Campus Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2005
1:30-3:00 p.m. ~ 202 USB  
[Approved]

Members Present: Gregg Oden, John Beldon Scott, Jose Fernandez, Tom Schmidt, Marcelo Mena, Jim Walters, Len Sandler, Connie Peterson, Alan Peters, Chris Mutel, Kelly Mellecker

Others Present: Don Guckert, Rod Lehnertz, Larry Wilson, Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Patricia Cain, David Ricketts, Gary Nagle, Walter Robalino, John Staley, Michael Thomas, George Hollins, Howard Heino (American Cancer Society by phone), Bob Cramer (Plunkett Raysich Architects by phone)

Call to Order: Chair Oden called the meeting to order

Welcome New Members/Thank Past Members: Chair Oden extended a warm welcome to new CPC members Alan Peters, Connie Peterson, Chris Mutel and Kelly Mellecker. He also thanked past members Johna Leddy, Linzee Kull McCray, Amos Hill and Michael Kimball for their contributions to this past year's Campus Planning Committee.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 1, 2005, CPC meeting were approved as distributed.

Action Item(s):

Hope Lodge
Designs showing a more simplified look were presented to the Design Review Subcommittee. The 30 unit building was shown in two different styles; one with residential design reflecting the Ronald McDonald House architecture and one with a more contemporary design reflecting the Carver Hawkeye Arena design. Much discussion followed the presentation with the subcommittee split on their preferences. The subcommittee recommended bringing both designs to the full CPC to continue dialogue and conceptual approval and requested a PowerPoint presentation to ease review of photos and plans.

The full Campus Planning Committee were presented with two different styles as presented to the Design Review Subcommittee and were able to ask questions of the architect, as well as a member of the American Cancer Society representing the Hope Lodge by conference phone. After much discussion concerning the two different designs the full Committee was still generally split on their preference. After a final vote, the committee favored the contemporary design (noted “D”) in a vote of 5-4.

East Campus Chilled Water Plant
Due to operational issues, as well as the potential impediment of the design of the Campus Recreation Center, the location of the East Campus Chilled Water Plant is being revisited. Alternate sites being considered include the Power Plant, the parcel of land adjacent to the Cambus building currently owned by MidAmerican, and the current location of the motor pool. Because the Power Plant location would not provide adequate space for expansion, the area south of the Cambus building to the railroad embankment was discussed. This item was brought before the full CPC for their recommendation. The Committee gave general support to work with the area between the Cambus building and the railroad embankment on the final siting of the East Campus Chilled Water Plant and encouraged a design with sensitivity to the view.

Botany Greenhouse Parking Lot
Brooks presented the UIHC/Botony Greenhouse parking area design endorsed by both the the Land Use and Design Review Subcommittees and accepted by all parties involved and impacted. The lot is designed to accommodate 32 parking spaces to be used by UIHC Valet Parking only. Grading of this site will allow the lot
to drain into the existing road, but will require a series of two (3’ to 4’) retaining walls on the west end with plantings at their bases to help screen them from Hawkins Drive views. Additional screening of the lot will be done by installing black vinyl fencing interwoven in plantings to create a barrier between the parking lot and the open space used by clients of the Speech and Hearing Center. A sidewalk will be constructed further south to more directly connect the ADA entryway at the Speech and Hearing Center and the bus loading/unloading area on the UIHC drive. The full Campus Planning Committee endorsed the design.

**Information Item(s)**

**Old Capitol Mall**
The University has acquired space in the Old Capitol Mall previously leased by Younkers. The first floor will be occupied by International Programs and English as a Second Language. The second floor will be occupied by the UIHC. The basement of the former JC Penney store is being programmed for Public Safety.

**CPC Subcommittee Reports:**

**Campus Environment Subcommittee**

- **Logo on Hawkins Drive Water Tower**
  Due to a significant amount of correspondence received by Athletics about the potential of painting a logo or a series of logos on the Hawkins Drive water tower, a proposal was presented which could incorporate this with the inevitable maintenance (painting) of the water tower which will take place in June 2006. The potential use of the water tower as gateway signage and way-finding was discussed. The subcommittee recommended that it not be painted with logos at this time, but recommended that it be investigated as part of a comprehensive campus signage study that will be initiated in FY06.

- **T. Anne Cleary Walkway Signage**
  An additional design was brought to the subcommittee to be considered for identifying the T. Anne Cleary Walkway. A 7 foot tall bollard was proposed on each end of the Walkway based upon the design of the 2 foot high precast concrete bollards that currently line the Walkway. Black mental sign panels would be mounted as a band around the top portion to hold way-finding signs and a plaque commemorating Dr. Cleary. Once again, discussion followed about concerns of adding one more element of signing. The prospect of engraving a bollard that is currently in place was discussed as potentially a better option for the time being until the campus signage was addressed. The Subcommittee was reluctant to support the design wanting to see something integrated into a more comprehensive sign policy.

- **Pomerantz Center & Becker Communications Building Signage**
  Additional signage for the Pomerantz Center and the Becker Communications Building which would display names of individual entities within the building was presented. Discussion followed about the campus way-finding system and the differences between marquee and directory signage. The subcommittee suggests developing guidelines to establish a place to start with building signage. At this time, the Campus Environment Subcommittee recommends keeping the Pomerantz Center sign as is, in the best interest of the public, until guidelines can be developed.

- **Madison & Main Library Bus Stop Improvements**
  A design for consideration for the Madison Street/Library Bus Stop was presented. The design is comparable to the bus stop across the street in front of the Communication Center. It was suggested that the design include accommodations for a 10 foot sidewalk along Madison. Brooks was also challenged to explore the feasibility of creating a sitting wall in this general area. The subcommittee felt that the bus stop design brings life to what is considered a bland building. The Campus Environment Subcommittee would like to see the updated design brought back for final approval.
Design Review Subcommittee

- **Facilities Management Shop Facility Update**
  An update on the proposed Facilities Management shop facility being located south of the University Services Building next to the railroad embankment was presented. To keep costs down, a two-story metal building is being considered with a connection between the new and existing services building.

- **Art Building Renovation Update**
  Currently, an architectural firm selection process is underway. The renovation will also involve major site renovation, including new walks and drop off points.

- **College of Public Health Building**
  The space study being conducted for the College of Public Health has been wrapped up and we are currently soliciting architectural/consulting firms. At this point a site has not been selected, but has been narrowed to two possible sites: Westlawn Area and International Center building site.

Land Use Subcommittee

- **Grand Avenue Roundabout**
  Progress of the Grand Avenue Roundabout proposed by the City of Iowa City was reported. The design of the roundabout was selected to increase the capacity of the intersection, while making the channeling of traffic more clear. The subcommittee challenged the City and University to provide a better circulation solution for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- **Seashore Hall Block Land Use Options**
  The results of a study done of the Seashore Hall Area and buildings were reported. This area is defined as the space bordered by Gilbert to Dubuque and Iowa Avenue to Jefferson. The study depicted urban designs in a lower profile (5 stories or less) and a higher profile (7 stories or less). The study maintains the Linn Street Connector (pedestrian corridor) and a combination of saving, replacing and or rebuilding current structures.

- **Oakdale Campus Long Range Land Use**
  The results of an initial massing study done of the Oakdale Campus to assist with long range land use were reported. Maintaining as many large trees as possible the study depicted a few scenarios for thought ranging from a more suburban layout to a campus-like organization of buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.