

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
April 20, 2007
9:00-10:30am

Present: Greg Anderson, Lori Aronson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Barry Feldman, George Kraus, Peter Nicholls, John Saddlemire, Bill Stwalley, David Woods

Absent: Karla Fox, Ross MacKinnon

Guests: Alan Abramson, Architectural & Engineering Services

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from 04.06.07 Meeting—

On a motion by P. Nicholls and seconded by W. Stwalley, the 04.06.07 minutes were approved as circulated. L. Aronson abstained from voting as she was not present at the 04.06.07 meeting.

Action Items—

- a. *North Eagleville Road Signing & Lighting*: A&ES is requesting funding for the instillation of temporary pedestrian traffic control devices along the north side of North Eagleville Road from the police station to the intersection of Hunting Lodge Road. University Police and A&ES will observe the effectiveness of this prior to recommending a permanent solution. The purchase and installation of these devices has been completed under an emergency basis and the contractor's bid for the work was \$8,500. It is recommended that the B&G approve the allocation of up to \$10,000 from FY '07 Emergency Reserve to fund the temporary pedestrian control devices.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by B. Feldman and seconded by P. Nicholls. The motion was unanimously accepted.

- b. *Agronomy Greenhouse – Tunnel Hoop Barn*: The Plant Science Department has been awarded funding for a “high tunnel” structure, which consists of a steel pipe frame anchored by ground posts and covered with a single layer of polyethylene film plastic. The exact location of the structure will be determined by field conditions at Agronomy Farm. The approximate cost for this project is \$3,000. It is recommended that the B&G approve this project.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by G. Anderson and seconded by W. Stwalley. The motion was unanimously accepted.

- c. *North Tower McMahon Floor Tile Replacement (Informational Item)*: The Department of Residential Life is planning to replace the existing asbestos floor tile in McMahon. The estimated cost for this project is \$300,000 and will be funded by the Department. This is an informational item, coming to the B&G Committee because its cost is above \$50,000. No action is needed.

Report from the “Free Speech Site” Group—

A sub-committee (J. Saddlemire, K. Fox, R. Schurin and C. Faustman) was formed to explore the need for a designated place on campus for the celebration of free speech. The sub-committee would like to see this as part of the landscaping of the Student Union Quad, but they are unsure as to which portion of the SU project this would fall into. The following items were discussed as necessary components of the project: making the area ADA accessible, monitoring of requests to use this space (if amplification is necessary). The following items were discussed as options for this project: amplification, and having a number of spots where users can stand (as opposed to one lectern).

P. Nicholls motioned to affirm that there will indeed be a very specific location built into the Union Lawn area for use which celebrates free speech. The motion was seconded by W. Stwalley and was unanimously accepted.

Update on FY '07 DM & Capital Projects—

G. Kraus updated the group with an overall summary for 2007. He explained any changes and updates to the FY '07 DM & Capital Projects listing. B. Feldman asked if there might be any projects on the horizon in the next sixty days or so and the following items were mentioned: Torrey Life Sciences building (alarm system), South Garage Slope Stabilization and the parking garage at the Stamford Campus.

Q: What condition will the SU Quadrangle area be in for May 2007 Commencement Ceremonies? A: It will be a fenced-off area just like the Student Union was. The SU Quad is a 4-Phase project: Phase I work is being done right now (drainage, wiring, planting of new trees, etc.) and Phase II work will include building the steps and terrace behind the SU. J. Bradley indicated that he would get a smaller version of the map and write up a handout for distribution.

A discussion ensued regarding information and Code Reviews. The UCONN 2000 DM/Code/ADA Renovation Lump Sum Project List will be updated and made available at each B&G Meeting.

Status of FY '08 Planning for DM & Capital Projects—

A project list and budget for FY '08 DM will be reviewed with the committee. Discussion ensued regarding the DM list.

There being no further agenda items or new business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.