

UWM Physical Environment Committee

May 17, 2023

8:30am – 10:00am

Teams

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order @ 8:31am
2. Attendance.

Name	Present	Absent
Karyn Frick (FAC)		X
Sue Stalewski (AS)	X	
Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece (FAC)	X	
James Wasley (FAC)		X
Nicole Oswald (AS)	X	
Tim Steffan (US)		X
Valerica (Vali) Raicu (FAC)		X
Stephen White (FAC)	X	
Wendy Huddleston (FAC)	X	
Tina Freiburger (Dean)		X
Robert (Bob) Schneider (FAC)	X	
Patrick (Pat) Reilly (US)	X	
Rick Koehler (US)	X	
Trina Salm Ward (FAC)	X	
John Boyland (FAC)	X	
Erica Meier (AS)		X
< > GFC rep		
< > APBC rep Hobey Davies	X	
< > (student member)		
Meghan Murphy-Lee (AS) <i>ex-officio</i>	X	
Jen Francis (Dir) <i>ex-officio</i>	X	
Kristene Surerus (FAC) <i>ex-officio</i>	X	
Carrie Driscoll (AS) <i>ex-officio</i>	X	
Mike Priem (AS) <i>ex-officio</i>	X	
Melissa Spadanuda (AVC) <i>ex-officio</i>	X	

Others in attendance:

1. Automatic consent
 - a. April 19, 2023 Minutes - Approved

- b. Meeting Agenda - Motion to re-order agenda, moving item 4a to top of agenda. Jocelyn moved and Trina seconded. Motion carried.

2. Old Business - none

3. New Business

- a. Union sculpture relocation (Francis)

- i. Jen Francis shared details about the relocation of the Polyphony sculpture from the SW lawn of the Union (corner of Kenwood and Maryland), to a site closer to the PSOA arts complex due to its history and connection to that program. This is being moved as part of the Union renovation project by the general contractor with no cost (other than site preparation) to campus. There were no concerns raised by the committee.

- b. Construction updates (Francis)

- i. Chemistry building
 - 1. June 2024 opening
 - ii. Klotsche Annex – Nearing completion. Exterior signs were installed this week. Discussion ensued around possible confusion for patients looking for an OHOW clinic and not an athletic facility.
 - iii. Union
 - 1. Closed May 22nd through mid-August (August 7th target date).
 - 2. Completing switchover of major utilities.
 - 3. On-site student services will again be relocated for summer.
 - iv. West tower renovations will continue through summer, including conversion of UWMPD suites (2-floors) to residential units.
 - v. Norris renovation for UWMPD – slated for completion in Fall 2025.
 - vi. Mitchell Hall window replacements continue this summer, scheduled for completion in October 2024.
 - vii. Chemistry Demolition planning is underway.
 - viii. Engelmann Stadium turf replacement is being planned.
 - ix. GLWC lease termination – relocating units from SFS and CEAS back to campus.
 - x. NWQ – A has been razed and new B-Wing Maryland (East) entrance is under construction. Scheduled for completion in October 2023.
 - xi. GML – Archives project complete and collections are being moved.
 - xii. EMS 9 & 10 lab renovations – mostly complete. Occupancy underway.
 - xiii. GLRF dock wall – redevelopment planning underway.
 - xiv. Others
- c. NWQ Phase 3 update (Spadanuda)

- i. Health Sciences renovation of B-wing + D-wing floors 4-5-6 for UITS.
 - ii. The legislature is debating ability to add project back into 2023-25 capital budget.
 - iii. Design development is underway to have the project fully vetted and ready to implement if funding is approved.
- 4. Closed session - The Physical Environment Committee moved 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 at 8:34am.
 - a. Naming request (Szczepaniak-Gillece), motion made to make the recommendation to the Chancellor the naming opportunity brought forth by Gretchen and Eric.
 - b. The naming recommendation was approved by the naming subcommittee on April 24th.
 - c. Eric Leaf provided an overview of the naming agreement terms, history and context.
 - d. The recommendation was approved unanimously at 8:51.
 - e. The committee moved out of closed session at 8:53. Motioned by Jocynlen S-G, seconded by Steven White.
- 5. Standing reports
 - a. Space Optimization Project (Spadanuda)
 - i. No update this month.
 - ii. Stakeholder update meeting next week.
 - b. Space Planning (Surerus)
 - i. Meeting this Friday.
 - ii. Evaluating request from Art History for space expansion at Mitchell Hall.
 - c. Naming sub-committee (Szczepaniak-Gillece). All business covered in closed session.
 - d. Transportation Sub-committee (White)
 - i. *Working on list of quick and long-range 'wins' that could be implemented around campus to make safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists.*
 - ii. *Downer & Kenwood – John Gardner provided details of the MKE Rapid Implementation Project which will provide crosswalk improvements around the perimeter of campus. Scheduled for completion this summer, 2023.*

- iii. *Meghan Murphy-Lee made a suggestion/request to add 'talking' pedestrian signals at Hartford and Maryland due to frequency of bus and other traffic.*
- iv. *Requesting city to lower speed limit on Kenwood Blvd from 30mph to 25mph.*
- v. *Hartford and Maryland adjustment planning.*
 - 1. *Holding meetings with city to brainstorm possibilities ahead of Hartford re-surfacing project.*
 - a. *1-way traffic (Eastbound), single-lane with bus drop-off and bike lanes.*
 - b. *Raised pedestrian crossings.*
 - c. *On Maryland, some version of pedestrian-ization between Kenwood and Hartford. Time closure format or bus/ped/bike only access during certain hours. Potentially as a test/study to start.*

6. Announcements

- i. Wendy took time to acknowledge and thank PEC members who are ending their term of service, for attending and participating in so many important discussions.

7. Adjournment at 9:46am.

8. Next meeting – September 20th, 2023 – VIRTUAL