permanent locations for London plane trees, and discuss possible native planting project opportunity with Frederica Bowcutt.
4. Collin to present possible alternatives for London plane tree replantings to VP and Senior Staff.

Follow up:

1. Lab II 'smoking area' sign was removed.

1. January 12th meeting minutes approved.

2. Committee Responsibility/Long Range Issues

There was a discussion about the committee's responsibility. In addition to providing support on proposals for campus land use, the group is charged to provide long range recommendations for land use on campus. As well as keep interested people informed about land use projects occurring on campus through a land use project database. Rip Hemingway created a database and anyone interested in that information can contact him. The committee doesn't always receive academic program land use proposals. When research land use proposals are approved, Ken suggested that the committee ask the project coordinator to submit their findings for inclusion in the database.

ACTION: Ken will talk to Rip about the database, how academic programs are informed that it exists, and if a map can be developed with the existing information.

Brainstorming on long range planning issues, some ideas that were suggested:

- Expand the Organic Farm.
- Forest management program (for example, can fire risk be mitigated after ice storms leave considerable debris and fuel?)
- Revise the Campus Master Plan (CMP).

The group indicated that the CMP is a good document that has been used to help guide construction projects on campus, i.e., Seminar II. All agreed that it needs to be updated. The committee focused on ways to break up the Campus Master Plan and assign committee members to review and provide suggestions.

The group focused on ways to break up the CMP so that each member can review an issue throughout the plan. The online campus master plan is the most current (printed copy is the older version). The goal is to have the updating recommendations by the end of the academic year. These are the issues that the group agreed should be the focus.

- Overall review of the plan, update factual information – Rich Davis
- Academic Program Use – Ken Tabbutt
- Forest Management – Marcus Craven, Rich Davis, Rob Knapp and Deane Rimerman
- Farm Expansion – Marcus Craven
- Growth Management Act – Susie Seip

- Neighborhood issues (including encroachment) – Collin Orr and Robyn Herring
- Land use, database and map – Ken Tabbutt
- State use pressure (large land use initiatives) – Rob Knapp
- Operations and authority of the CLUC – Maria Horan
- Sustainability, 'green' practice issues – Rob Knapp and Marcus Craven
- Connection with the 10 year capital plan – Susie Seip and Rob Knapp

ACTION: Maria will download the Campus Master Plan from the web and copy Deane's suggestions for revisions to Chapter 4 for all committee members.

3. **Parkway Update**

The Parkway project is moving forward, college engaged in extensive community outreach efforts (i.e., open campus and public meetings) to get input on the project. Another traffic analysis was conducted by Parametrix and concluded that growth is less than what was projected in the previous traffic study. There are a few changes from the original design, some of those are: one round about at McCann Plaza, there will be intersection improvements at Overhulse (reducing the crossing distance), addition of turnouts for bus stops, and marked cross walks. The goal is to get the project finished by June 30th, however if it doesn't get done in time for graduation and Super Saturday, construction will be suspended during these events.

4. **Excavation and Tree Removal for Library Modernization**

Nancy Johns informed the committee about the excavation and the London Plane Sycamore trees transplanting plans that may need to happen to make way for construction on the library building.

The method that the contractor will use to get his equipment on site to install the shear walls has not been determined. The contractor may have different ideas than what is suggested by the college. The college suggestion is to excavate a channel that's between 20-25 feet wide along the front and loading dock side of the library building (to enable contractor can get his vehicles and equipment on site).

Regardless of the method that is used, the 6 London Plane Sycamores in front of the building have to be dug up to protect them from construction. The contractor (with grounds crew assistance) will dig up the trees, ball up the roots and replant them temporarily to another part of campus (estimate one year). The college will hire an arborist to monitor the trees in their temporary location. The current plan is to replant the trees in their original location after construction, but that isn't definite.

An area that will be excavated is between Seminar I and the library loading dock. The retaining wall will be removed as well as the trees and shrubs. The contractor will replace the retaining wall but the college will not ask that the trees or shrubs be replaced. The excavation needs to happen so the contractor can bring his equipment onsite without having to use the front of

campus, or the brick paved ways. Trees that will be taken down are Douglas firs, a Sugar Maple and a lot of ivy. Mark indicated that contractor should also replace the irrigation as well.

ACTION: Mark will provide the group with the type and number of trees that will be removed.

ACTION: Committee suggested that Mark discuss the issue of having this land available for native plantings with Frederica (something she may be interested in for her program).

Another area that will be excavated is behind the C wing of the library building. This area doesn't have any large trees. The committee did not have concerns with excavating this site.

All dirt that's taken out will be located off site and what's needed for refilling will be brought back. An arborist did a study on the London plane trees about one and a half years ago, that study indicated that there were no signs that the trees are in bad health. However, it's unlikely that there will be a 100% survival rate. All of the work presented is planned for this summer.

ACTION: The committee would like to know where the trees can be placed temporarily and/or possible alternate permanent places. Mark to scout out some areas and provide the committee with information.

ACTION: Collin will go to the VP and senior staff with options to consider for the London plane trees. It was suggested that Bob put together an image of what the front of the library building would look like with only two of the trees with the crowns grown out. A possibility is that alternate locations for the other trees can be found elsewhere on campus. The college may be able to save a lot of money if the trees crowns are allowed to grow out. This would minimize the need to prune them as often as it's currently done.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2004 from 1-3pm in the Facilities Conference room, Lab II, room 1250.