

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
August 21, 2007
12:00-1:30pm

Present: Greg Anderson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Barry Feldman, Karla Fox, George Kraus, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Nicholls, John Saddlemire, Bill Stwalley, David Woods

Absent: Lori Aronson

Guest: Alan Abramson, Consultant, Architectural & Engineering Services

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 12:11pm.

Approval of Minutes from 08.07.07 Meeting—

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the 08.07.07 meeting as circulated. T. Callahan abstained from voting because he was not present at the 08.07.07 meeting. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Action/Information Items—

- a. *Window Replacement – Alumni Quad & Buckley:* The Department of Residential Life has submitted a Project Initiation Form to A&ES for the installation of new replacement windows in Alumni Quad and Buckley Hall. Their intent is to expend approximately \$2.1 million to fund this project. This will be funded with Departmental funds. The project will be designed by an outside architect and contracted through CPCA. The intent is to accomplish this work during the summer 2008. It is recommended that the B&G approve this project.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by G. Kraus and was seconded by W. Stwalley. The motion was unanimously accepted.

- b. *Athletic Field Repair/Replacement – Depot Campus:* The Department of Residential Life has requested approval for a project to improve the athletic fields at the Depot Campus. This field is used by all club sports: soccer, lacrosse, etc. The Plant Science Department is assisting DRL in the preparation of plans and specifications for this work. DRL is also proposing the installation of a security fence and allowances for future lighting. Lighting is NOT part of the current proposal. This field would be ready for use fall 2008.

Q: If we approve this, does it eliminate one of the sites for the Library Storage/Data Center Facility?

A: No. It would just eliminate parking for this facility. There are no current plans to locate a new building in this area. A&ES is currently in the process of site analysis for the new Library Storage/Data Center Facility and Site 4b is one of four sites under consideration.

It was also pointed out that the committee is continuing to consider where it might place the USDA Ag Vaccine Building (this site might be a possibility).

The estimated cost for this project is \$350,000. DRL will fund this project with departmental funds. It was recommended that the B&G approve this project.

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

- c. *Update on Sherman Athletic Complex:* The scope of work for this project includes: replacing the track, adding new padding, laying new turf, re-grading, irrigation, new asphalt, and installing netting around the track to protect users. The funding for this project will be split between the Athletics Department and the University and it will come out of FY '08.

Q: Do we think the split will be approximately 50/50? A: It should be about even. No more than 60/40. There will be a proportionate split between the two groups.

FY '08 DM Update—

B. Feldman notified the committee that the University budget was signed by the Governor on 08.06.07, so the FY '08 DM/Code/ADA Renovation List has been approved.

J. Bradley explained that the list is driven by need. It is updated each year and it includes the Regional Campuses. Each time the list comes before the committee, there is the option to look at it and go through each item.

Q: If new projects come along, are there additional funds or does something have to be bumped? A: There are emergency/reserve funds for situations like this.

T. Callahan circulated photographs of Well D from the Fenton River to show the committee what their actions are accomplishing (committee authorized \$90,000 for replacement).

Other Business—

OPEL: J. Bradley moved that money for the transformer should come from capital equipment and the cost of any other site improvements will come from the lease income. The motion was seconded by T. Callahan and was unanimously accepted.

J. Bradley gave the committee a brief update on the following projects: the Arjona/Monteith Replacement Buildings, the Tech/Quad Project, the Crosswalk Study, the sidewalk installation on North Eagleville Road, and Code Issues & Repairs.

T. Callahan gave the committee an update on the Water Conservation Alert status. He indicated that the Alert is the first step in the University's Water Conservation Emergency Contingency Plan. The Alert was triggered by low streamflow in the Fenton River and not as a result of a supply or demand problem. The University used its Fenton Wellfields sparingly throughout the summer and ceased pumping altogether on July 27th. Supply from the Willimantic Wellfields continues to be adequate to meet system demands. Connecticut Water and the University staff continue to monitor the situation carefully and are prepared to take additional actions as called for in the Emergency Contingency Plans should circumstances be warranted. Mr. Callahan also provided the Committee with copies of responses to the questions of the State Auditors and OACE regarding the tentative approval to provide utility connections for a proposed housing development on Hunting Lodge Road. . He gave the history of the requests that the sub-committee has received up to this point in time.

J. Saddle mire will follow-up to the e-mail request sent from Emily at Camp Horizons.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.