Campus Planning Committee

December 9, 2008
Meeting Minutes
[Approved]

Members Present: Jenna Anderson, Greg Black, Meredith DeBoom, Bettina Hass, Barbara Mooney, Tom Schmidt, Mark Young

Members Absent: Jerry Anthony, Kerry King, Tom Kruckeberg, Larry Robertson

Others Present: Don Guckert, Bob Brooks, Larry Wilson, Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Beverly Robalino, Liz Christiansen, Mike Schueller

Call to Order: Thomas Schmidt called the meeting to order.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the October 28, 2008, CPC meeting were approved as distributed.

Information/Introductions:

Tom Schmidt introduced Mike Schueller, a member of the UI Staff Council and a member of the Staff Council subcommittee, Committee on Committees. He participates in reviewing applications of staff to serve on UI charter committees, such as Campus Planning Committee. He will be sitting in on a few future meetings to gain a better understanding of the functions of CPC, enabling him to make more informed contributions in selecting members to serve.

Don Guckert introduced Liz Christiansen, director of the UI Office of Sustainability. Liz heads up the new UI Office of Sustainability housed in Facilities Management. Christiansen will coordinate and develop programs to promote sustainability and resource conservation; help to formulate institutional goals, policies, practices and measure progress; seek grants and other funding; and work to enhance and enlarge the UI community's understanding of sustainability initiatives from an ecological and financial perspective.

Action Item(s):

Request for Renaming the Old Music Building
A request was received from Dean Linda Maxson to rename the Old Music Building, once it is renovated and occupied by the clinical psychology faculty, to Stuit Hall in honor of the late Dean Emeritus Dewey Stuit. Dean Stuit headed the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1948 to 1977 with his faculty appointment in the Department of Psychology. Dean Stuit left a very generous bequest to the College and to the Department of Psychology, a portion of which will augment the funding the University is making available for renovation of the Old Music Building.

This request has been reviewed by President Sally Mason and has her recommendation. The Campus Planning Committee also endorsed the recommendation. The committee did request that if additional signage is necessary that it be reviewed by the Campus Planning Committee.
Old Music Building Schematic Design
Schematic designs for the Old Music Building were presented for review. Built in 1915 as an isolation ward, Old Music is now being renovated to house the faculty of the clinical psychology department. The project will restore the exterior of the building by replacing windows, roof and gutter system, and mismatched brickwork, as well as removing the north entrance, and creating a main entrance on the south side of the building. Approximately 3,000 gsf will be added to the building by excavating the crawl space to accommodate the mechanical systems. A planting bed/roof water purification area surrounding the building is being installed as one of the many features of this renovation to obtain LEED certification. Two parking spaces directly in front of the building will be reclaimed to enhance the walkway to the main entrance.

Discussion included the condition of the exterior stairway and the potential relocation of a dumpster that is situated near the front of Old Music.

The Campus Planning Committee endorsed the design proposal.

**CPC Subcommittee Reports:**

**Land Use Subcommittee**

**Music & Theatre Temporary Flood Recovery Structures and Interim Structure**
The subcommittee was updated on the development of temporary housing for members of the Music and Theatre departments. It has been determined that several of the temporary locations used since the flood are not adequate. In an effort to make accommodations before the spring semester, a community of mobile units is being developed adjacent to the Theatre Building. The community will consist of approximately 22 mobile units to be used as small studio classrooms, faculty teaching labs, theater teaching classrooms and TA offices. Permitting for the units required a rapid evacuation strategy, which dictates that wheels and trailer hitches stay intact and that the units would have to be prepped to be moved when the river reaches 12,000 cfs and moved when it reaches 14,000 cfs. It is anticipated that the mobile units would provide accommodations for the spring and summer semester, but would be available for the fall semester if needed.

The interim long-term plan is to construct a building or series of buildings on the UI band practice field. A concept showing the relationship of programs consolidated and placed on the field was shown. This plan will be brought back to the subcommittee as refinement is made.

**Dental Science Building Addition**
The intent for the College of Dentistry to create an addition on the west end of the south wing was reported. This addition will serve as the clinic entrance to an outpatient clinic wing that is collocated with the research that occurs in the remainder of the south wing.

**West Campus Power Plant**
The intent of Utilities and Energy Management to construct a west campus boiler plant to provide steam to the west side of campus accommodating the expansion to the hospital and provide backup electric power to the system if needed was reported. The goal is for a combination of increased capacity and redundancy. The location being considered at this time is the west side of the decommissioned field hockey field which is adjacent to the Substation U.
Design Review Subcommittee

Dental Science Building Addition
The schematic designs for an addition to the Dental Science Building were presented. The approximately 32,000 gsf addition is phase one of a two-phase renovation to modernize the building. The addition was shown located on the west side of the south wing, moving the circle drive slightly west to accommodate the drop off area, but not affecting the main entrance to DSB. The structure was shown in precast panels and tinted windows, purposely not to replicate the existing building.

The subcommittee discussed how the entrance takes you into a split foyer space between floors 2 and 3, how the addition doesn’t carry through the solid monolithic form, and other options for getting light into the interior without windows.

The subcommittee encouraged the project team to refine the design so it’s a little more in line with the current design of DSB, have it reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee and return for further review.

Campus Environment Subcommittee

Metro Bikeway Master Plant
Kris Ackerson and Kent Ralston of JCCOG (Johnson County Council of Governments) provided information on the Metro Bicycle Master Plan that they are in the process of creating with participation from the Cities of Coralville and Iowa City and the University of Iowa. The priorities of this plan are to consider differing abilities, anticipate bikes on every street, realize that it’s more than getting there, and encourage coordination from all communities. The timeline for completion of this master plan is mid-May. The Campus Planning Committee will be asked to review and recommend adoption of part or the entire plan along with the Cities of Iowa City and Coralville.

Discussion included the steps JCCOG are taking in producing this master plan and if the UI student government has been included in discussions.

A draft form of the master plan will come back to this subcommittee for review.

Arbor Day Foundation Tree Campus USA Designation
The subcommittee was familiarized about the Tree Campus USA Program. This designation is given to campuses that effectively manage their campus trees, develop connectivity with the community beyond campus boarders to foster a healthy urban forest, and strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community, forestry efforts. A request to apply for this designation was received from our arborists from Building and Landscape Services. The CPC Campus Environment Subcommittee was requested to act as advisory to this group if the designation was given.

The subcommittee agreed to the advisory service.

UIHC Gas Pad – Tree Removal Request
A request by the UIHC to have two trees removed that are growing near a gas supply storage area was presented. This request is in response to evaluations of risks and liabilities for the UIHC following the 9/11 attacked. It is reported that these trees could potentially result in a catastrophic
event involving the supply of gases by the trees being struck by lightning or blown over by wind. Bob mentioned removal of a few indigenous trees over the past years to accommodate expansion of the storage area and risk to the enclosure per their request.

Discussion included potential removal of the light pole that is located next to the storage facility, fortifying the fence surrounding the tanks, and the condition of the trees.

The subcommittee was highly reluctant to remove the trees without further evaluation of the potential damage that could be caused by the trees.

**Pentacrest Tree Removal**
It was reported that the large red elm located southeast of Schaeffer Hall is in poor condition and has been identified for removal. Guy Gibson, a certified arborist, who is hired annually to apply treatment to the elm trees on campus for Dutch Elm Disease, noticed this year that while inspecting this tree, there were no signs of live tissue at the flare of the tree. This indicates poor trunk structure causing the tree to be unstable potentially resulting in collapse at any time. The request was to remove the tree during either the winter or spring break.

Discussion included the tree’s decline in health in recent years, the use of the viable wood to create something in memoriam, and communication with student environmental groups about removal of the tree.

The subcommittee supported the removal of the tree because of the liability due to potential collapse. University Relations will be contacted to inquire about a news release to inform the community of tree’s removal.

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Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.