

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
February 8, 2008
9:00-10:30 a.m.

Present: G. Anderson, T. Callahan, B. Feldman, K. Fox, G. Kraus, R. MacKinnon, P. Nicholls, J. Saddle mire, D. Woods
Absent: L. Aronson, J. Bradley, W. Stwalley
Notetaker: L. Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from 01.11.08 Meeting:

Because the draft minutes from the 01.11.08 meeting were omitted from the meeting materials, L. Douglas will circulate the minutes to the committee and collect any additions/edits via e-mail.

Note: No additions/edits were received by L. Douglas as of 02.26.08.

Action Items:

- a. *Planning Services for Adaptive Reuse of Nine Faculty Houses:* It was recommended that the B&G approve an increase of \$25,000 to the current budget for project 902319 and a change in name to reflect study for eleven buildings. This will increase the project budget to \$85,000, which will come from the FY 08 Emergency Reserve. T. Callahan suggested that the white building right across from Mirror Lake be added, in addition to the two other houses right along Rte 195. Discussion ensued regarding taking some of these houses down. Five years ago, four of the nine houses were to be retained and the rest were to be demolished, but the Historic Commission denied this request.
A motion to approve the recommended action was made by P. Nicholls and seconded by T. Callahan. An amendment to this motion was made to add the three additional homes (along 195) to the study, for a total of 12 houses. The motion was unanimously accepted.
- b. *OSFM Legacy Code Remediation:* It was recommended that the B&G approve a funding increase of \$230,000 for the completion of the OSFM Legacy Code Remediation. The total project budget for this work will be \$480,000. This project was originally funded from the FY 07 Code Allotment; however, the recommendation at this time is to allot these funds from the FY 08 Emergency Reserve.
A motion to approve the recommended action was made by T. Callahan and seconded by D. Woods. The motion was unanimously accepted.
- c. *Structural Evaluation and Design for the Relocation of Emergency Notification Devices:* Hoffman Architects have completed their study and determined that it is indeed feasible to locate the four devices to the roofs of Math, Babbidge, Monteith and Belden Halls. Also, there is another ground-based installation at the Law School Campus. The University would like to move this to an elevated location at either Starr Hall or the Law Library Building. It was recommended that the B&G approve a funding increase of \$68,000 for the completion of the final design and construction related to the relocation of four emergency notification devices on the Storrs Campus and the structural investigation and design of the relocation of one device at the Law School Campus. The total project budget for this work will be \$74,525. This project was originally funded

from the FY 07 Code Allotment; however, the recommendation at this time is to allot these funds from the FY 08 Emergency Reserve.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by G. Anderson and seconded by T. Callahan. The motion was unanimously accepted.

- d. *Lightning Protection and Grounding Studies and Design – Charter Oak Suites and Apartments, Hilltop Apartments and Husky Village:* It was recommended that the B&G approve \$50,000 for the completion of remedial grounding designs and to survey, document and provide remedial design options for the CSST from the FY 08 Code/Repair allocation.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by K. Fox and seconded by D. Woods. The motion was unanimously accepted.

- e. *Code Review of Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems in Cottages on the Depot Campus:* The purpose of this project will be to further identify the code requirements based on current occupancy and to analyze the options available to either repair or replace the existing systems (in these sixteen cottages). It was recommended that the B&G approve \$20,000 for the survey, code analysis and schematic designs from the FY 08 Fire Alarm Upgrade Allocation.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by D. Woods and seconded by T. Callahan. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Informational Items—

- a. *Agronomy Farm Water Update:* T. Callahan provided the group with an update on the Agronomy Farm and their plans to drill a well or two. At the last update, K. Fox and B. Stwalley raised the issue of the drilling effecting wells in the surrounding area. K. Fox suggested that an informational meeting be set-up with those in the surrounding area, which will help determine how many houses have drilled wells vs. shallow wells. This will also help determine if a study needs to be done.
- b. *Powerhouse Stacks at the Depot Campus:* The architect working on this project strongly recommends that we take down the stacks. A 200 ft. circumference around the area (which had been blocked off) has been reduced to 50 ft. and they are starting the design of the demolition.

FY 07 Recap & Update/FY 08 DM Update:

G. Kraus walked the group through a review of two different layouts of the DM/Code/ADA charts. It was recommended that on the “large sheet” layout style, both a “Comments” section and an “Estimated Start Date and Percent Complete” section be added.

Other Business:

Barbara Chance will be hired to develop a “Transportation Management Plan”.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.