Campus Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2006
1:30-3:00 p.m. ~ 202 USB
[Approved]

Members Present: Jim Walters, Len Sandler, Chris Mutel, Gregg Oden, Alan Peters, John Scott, Connie Peterson, Jose Fernandez.

Others Present: Don Guckert, Rod Lehnertz, Larry Wilson, George Hollins, Patricia Cain, Jean Walker

Call to Order: Chair Oden called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 12, 2005, CPC meeting were approved as distributed.

Action Item(s):

Naming Proposal for Kinnick Press Box

A proposal initiated by Bob Bowlsby and the Athletics Department to name the new press box the Paul W. Brechler Press Box in honor of former Director of Athletics Paul W. Brechler was presented. A motion was made and unanimously approved by committee members to endorse the proposal. The endorsement was contingent upon the release of additional details pertaining to how the building name will be recognized e.g. exterior/interior signage, etc.).

Information Item(s)

None

CPC Subcommittee Reports:

Campus Environment Subcommittee

Voxman Music Building

An update on the schematic landscape improvement plan for the Voxman Music Building in anticipation of its 100th anniversary was presented to the Campus Environment Subcommittee. The proposal would include a new, larger building sign, better pathways to the entrance, additional plantings and more and better seating at the entrance of the building. Plans will be brought back to the subcommittee when more formalized.

102 Church Street

A proposal for Phase 2 of Landscape Improvements for 102 Church Street was presented to the Campus Environment Subcommittee. It included a patio privacy fence, private family patio, main entrance redevelopment, retaining wall fence replacement and dog kennel relocation. These projects will be phased depending on funding. Currently general
landscape maintenance is falling short and the level of maintenance needs to be improved. As funding is identified for these projects, refined plans will be returned to this subcommittee for review.

Pentacrest Landscape Improvements

Pentacrest Landscape Improvement opportunities were presented to the Campus Environment Subcommittee. They included an automated turf irrigation system, Old Capitol east lawn view corridor improvements, site furniture, planting bed improvements, pipe rail renovation and replacement, east gateway plaza, and Washington Street bus stop renovation. Individual projects will be brought back for review by this subcommittee when refined and funded.

Pentacrest Tree Removal

The Campus Environment Subcommittee was updated on the removal of two honey locust trees on the east side of Old Capitol. Not many comments were received from the public – mostly positive feedback overall, particularly about being able to view the Old Capitol better.

Grand Avenue Roundabout

The Campus Environment Subcommittee was updated on the progress of the Grand Avenue roundabout. Part of the redesign incorporates bike ramps so bicyclists can opt to use sidewalks. Installation of a gate on the eastbound portion of Grand Avenue was discussed due to the misuse of this lane. At this time, it has been decided to wire for the gate but not actually install the gate itself. Bob Brooks will be returning to the City with these new proposals and will continue updating the subcommittee on the progress of this project.

Design Review Subcommittee

Hope Lodge

Following a split decision at the level of full CPC on their preference of styles, UI Administration supported the pitched roof design, but asked for the CPC-Design Review Subcommittee to review further architectural modifications that would reflect an institutional image.

Six schemes were presented showing variations of building entry, window shape, and façade. A motion was made to consider scheme D – alt 1 with additional stone rustication at ground level and cast stone added at the cornice. The color schemes will need further review. A show of hands indicated unanimous consensus among subcommittee members. The design will be brought back to this subcommittee as it is refined.

Land Use Subcommittee

Oakdale Campus

The Land Use Subcommittee was updated on the most recent master planning efforts involving the Oakdale campus. The recommendation is to reserve and not develop the southern segment of campus due to the topography, to consolidate the road systems
controlling traffic with stops and turns, creating buildable areas the size of city blocks which can be developed incrementally while protecting the green way.

Sports Medicine Clinic

The Land Use Subcommittee was updated on possible alternative locations of a UIHC sports medicine clinic in the Hawkeye Campus. The clinic would also serve the community. Initial studies indicated that the proposed southwest location could be too expensive to use. The land use considerations of each of the alternative locations were discussed.

South Burlington Land Swap Proposal

A proposal by Johnson County to trade for a segment of land surrounding the county jail which would allow the jail to be enlarged was presented. Joe Hibbard was consulted on this and his recommendation was given to the Land Use Subcommittee. After discussing the issue, the subcommittee consensus was to not support the proposal.

Other

A brief update was provided regarding the University’s involvement in a “deer harvesting” initiative. The University of Iowa was asked by the City of Iowa City for permission to harvest on land along the north part of the Finkbine Golf Course and along Clear Creek in the Hawkeye area of campus. A timeline acceptable to the UI was not coordinated by Iowa City for this season, but UI is willing to consider participation if a time frame can be agreed upon next year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.