

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

October 15, 2013
8:00am – 9:00am
Lincoln Building Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Ted Curtis & Harvey Sterns – Co-Conveners
TYPE OF MEETING	UC Committee
FACILITATORS	Harvey Sterns – Co-Convener
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Shelly Keller
ABSENT	Ted Curtis – Co-Convener Garrett Dowd Mark Dvorak Denise Montanari Ralph Morrone USG – Vacant Position
ATTENDEES	Ann Hassenpflug – Vice Chair Julie Hykes Shelly Keller - Secretary Chuck Kunsman Elizabeth Reilly William Thelin Harvey Sterns – Co-Convener Shawn Stevens
INVITED GUESTS	Ralph Morrone

Agenda topics

MINUTE APPROVAL

DISCUSSION	Approval of the 9/17/13 minutes was requested.
CONCLUSIONS	Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Shawn seconded the motion and all were in favor 7-0.

MEETING ITEMS

University Council Update

- Harvey advised he was elected vice chair of University Council and Stacey Moore is chair. The February bylaws were accepted. Based on conversations, University Council is moving in the right direction again. This body will bring forward recommendations and continue to be back.

MetroParks

- Ted sent a message that he presented the MetroParks plan and the Board is moving forward with it.

Tours

- Shelly advised that Jim Haskell is ready to give a tour to Central Hower and the group should agree on a date to propose to Jim. November 15th- Central Hower tour 8-9 am Shelly will contact Jim and advised the committee of the set date and time. Ralph advised he has keys and can take any of those that can't make this tour on their own tour.

Updates and General Discussions

- Law School Planning Process - Liz gave an update and stated a financial flow chart for Mike and David was presented. If we get state funding in this budget, when is the earliest we can start? Match up with funds or expected pledges. Conceptual plans. Myers working on this for us. Renovating/transforming the old bldg.
- Sasaki updates - how are they being handled? Are they frozen right now? Ralph - continuing as we try to make improvements we go back to make sure it is consistent with the goals of Sasaki.
- Quaker Square updates continuing to look at plans there. Hotel turned to dorms. Harvey asked the president and financially it wasn't feasible to keep as a hotel. Ralph felt that some was feasible but Harvey felt it may of been budgetary decisions. Sasaki's plans were to go more all in with dorms per Liz. Condition of Grant and Gallucci probably added to that being the better decision.
- What will happen to Grant and Gallucci once off line? Ralph advised building is intact; it is environmentally the insides of the building that has questions.
- Role of this committee is to help advise, what next? Liz suggested that this committee should interview people from units who have had construction and or reconstruction; now that you are through it what do you wish you knew before hand? Are there ways we could help in future construction and reconstruction? How to help them adapt to fast to moving ideas. John Messina with the residence halls, what would he do differently? As a policy recommending body it would help us to know what helped. What do you wish you knew and what would you do differently.
- Areas suggested that we should look at:
Wayne and Medina
Martin Center
Auburn Science West Tower biology - made no sense to move twice
College of Engineering - grabbed additional space
- Zook Hall renovations - transparent
 - What is a workable process? We are not suggesting reactive process rather than active process. Information out too early but, not a lack of information. Let's have the committee informed. Not an individual process but as a committee we share the process.
 - Process is on architect on site, then programming, end users are involved. Schematic design review transparently, foot print is solid. Making sure deans know, also including University Council.
 - The committee should be kept informed on all projects per Ann. There are 5-6 bldgs of moth balling, reutilizing and allocating space. Saving energy consolidating space.
- Organizational chart for Capital Planning. How is that set up? Ann would like to see.
- Harvey stated our purview is to understand the process, Martin Center plans weren't clear; architecturally a sound building, there are two churches on Market Street, number of spaces sitting out there. Assume they have uses. Mothballing buildings, why are they empty, how can we program the space out?
- Keep in mind; we changed our class schedules to work with the utilization. Ralph advised when we looked at study we didn't ask to run their classes a certain way. There is definitely an input that should drive our utilization. If you want classes to run as two, two hour classes rather than four 1 hour classes, vice versa. Classroom shortage. Ralph continued, given today's financial environment we can really look at utilization and scheduling and drive it backwards.
- Class time starting on off campus locations is a problem per Ann.

- Recreation - outdoor space is really allocated to Athletics. 7pm is when they are done. Buchtel Field space under construction right now. Outdoor space is an issue, flag football, softball, for recreation, no sport now has a "season", they run year long. Nothing flat that is green. Power Street. It is desired for this committee to discuss these topics.
- Planning project for communication was also asked to be our next topic.
- Ann asked for Zook to be discussed further, Harvey advised he agrees that we should discuss recreational space, Ralph added that recreational space is directly related to enrollment.

Wrap Up:

- Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor 7-0.