

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
June 26, 2007
12:00-2:00pm

Present: Greg Anderson, Lori Aronson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Barry Feldman, Karla Fox, George Kraus, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Nicholls

Absent: John Saddlemire, Bill Stwalley, David Woods

Guest: Alan Abramson, Architectural & Engineering Services

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 12:20pm.

Approval of Minutes from 06.12.07 Meeting—

T. Callahan made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. This motion was seconded by K. Fox and was unanimously accepted.

Action/Information Items—

- a. *Arjona/Monteith Replacement Building(s)*: Leers & Weinzapfel are preparing a document containing all of the options for the replacement building(s which will be distributed to the CPPAC. Currently, option “B” (two new classroom/departmental buildings on Fairfield Way) is at the top of the list.

Q: Even with a new building in the “Old Pharmacy” space, is the Student Union Quad still going to be accessible, prime space? A: Yes. Fairfield Way is designed to have buildings on both sides.

Q: Is it cheaper to renovate the current Arjona & Monteith Buildings and build one smaller building? A: No. This option has been looked at extensively.

Q: Do any of these options (from Leers & Weinzapfel) include the future Psychology Department expansion? A: No.

Q: Of the three options, three of them block Fairfield Way. Do the Master Planners have a preferred option? A: J. Bradley is unsure of this answer at this point. The Master Planners have consistently said that they would like to see an “end” feature on Fairfield Way, but this could block the flow of pedestrian traffic from East to West.

Q: What will be said about the future of Arjona/Monteith? Is there money already in the budget to bring them down? A: No. The money will come from a line item brought here (to the B&G Committee). Demolition will cost approximately \$3-4 million, conditioned upon environmental assessment.

Q: Can the building options in the “B” options be interchanged (with the other “B” models)? A: Yes, the options can be interchanged depending upon departmental needs.

A motion was made by G. Anderson which says that the Buildings & Grounds Committee supports some version of option “B”. It also notes that the committee does not favor option “A” (one large building at the central site), nor does the committee favor option “C” (two new buildings – one on the central site and one on the Monteith site). All three options (A, B, & C) will be presented to the CPPAC at their upcoming meeting, to show that all three options have been explored in detail. The motion was seconded by K. Fox and was accepted unanimously.

- b. *FY '08 DM Budget*: J. Bradley presented the committee with copies of the handouts he provided to the members of the BOT Buildings, Grounds, & Environment Committee on May 17, 2007. The handouts itemize the draft project listings of the FY '08 Deferred Maintenance, Code, ADA, Renovation, and Lump Sum projects, including facilities and infrastructure for the Storrs, Regional and UCHC Campuses. This list, which is presented to and approved by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis, will be presented to the Board at a meeting in the late summer.

A motion was made by T. Callahan to accept this itemized list and move it forward (to be approved by the CMOC and the BOT at a later date). The motion was seconded by K. Fox and was accepted unanimously.

- c. *“You are Here” Maps:* A&ES received a request from University Communications to fund the printing, removal and replacement of fifty “You are Here” maps across the campus. This work is normally accomplished every two years and Purchasing has already received quotes to provide this service. It was recommended that the B&G approve the allocation of \$9,500 for this aspect of the project. This will bring the total FY '07 allocation to \$59,500.

A motion to approve this recommendation was made by P. Nicholls and seconded by T. Callahan. The motion was unanimously approved.

- d. *Historical House Study:* All of the houses on Gilbert Road (and in that area of campus) are designated as “historic homes” – the homes on Route 195 are not included. In order to demolish them, a report must be presented to the Historical Society. No action will be taken at this time.
- e. *Torrey Life Sciences Update:* There have been two fires in the basement of TLS, which have prompted replacement of the feeders (temporary feeders are now in place). Alternative locations for the IT Department are being explored (instead of where it was possibly going to go in the Research Neighborhood project).
- f. *Avery Point Steamline:* This item will be brought back to the committee on a later agenda.

Deferred Maintenance Update—

G. Kraus led a discussion on the latest versions of the FY '06 and FY '07 DM charts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

