

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Physical Environment Committee

September 19, 2012

Regents Room, Chapman Hall

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Boyland, T. Buss, M. Brondino, L. Callanan, T. Current, J. Earl-Boehm, W. Jeong, J. Miller, H. Rabinowitz, J. Schmidt, L. Stoner, K. Surerus, C. Wolf,

ABSENT: C. Brown, L. Petersen, R. Strickler

GUESTS: T. Boho, K. Brucks (for P. King), M. Harris, J. Hill, G. Lie, C. Murphy, J. Padway, M. Preem, S. Stojkovic, and Quorum Architects

- I. Call to Order-Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.
 - a. Introduction of Members and guests.
 - b. Adoption of Agenda-Agenda was adopted as submitted.
 - c. Election of Chair to PEC-LeRoy Stoner was nominated and elected unanimously as chair.
- II. Approval of May 16, 2012 Minutes-Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Motion to adjust membership of PEC (see attached)-

Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to change membership of the PEC as provided in the attached document.
- IV. Appoint new members to Transportation Subcommittee (attached PEC Committee Charge and last year committee members). After some discussion, the membership of the Transportation subcommittee was decided: John Boyland agreed to replace Jennifer Earl Boehm; the student position remains open but should be filled soon; and the classified staff position should be filled soon, if it is unavailable L. Eastman from Secretary of the University's office has expressed interest. Geoff Hurtado will serve as ex-officio representative for Physical Plant. The rest of the committee will remain the same; an updated roster will be posted on the SOU site. The subcommittee will be contacted soon to meet and start work on a number of important projects.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Northwest Quadrant/ NWQ Update (Allyson Nemec, Quorum Architects)-Quorum Architects presented their draft plans and updated the committee on the progress being made on the Northwest Quadrant. A concern was raised about the Child Care Center being close to radiation labs; the plans will be reviewed to assure safety concerns are addressed. Another concern was raised by W. Jeong about long term occupancy of the NWQ and communication about renovations being made by short term occupants.

Improved communication to short term and long term occupants will be provided as the plans for the building are reviewed by the Space Planning committee.

- b. Update on Campus Space Committee (Karen Brucks & Geoff Hurtado)-The Campus Space Planning committee continues to meet regarding their processes and Guideline development. They are discussing budget planning and updating the current building software to make space planning easier for future projects.
 - c. Classroom Update (Karen Brucks)- Plans include creation of several centers in the NWQ: a Teaching/Learning Center, a Shared Learning Center, a First Year Learning Center, and a Campus Learning Center. Funds have been secured from the state for the First Year Learning Center and the Campus Learning Center. Additional funding will be requested as soon as the final plans for the NWQ are submitted.
- VI. Update on hiring a consultant for a Parking and Transportation Study (Nelson Ogbuagu)- Please see VIII below.

VII. New Updates

- a. Little Free Library installed near Sandburg (see attached)-

Moved, seconded and unanimously approved to support the Little Free Library structures on campus.

It was also suggested that the School of Architecture might provide designs for the Library “houses.” Another recommendation was that at least one library box be located outside the Child Care Center for children’s books. Other locations include: the bus stop on Hartford across from Enderis Hall, the circular drive bus stops on Kenwood, and perhaps even one near the new dorms off campus. The Center for Volunteerism will coordinate with the Library and Campus Facilities about placement.

- VIII. Update 2013-15 Capital Budget Timeline (Claude Schuttey)-The campus is working on the capital budget for 2015-2017. The committee recommended that a consultant be hired to help with plans regarding parking and transit; this consultant RFP will be reviewed by the PEC prior to the actual bid process. The Transportation Subcommittee will also begin work on the budget and Parking and Transit Fees for next year. Capital projects moving forward are: the New Health Center, the Town Hall, The Child Care Center (December 2013 start), and Restaurant Operations moving to the Northwest Quadrant. These projects are in addition to those already underway: the Kenwood IRC next to Lapham Hall, New Water Facilities and Innovation Park in Wauwatosa. The Greenhouse move from its current location in Lapham hall to the NWQ will also go forward as a capital project. All Budget requests will be in by May 2013.

IX. Others-

- a. As a result of the Maryland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge closing, more foot traffic has been noticed and will be addressed. Of note is the limited visibility for cars exiting Lubar Hall Parking Garage; P&T is looking into this potential problem.

- b. New Banners are being placed around campus marking the Year of the Arts and the return of Basketball season.
 - c. S. Stojkovic asked the committee to review the Pavilion Parking rules. Increased student parking has resulted in limited faculty and staff parking access. This limitation could become problematic as sports and other high profile events on campus are held. The Transportation subcommittee will review and make recommendations.
 - d. C. Schuttey asked the committee if they would like to meet in an alternative location for future meetings so that committee members could see other venues around campus. He volunteered that his office would coordinate the meeting rooms and dates. Locations at the Northwest Quadrant, Lubar Hall, Union, and others were discussed. The committee thought this would be an excellent way to see the work going on campus. C. Schuttey will contact the chair on meeting dates and locations for future meetings.
- X. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.