

XUWM Physical Environment Committee

May 19, 2021

8:30am – 10:00am

Teams Meeting

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 8:32 am
2. Attendance

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Others in attendance:

3. Approval of April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved by consensus.
4. Approve meeting agenda – Agenda was approved by consensus with no additions or modifications.

5. Old Business

- a. Update on Space Optimization Project (Melissa Spadanuda) – The task force continues to work on website development to improve ability to communicate about the project widely and developing communication pipelines. Project is still in the data collection phase about how UWM is using space. They will soon transition to looking ahead to what the space needs are based on current enrollment and staffing. They are working on SWQ plan which will provide significant detail for the affected departments.

6. New Business

- a. Report of Space Planning Subcommittee – Kristene Surerus and Melissa Spadanuda. The committee heard and approved some requests for space as CHS moves out of Building A at the NWQ.
- b. Fire Circle update
 - i. tentative date for installation – Mike Priem. Installation is expected in July of 2021.
 - ii. statement of support – Wendy Huddleston. The statement was modified by the committee to read:

“The UWM Physical Environment Committee (PEC) is highly supportive of the Fire Circle project sponsored by the Electa Quinney Institute and its significance for the UWM community to create a radically welcoming space. The PEC, acting unanimously at its meeting of December 9, 2020, enthusiastically approved a concept for the Fire Circle in a place located between the Sandburg East Tower and the Klotsche Center. As a committee, we are disappointed with the legal opinion that this gathering space cannot be positioned in the original PEC-approved location despite having no features that harm the land, and where it would both best serve its intended purpose and improve stewardship of the Downer’s Woods. In the committee’s opinion, the fire circle’s community enhancement would seem to comply with statute. Some members noted that this ruling appears to be inconsistent with other current uses of the space.

In our strong support of the project, the committee endorses the less desirable location in the Holton, Johnston, Merrill courtyard and would like it recognized that in our opinion the new location compromises the original intent of the Fire Circle and the recognition of the indigenous peoples within our community. We urge consideration be made to improve the second location through landscaping and re-imagining of the fire lane to acknowledge the significance of the Fire Circle and to protect the Fire Circle for all ceremonial and sacred events by the indigenous community at UWM and in the greater Milwaukee area.”

MOTION (Raicu/Nelson): Re-affirm the above statement of support for the Fire Circle. Motion passed unanimously (12-0-0).

- c. Facilities Services Spring work affecting buildings and grounds
 - i. Steam shutdown May 21-28

- ii. Lawn and grounds repair - Repair damaged lawn especially by sidewalks ongoing for the next month
 - iii. Planting of beds set to start end of May
 - iv. Mulch application is ongoing and through summer as time available and needed
 - v. Weeding
 - vi. Oak tree annual injections are ongoing
 - vii. Painting of the fountain may occur thus delay its startup.
 - viii. Painting of ENG doors, framing, dock, etc. is likely though no start date as yet
7. Closed session - The Physical Environment Committee may move into closed session as permitted by Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
- a. Naming rights sub-committee requests
 - i. MOTION (Silvaggi/Salm-Ward): Move into closed session. Motion passed unanimously. The committee moved into closed session at 9:16 a.m.
 - ii. MOTION (Silvaggi): Approve naming requests for three spaces the associated with Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin (OHOW) Center. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. MOTION (Silvaggi/Salm-Ward): Move out of closed session. Motion passed unanimously. The committee moved out of closed session at 9:30 a.m.
8. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:32 a.m.