CALL TO ORDER: Claire Sponsler called the meeting to order.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of the October 16, 2015, CPC meeting were approved as distributed.

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

Emerald Ash Borer
Recently, the Emerald Ash Borer has been discovered on the University of Iowa Campus. Scott Gritsch, Manager of Landscape Services, presented the action plan for addressing this infestation.

Discussion included the environmental consequences for treating trees chemically; the length of the process of removal and replacement; use of the harvested wood; diversity of the inventory of trees used on campus; and other potential conditions/disease that exist that should or would cause concern and play a part in the future planting.

Bowen Science Building – Modernize Building Systems
This project modernizes the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Bowen Science Building requiring installation of Strobic Air style fan assemblies located external to the existing roof penthouses. These assemblies will be located in six locations on the roof adjacent to existing mechanical penthouses.

At the work session, Committee members could not reach a consensus as to whether screening should or should not be used. It was recommended that additional professional opinions on visual aesthetics of both options be gathered and reported back to the committee.

The report back recommended not screening the fan assemblies.

Committee members unanimously supported the proposal and concurred with the recommendation not to screen the Strobic Air fan assemblies.
West Campus Energy Plant – Construct Facility
This project constructs a new Energy Plant on the West Campus to supplement utility services provided by the Main Campus Power Plant.

The original schematic designs were initially reviewed with the CPC in July 2015 and have since been further vetted. The design presented now depicts a balanced ratio of poured concrete with elements of wood and glass that strategically break up the mass of the building and draw warm tones from the surrounding wooded and grassy area.

Discussion included maintainability and longevity of the simulated wood element and if consideration was given to other materials; that the element brings a human scale and blends into the environment; and how the treatment correlates to the different functions in the facility, including acoustical strategies.

Committee members unanimously supported the conceptual design of the facility as presented.

WORK SESSION REPORTS

Osprey Nesting Platform
Athletics requests permission to install Osprey nesting platforms on the west side of campus. Two sites were considered in the 43-acre wetland area near the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex and next to the pond to the east of the Hawkeye Softball Complex.

Plans are to proceed with the Hawkeye Softball Complex site this year. Consideration for the Hawkeye Campus will follow an updated master plan.