

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
September 29, 2006
9:00-10:30am

Present: Barry Feldman, Peter Nicholls, Lori Aronson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Karla Fox, George Kraus, Ross MacKinnon, John Saddlemire, Bill Stwalley

Absent: Greg Anderson, David Woods

Guests: Mark Brand, Donna Ellis, Richard Miller

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:03am.

Approval of Minutes from 09.08.06 Meeting—

On a motion by B. Feldman and seconded by B. Stwalley, the 09.08.06 minutes were accepted as circulated. L. Aronson abstained from voting because she was not present at the 09.08.06 meeting.

Invasive Plant Alternative Garden—

D. Ellis gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed invasive plant alternative garden which detailed specifics about the plans. The proposed site for the garden is near the BioTech Complex and the Dairy Bar and the proposed size is 120' X 180'. No trees would need to be cut-down for this project. Project plans have been developed by Kristin Schwab (of Landscape Architecture) and one of her students. D. Ellis would like people to come into the garden to study, socialize and learn about the plants. Due to regulations, invasive plants can not be planted, but to show comparison and educate visitors about the invasive plants, informational signage with pictures would be placed around the area. Facilities has offered to help with groundbreaking and mulch and students and volunteers will help with planting and maintenance. Folks from Agriculture have been included in all discussions about the proposed garden.

Q: Are you locked into this site for the proposed garden? A: No.

Q: Because this area is not irrigated, will it be needed? A: Not after the first year. There are spigots on the Agriculture building that can be used for watering, but the plants will be self-sufficient after the first year.

Q: Does anyone have any thoughts about signage? Uniformity of the signage on campus is important. A: It was suggested that D. Ellis & M. Brand consult with Meg Malmborg in the University's Visitor's Center.

It was mentioned that there are invasive plants around the campus and that we should start to think about removing them. Also, there is a large concrete planter at the North end of the Student Union that is empty. This might be a good location for a satellite spot of the Invasive Plant Alternative Garden. The presentation by D. Ellis and M. Brand ended with the compliments of the committee and the suggestion that they look at other areas on campus.

Project Updates—

- a. *Arjona/Monteith Replacement Building*: J. Bradley, B. Feldman and P. Nicholls met with the project architects to discuss next steps, timeline, contracts, fees and the possible impact on the Psychology and Library Buildings. The architects are aware that there is enthusiasm about the “Gateway” design. The user group representatives that have been identified at this point are: Deb Shelby (CLAS), the Registrar, staff from G. Kraus’/J. Bradley’s offices, and Facilities. Discussion ensued pertaining to ways faculty from the respective departments could give their opinions. It was suggested that a timeline be developed and that a date be set to bring closure to the discussion so that decision-making can proceed. Representatives from Psychology need to be involved in all discussions.

- b. *Student Union Quadrangle*: This project was well-received at the 09.14.06 CPPAC meeting and feedback is coming in. The project is being moved along into the next phase.

- c. *Research Area*: J. Bradley will circulate the comments from JJR in respect to this project.

Action Items—

- a. *Chemistry Snow Guards*: A request was made to increase the allocation of FY 06 Deferred Maintenance Funds for the Chemistry Snow Guards from \$250,000 to \$400,000. Installation of the snow guards is temperature sensitive. A motion to approve this request was made by K. Fox and seconded by B. Stwalley. The motion to approve this request was unanimous.

- b. *Communications Sciences Roof*: A request was made to decrease the allocation of FY 07 DM/Code/ADA Renovation Lump Sum from \$450,000 to \$400,000. Five bids came in for this project. A motion to approve this request was made by B. Stwalley and seconded by R. MacKinnon. The motion to approve this request was unanimous.

- c. *Family Studies Building Elevator Replacement*: A request was made to authorize an initial allocation of \$22,500 for the Planning and Schematic Design of the Family Studies Building elevator replacement. It was recommended that this be allocated out of the remaining balance from the FY 06 DM/Code/ADA Lump Sum. This portion of the project is a study. A motion to approve this request was made by J. Bradley and was seconded by P. Nicholls. The motion to approve this request was unanimous.

- d. *Fire Alarm Upgrade Project*: To date, \$198,000 has been encumbered for work to replace, repair and install the Fire Alarm System on campus. Two phases of the project are currently underway and the next phase of the project is to install additional notification devices in the Babbidge Library. The cost for this phase of the work is \$415,000 and is a combination of public bids for installation portions and state contract for the devices. Subsequent phases are to install detection and notification systems in the Mansfield and Northwood Apartments. There is no action required by the B&G Committee. This item is for information purposes only. It is still estimated that the entire allocation (\$1,700,000) will be needed to complete this project.
- e. *Water Conservation Study, Water/Wastewater Master Planning, and Water Reclamation/Greywater Feasibility Study*: The request for the Water/Wastewater Master Planning is \$125,000, but this should be voted on with the understanding that some funding will be coming back from the Town. The request for the Water Reclamation/Greywater Feasibility Study is \$40,000 and the request for the Water Conservation Study is \$80,000. A motion to approve all three requests was made by L. Aronson and seconded by J. Bradley. Funding in the amount of \$245,000 will come from Emergency Reserves FY 07. The motion to approve this request was unanimous.
- f. *ADA Code Compliance*: A request was made to authorize the access of monies for miscellaneous ADA compliance jobs around the University (ranging in cost from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each). It was suggested that \$50,000 from the ADA Code Line be set aside for these projects. A motion to approve the request was made by J. Bradley and seconded by T. Callahan. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 will come from the ADA Code Line. The motion to approve the request was unanimous.
- g. *Fenton River*: Two requests were made regarding the Fenton River. The first request is to allocate \$90,000 to take out an in-ground tank near the Fenton River and re-build it above ground. The second request is to allocate \$85,000 to renovate "Well D" on the Fenton River. A motion to approve both requests was made by T. Callahan and seconded by J. Bradley. Funding in the amount of \$175,000 will come from the Emergency Reserve for FY 07. The motion to approve the request was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24am.