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

Members Present: Thomas Schmidt, Jenna Anderson, Len Sandler, Gregg Oden, Alan Peters, John Scott, Connie Peterson, Jose Fernandez, James Walters, Chris Mutel

Others Present: Rod Lehnertz, Larry Wilson, Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, George Hollins, Dave Ricketts, Wendy Moorehead, Jean Walker

Call to Order: Chair Oden called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 13, 2006, CPC meeting were approved as distributed.

Action Item(s):
None

Information Item(s)

Rollout of Campus Master Plan

Wendy Moorehead reviewed the methods being used to rollout the updated Campus Master Plan, as well as giving a preview of the Campus Master Plan website.

CPC Subcommittee Reports:

Campus Environment Subcommittee

Hawkeye Area Signage

The subcommittee was introduced to a developing proposal by Athletics for sign modifications to the Hawkeye Campus to improve identification of facilities, and asked for guidance. The subcommittee was reminded that a campus-wide signage study is to begin this summer. At this point, the subcommittee suggested integrating Athletics proposal into the current signage policy and would like developing proposal brought back for review.

Naming Proposal for Kinnick Press Box

A proposal initiated by 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. Subcommittee members endorsed the proposal but suggested that Brechler be recognized on a plaque at the press box entrance with a narrative about Brechler as an alternative or additional recognition.

Campus Recycling
The subcommittee was introduced to a project currently underway to evaluate the University’s recycling policies. The subcommittee endorsed the student’s efforts and look forward to a report/summary when finished.

**Design Review Subcommittee**

**Burlington Street Median**

A concept plan being considered by the City of Iowa City for adding a median in Burlington Street from the Iowa River Bridge to Gilbert Street was presented to the subcommittee. The median will consist of a series of raised planters landscaped with canopy trees, special lighting and railings or barrier walls to control pedestrian traffic. The goals of the City are to provided a unifying element, reduce the wide-street feel, and to create a connection of development south of Burlington to the downtown. Larry Wilson will continue to be involved with the City in their efforts, bringing suggestions from the CPC-Design Review Subcommittee.

**UI Water Plant/Burlington Street Sidewalks**

The subcommittee was presented with a conceptual plan for revitalizing the Burlington Street sidewalk near the UI Water Plant. The plan shows creating green space between the north sidewalk and roadway by moving the sidewalk and then shifting the Gibson Square fence to be between the sidewalk and Burlington inline with the street lights (approximately 3 feet from the roadway). An island of refuge at the roadway entrance will be created for pedestrian safety and to control traffic by prohibiting a left-turn out onto Burlington. This plan will be brought back for further review as it develops.

**Grand Avenue Roundabout**

The subcommittee was presented with an update to the City of Iowa City’s plan for a roundabout, street resurfacing, median removal and replacement, and curb and gutter repair on Grand Avenue between Riverside Drive and the Field House. New street lighting will be installed for better dispersal of light. A small retaining wall will be placed at the west edge of the roundabout.

**Campus Recreation and Wellness Center**

The subcommittee was presented with an update on the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center focusing on the building’s architecture. Questions from the subcommittee included the need for a more linear aspect for the facade, setback for trees and landscaping and use of the special events entrance. Steve will work with Paul Klein and RDG on these and other concerns and will bring this back to the subcommittee for additional review.

**Burlington/Madison Intersection Improvements**

The subcommittee was presented with a proposal by the City of Iowa City regarding the widening of the Burlington/Madison intersection. Alternate C is the City’s recommended 5-lane version and a 4-lane Alternate E was recommended by the University’s traffic consultant and recommended by the CPC – Land Use Subcommittee. The question raised is whether the University is willing to accept the negative effects of time delay in the future.
in order to preserve the Madison streetscape, in particular, the impact to Gibson Square. The Subcommittee indicated apparent support of the statement, but was given an opportunity to email Larry with comments. The UI Administration will be asked to weigh in on this issue before going to the City with our recommendation.

**Land Use Subcommittee**

Hygienic Laboratory

The subcommittee was presented a preliminary land use design for the State Hygienic Laboratory to be located on the Oakdale campus. This is a result of two days worth of charrettes and creating and critiquing over 20 site variations. Items of discussion included the east/west siting of the building, location of loading dock and drive through bays, parking lot patterns, LEED strategies, possible use of permeable/pervious paving materials, nonconventional parking lot construction methods to blend current development into the long-range plans for the area and potential east/west expansion of Highway 965.

Oakdale Campus Task Force Report

The subcommittee was updated on the continued master planning efforts of the Oakdale Campus. A task force has been assembled to review current plans and further investigate potential development of the campus. They are discussing the possibility of grouping by research or business uses and blending the uses of the Oakdale Research Park and Research Campus.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.