

Campus Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2004

Attending: Bill Bruner, Robyn Herring, Benjamin Helmes, Deane Rimerman, Cliff Hepburn
Guests: Jon Epstein, Mathew Leon, Kara Bench, Mark Kahn, Erin Grousch, Steve Huntsberry
Recorder: Maria Horan

1. May meeting minutes approved.

2. General Update

Signage around campus is being updated. The bids for the Parkway project came in higher than estimated and a citizens group is appealing the SEPA decision of non-significant determination. This project may not go forward in the timeframe originally projected. The college will have to re-bid the project, maybe in January, 2005.

3. Dirt Pile on Field 5

DPR agreed to level off and clean debris from the dirt pile on field 5 (the dirt was from Seminar II construction). Dave Weber has been consulted about this and he's in favor of the decision. The field will be raised by about 4 feet, berms will be placed where requested by Dave, and hydroseed will be laid.

ACTION: The committee approved the leveling off of the field and hydroseeding.

4. Memorial Bench Installation

Jon Epstein came to the meeting to offer his apologies for unknowingly circumventing the process to install the memorial on campus. He indicated that this was a situation of confusion, the coordinator of this project has a brain tumor and that may have had something to do with the failure to obtain the appropriate authorization.

The committee asked Jon what could have been done by the committee to make it feasible to follow the proper protocol. Jon said that nobody in the group (all of which are Evergreen alumni) ever heard of the Campus Land Use Committee and suggests that the committee make itself more visible.

ACTION: The committee was sympathetic to Jon's situation and agreed to allow the memorial to stay in place with the caveat that it falls in line with the College Advancement's memorial guidelines in place at the time of installation.

ACTION: Bill will contact Frank McGovern's area in College Advancement and notify them of the memorial.

5. Re-posting of 'no camping' signage at trailheads

Steve talked to the group about the large camps found on college property. Ten to fifteen people were living in the woods off of the F parking lot. There is a lot of trash, human feces and who knows what else. This is the largest group of permanent campers that they have encountered on campus. Many of the campers have warrants for their arrest. When confronted by police services, the campers stated that they didn't know they couldn't camp out because they didn't

FOLLOW-Ups

- 1. Bill will contact Frank McGovern's area about the new memorial.***
- 2. The college to arrange for outside company to clean camp areas.***
- 3. Maria to notify Frederica about questions for library green roof signage.***
- 4. Cliff, Mark and/or Ben will take pictures of weeds on library green roof and send to Collin.***
- 5. Cliff will email a list of trees that may have to be cut down.***

see any signs. Steve's staff did some preliminary cleanup, but they are not equipped or trained to conduct the clean up that's required in this situation. ACTION: The college will be bringing in a qualified cleaning company for this situation to clean the site.

Steve asked that the committee approve the permanent posting of 'no camping' signage on all major trails. They will post the signs on already existing posts if available. Steve has agreed to consult with Ahoi Mench in the Facilities Sign Shop about signage and will sight the appropriate Washington Administrative Code.

ACTION: The committee approves the permanent posting of these signs.

6. Composting Toilet Project at the Organic Farm

The composting project committee submitted a proposal to install an outdoor composting toilet at the organic farmhouse site, they came to meeting to elaborate on that, keep the members informed and answer questions members may have. The group indicated that there is a need for a public outhouse at the organic farmhouse for the weekends and in the evenings when the farmhouse buildings are locked up. The project is supported by the CELL.

The group indicated that they're plans are not finalized and will return to the CLUC when it is more defined. This includes determining how the waste will be disposed of and/or used. There was a discussion about how it would be tested by a certified lab. In addition, the waste can also provide an opportunity for science students to test. The group also indicated that, if safe, the waste can be used on non food plant material throughout campus. The group estimates that about one bucket full of waste will have to be hauled out once a year. They are aware of the overall farmhouse plan and feel that their project fits well with that and will take the organic farmhouse cluster concept into consideration when determining a final location. Some money has been raised for this project, but not enough to cover all costs, the group is continuing their search for funds.

The CLUC suggested that the group put together an ongoing maintenance plan, address how ongoing costs are going to be covered, meet with and obtain support from Marty Beagle in the Department of Environmental Sciences. As well as, discuss their detailed plans with the composting staff, Robyn Herring, the campus Safety Coordinator, and Rich Davis, the college Engineer, for the structural drawings and find out what type of permits may be needed. The committee wished the group well in this endeavor and look forward to hearing more from them.

7. Signage Authorization Request from Frederica Bowcutt

Frederica submitted a request for CLUC authorization of signage for library green roof by email. She attached the signs that will be posted. The committee reviewed the signs. They want to insure that the look is consistent with current signage on the roof, want to know sign dimensions and locations. In addition, there was a suggestion that it would be good to indicate which plants are native. ACTION: Maria to notify Frederica and ask her to send an email to the DL, authorization will be sent by email.

1. *Leveling off and hydroseeding Field 5.*
2. *Leave memorial bench in place.*
3. *Permanent posting of 'no camping' signs on campus trail heads.*
4. *Basket resource garden project on south side of Seminar II.*
5. *Placement of cargo container on walkway off Fireweed Lane to be used as storage for CRC and new graffiti wall.*

8. Basket Resource Garden

Benjamin Helmes submitted a detailed proposal to install a basket resource garden on the south side of Seminar II. Plantings do not exist on the proposed site and may turn into a mud pit, and/or a dirt area that people will trample on if left as is. The proposed plantings are all native and suitable for the soil conditions (one area stays wet most of the year and will plan for plantings suitable for that). There will be minor site work, may need to move rocks with a tractor. Some trimming will be required once the plantings are in. This project can be accomplished with about \$2,000 and funding will be from the arboretum project. This project ties in well with the goals of the arboretum plan.

ACTION: The committee approved the basket resource garden project.

9. Update on the Graffiti Wall

Robyn updated the committee on the status of the graffiti wall. A permanent location is determined. A land/sea container will be placed on the walkway off Fireweed Lane, there's sufficient lighting from the light pole that's across the walkway. Dave Weber was consulted about this and he approves. The container will be used for CRC storage and will not be visible from field four and will be slightly visible from field three. A smooth surface will not be placed on the container. Signs will be posted at the old graffiti wall site directing users to the new location. The committee indicated that police services will have to enforce this change. There's concern that users will continue to use the old wall.

ACTION: The committee approved the placement of the cargo container on the walkway off Fireweed Land and the postage of signs redirecting graffiti wall users to the new location.

10. Other Issues

Collin and Bill discussed revisions of the campus master plan and indicated that changes will not take place until the new director comes on board.

The group discussed the weeds on the library green roof. The group indicated that the current contractor needs to be informed that the weeds need to be removed before their contract expires and that the irrigation may be leaking.

ACTION: Cliff, Mark and/or Ben will take pictures and email to Collin.

ACTION: Cliff will email the group a list of trees that may need to be cut down and place on next agenda if not resolved by then.

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2004 in the Facilities Conference Room, Lab II-1250.