

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
July 25th, 2008
9:00-10:30am

Present: G. Anderson, L. Aronson, J. Bradley, T. Callahan, B. Feldman, K. Fox, H. Frank, G. Kraus, P. Nicholls, J. Saddlemire, D. Woods
Absent: W. Stwalley
Guests: J. Clausen, R. Miller
Notetaker: L. Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:04am.

Approval of Minutes from 07.10.08 Meeting—

The minutes of the 07.10.08 meeting were unanimously accepted as circulated.

Informational Items—

- a. Gant Plaza Green Roof Presentation:* J. Clausen gave a presentation to the group on the proposed Gant Plaza Green Roof Project. The project would have 356 modules (measuring 2' x 4'), with one module being used as a control. There will be plenty of student involvement with the monitoring and maintenance of the project and there will also be opportunities for volunteers.
Q: Was an analysis done on the weight? A: Yes, a structural analysis was done on the weight. The Committee suggested that the Fire Marshall look at the plans for the project. J. Clausen would like to speak with the residents of the area and get their input and interest in the plans. The Committee felt that this is a great project, especially given the "Green Building" commitment. Discussion ensued regarding the watershed boundaries on the roof of the Gant Building.
Q: What is the lifespan of these pods/blocks? The company says that the lifetime is twenty years. It also depends on upkeep.
Q: How long does the experiment take? Is it permanent? A: DEP says it is a two-year study. We are flexible if we need to move it.
R. Miller and/or J. Clausen will follow-up with the Fire Marshall on this project.
(*The Committee continued with the remaining Informational Items after the Action Items.*)

Action Items—

- a. Nayden Clinic Renovations:* As renovations proceeded on this project several issues evolved including the need for a new emergency lighting system, the need for new electrical panels, recent recommendation that certain ceiling tiles be replaced in lieu of repair, added duct work for more efficient air distribution, and insulation of duct work. It was recommended that the B&G approve an increase in the project budget for the Nayden Clinic to \$872,000. AES recommends that the \$131,000 be allocated from FY 08 Emergency Reserve.
Q: Are the chillers in that building included in this project? A: Yes. This project cost does not include the parking lot project.
A motion to approve the recommended action was made by T. Callahan and seconded by K. Fox. The motion was unanimously accepted.
- b. Trecker Library – Fire Code Repairs – West Hartford Campus:* The B&G previously approved a budget of \$250,000 for the correction of code deficiencies for the Trecker Library at the West Hartford Campus. The Total Project Budget including design, construction and contingency is estimated to be \$350,000. It was recommended that the B&G approve an increase of \$100,000 from FY 08 Emergency Reserve, which would bring the project budget to \$350,000.

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

c. Pathobiology Code Remediation: The B&G Committee previously approved a budget of \$105,000 for the correction of code deficiencies for the Atwater Pathobiology Building. The Total Project Budget including design, construction, and contingency is estimated to be \$127,000. It was recommended that the B&G approve an increase in the amount of \$22,000 from FY 08 Emergency Reserve, which would bring the project budget to \$127,000.

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

d. Spring Hill Modular Building Fire Alarms: The Fire Marshall inspected the buildings and determined that the existing fire alarms are not operable and requested that the University develop a corrective action plan. The estimated cost to install new fire alarms in this facility is \$8,000. It was recommended that the B&G approve a project budget for the Spring Hill Farm Fire Alarm of \$8,000 out of FY 08 Emergency Reserve.

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

e. IMS Room 14A - Renovations: IMS has a need to renovate an existing laboratory in the IMS Wing of Gant Plaza for incoming faculty. The total estimated cost of the renovation is \$165,000. The project will be completed by Academic Renovations. The funding is proposed to be a mix of \$105,000 in operating funds supplemented by \$60,000 in DM funding. It was recommended that the B&G approve a project budget of \$60,000 for the renovation of RM 014A for incoming faculty out of FY 08 Emergency Reserve.

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

f. Morrone Stadium - Soccer Field Bleacher Demolition, Removal & Site Preparation: The University Fire Marshall conducted an inspection of the bleachers at Morrone Stadium and they issued citations that resulted in the closing of the bleachers. The Division of Athletics has requested that the B&G Committee fund the demolition and site preparation for the bleacher replacement and Athletics will fund the new bleacher installation. The estimated cost of the demolition and site preparation phase is \$145,000. It was recommended that the B&G approve a project budget of \$145,000 for the demolition and site preparation of the soccer bleachers at Morrone Stadium from FY 08 Emergency Reserve.

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

g. West Campus Gazebo & Landscaping: The Department of Residential Life request B&G approval for a project to site and erect a gazebo in the West Campus Dormitory Complex and to install landscaping around the buildings. The gazebo will not be powered and will be made accessible. The landscaping will be completed by the University's on-call landscape contractor. The entire project will cost approximately \$75,000 and will be funded by operating funds. It was recommended that the B&G approve the siting of the gazebo and the landscaping project. This project is entirely funded by Departmental Operating Funds and will not impact available DM funding.

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

Informational Items—

b. University Carillon: K. Fox feels that since the Carillon is University property, this issue should be brought to the attention of the University community. A letter dated June 6, 2008 addressed to the University Board of Trustees was provided to the Committee as background on the topic. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of donating the Carillon to the church or

relocating the Carillon to a new location here on campus (ex. the Wilbur Cross Tower, the top of the New Classroom Building or the top of East Campus). D. Woods suggested that he and K. Fox put together a committee which will gather information. D. Woods will also check with the Head of the Congregation regarding this matter.

c. Oak Hill Repurposing: The house is being repurposed for the Human Rights Institute for office functions and gatherings (first floor), speaker living space (second floor), graduate assistant space (third floor) and office space (basement level). The AAUP has some interest in having some faculty uses in the house, as well. G. Kraus and J. Bradley have been working with Lisa Troyer on minor renovations in the house and they are also doing due diligence on code issues (if necessary). Funding for this project has been set aside for the Human Rights Institute and will not come from DM or UConn 2000 funds.

d. Rosebrooks House: The Committee would like to use this house for the Veterans on campus. K. Fox pointed out that some of the barn's windows have been knocked out and that the paint is flaking off. She suggested that it be taken care of. T. Callahan reminded the Committee that when the barn across the street was done, it cost a bit more than expected. J. Saddlemire pointed out that there is a house behind East Campus that may be worth taking a look at for use for the Veteran's Group.

FY 06/07/08/09 DM Update—

G. Kraus updated the Committee on the new format of the DM Charts, which are produced by Project Accounting. T. Callahan suggested that projects be color-coded as they move through the process (i.e. those that have not been started are one color, those that are in-progress are another color, and those that are finished are another color). In-progress projects could also be sub-divided into the two following categories: In-Design and In-Construction. Completed projects could be listed on the last page of the DM Handout.

Other Business—

J. Saddlemire asked if there was any update on the temporary siren poles. The design is just about complete and the project is about to go out to bid.

G. Kraus asked if there are additional things they would like to do at West Campus (ex. park benches), do they need to come to this Committee? A: No.

J. Bradley gave a brief update on the New Classroom Building.

The Committee discussed possible trips to the Landfill Lot site and the Depot Campus.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 10:15am.