

Campus Development and Environment Committee (CDEC)

Minutes

Monday January 30, 2012, 1:00-2:30 pm

1. Present: Michelle Alwardt, Claude Baillargeon, Lizabeth Barclay, Dan Bettmann, Richard Fekel, Mel Gilroy (guest), Jennifer Heisler, Siraj Khan, Michael Long, Steve Meyer, Terry Stollsteimer, Reuben Ternes, Emily Tissot, Maxwell Van Raaphort, Steve Zmich (guest)
2. Introductions were exchanged between the new student members and the current committee.
3. Slight corrections were made to the minutes of the November 11, 2011 meeting. These included: the correct square footage of the Sheep Barn (2400), including actual votes on the Sheep Barn motion (6-1). In addition, the minutes concerning the Wind Mill and Biomass Facility were amended to indicate that they were on hold at this time. After corrections were accepted, the minutes were approved (Moved by Reuben Ternes, Seconded by Lizabeth Barclay). The resolution concerning the Sheep Barn can now be provided to President Russi.
4. The committee then continued an earlier discussion involving the proposed sidewalk linking the new HHB to the Bear Lake area. Lt. Mel Gilroy, representing Chief Lucido, participated in this discussion. A concern of the committee was safety related to crossing the street. Options under consideration by the administration include: speed bumps, a gradual incline, different paving, signage (include stop signs, lights), graphics on the pavement. Richard Fekel inquired about the possibility of signage in the middle of the crosswalk similar to those found in the Village Shopping Center. Steve Zmich indicated that weather could be a concern. Both snow removal and drainage are issues to be reviewed as the plans are finalized. Terry Stollsteimer suggested that some options could be tested in the summer when snow removal would not be an issue. Lt. Gilroy also suggested that rumble strips could be considered. He also shared information on state statutes that could impact the final design. In addition, he clarified that the safety of walkers is related to engineering, education and enforcement. Lastly, Lt. Gilroy shared information on a new "Traffic Improvement" committee that will be co-chaired by VP Snyder. He hoped that the CDEC could designate a representative to that committee. In addition to this discussion, the committee also asked about a "tunnel" or "overpass" walkway. Steve Zmich indicated that this could be cost prohibitive, would have to consider the grades of the surrounding area and it could be unsafe. The location on the map reviewed by the committee is approximate.

The committee then moved into a discussion of walker safety in general. This discussion focused on the possibility of a ring road (although the construction of the new HHB has overlapped with an earlier proposal). Lt. Gilroy also discussed the parking versus grid lock problem with the committee.

The following motion was passed unanimously (moved by Reuben Ternes, seconded by Steve Meyer):

Given the increase in pedestrian traffic due to the Human Health Building, the Campus Development and Environment Committee recommends that Facilities Management strongly considers the use of signage in the middle of the crosswalk on Meadowbrook Road in addition to the options already under consideration such as speed bumps, lights, inclines, different paving, graphics, etc.

5. The committee was reminded of the invitation from Professor Fay Hansen concerning the Campus Student Organic Site and a possible "Sustainability and Creativity Zone." The event, on February 6, involves a brainstorming discussion and sharing session. Several committee members indicated they had an interest. Mike Long said he would go on the committee's behalf.
6. Steve Zmich updated the committee on the renovation of ODH. Atrium work will begin in May of 2012. There will be some relocation of offices during the renovation; however, access to the building will not be restricted. The renovation will be a challenge and will involve work over two summers and a winter. There will be construction fencing. All building occupants are apprised of the situation. There will be areas of "swing space" to accommodate occupants.
7. Siraj Khan updated the committee on some proposed parking changes including the addition of some spaces in P-1 and P-32 for Fall 2013. In addition, the administration hopes to recap P-43 over the summer. Lastly, the administration is trying to reorient the entrance and exit in P-17 to get more parking and better access.

The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted by Lizabeth Barclay.