

UWM Physical Environment Committee  
 September 20, 2023  
 8:30am – 10:00am  
 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Attendance.

Name	Present	Absent
Ben Church (FAC)	X	
Christine Evans (FAC)		X
Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece (FAC)	X	
John Boyland (FAC)	X	
Karen Wolfert (AS)	X	
Kaushal Chari (Dean)	X	
Konstantin Sobolev (FAC)	X	
Nicole Oswald (AS)	X	
Nicole Stelzner (AS)	X	
Philip Warren (AS)	X	
Rick Koehler (US)	X	
Robert (Bob) Schneider (FAC)	X	
Rose Sauers (US)	X	
Stephen White (FAC)	X	
Tim Steffan (US)		X
Valerica (Vali) Raicu (FAC)	X	
Wendy Huddleston (FAC)	X	
< > GFC rep		
< > APBC rep		
< > (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. May 17, 2023 minutes – Approved by consensus.
  - b. Meeting Agenda – Correction to spelling of Philip Warren.

2. Old Business – none

3. New Business

a. Elections

i. Chair

1. John Boyland nominated Wendy Huddleston to continue.
2. Stephen White made a motion to call a vote.
3. Wendy was elected unanimously.

ii. Vice Chair

1. Jocelyn Gillece nominated Stephen White to continue.
2. Stephen was elected unanimously.

iii. Transportation sub-committee

1. Current members:

- a. Bob Schneider
- b. Christine Evans (Appointment at DOJ will continue and needs to step down from this position.)
- c. Nicole Oswald
- d. Steve White
- e. Keri Duce (*ex-officio*)
- f. Prasanna Nanda (*ex-officio*)
- g. Mike Priem (*ex-officio*)
- h. Andrew Thimmesch (*ex-officio*)

2. Needed members:

a. Chair –

- i. Bob Schneider nominated Stephen White to continue as chair
- ii. The committee unanimously elected Stephen White

b. FAC – Need to appoint 2 members

- i. Jocelyn Gillece
- ii. Konstantin Sobalev

c. US – Need 1 member

- i. Rose Sauers

d. Student – Need 1 member

iv. Naming sub-committee

1. Current members:

- a. Christine Evans
- b. Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece
- c. Marketing & Communications TBD (*ex-officio*)

- d. Mike Priem (*ex-officio*)
- e. Steven Mohar (*ex-officio*)

2. Needed members:

- a. Chair –
  - i. Jocelyn Gillece was nominated by John Boyland.
  - ii. Committee unanimously voted in support.
- b. FAC – John Boyland
- c. FAC – Wendy Huddleston (temp until we add replacement for Christine Evans to PEC).
- d. FAC – Val Raicu
- e. AS – Nicole Stelzner
- f. US – Rick Koehler
- g. Student –

v. Space Planning committee PEC representative

- 1. Nicole Oswald volunteered to continue on in this role for 2023-24.

b. Safe Streets update (John Gardner)

John shared details of the City of Milwaukee's Rapid Implementation and the joint MKE/Shorewood Edgewood Ave High Impact Paving projects. The Rapid Implementation project will make adjustments to major crosswalks along UWM's south (Kenwood Blvd) and East (Downer Ave) borders, adding concrete bump-outs which shorten crossing distance/time for pedestrians and provide traffic calming effects, as well as improved crosswalk markings.

The Edgewood High Impact Paving project will repave between Oakland and Lake Drive, creating new traffic patterns and adding shared streets features which align with UWM's transportation study recommendations; including the addition of '[Advisory Bike Lanes](#)' (ABL's). This project will be completed late fall 2023.

Members raised concerns about safety of ABL's, noting that Edgewood is a rather busy road for this type of feature. John cited success in Ft. Collins, CO implementation of ABL's.

Meghan Murphy-Lee asked about any improvements planned for the corner of Downer and Hartford. The Rapid Implementation only addresses uncontrolled intersections, but improvements at this location will be considered in future studies/projects.

c. Construction updates (Jen Francis)

Jen Francis shared project updates for the new Chemistry Building, NWQ (A-wing demolition), Student Union Renovation, Klotsche Annex (OHOW Center Basketball Practice Facility), and Mitchell Hall Window Replacements & Exterior Repairs projects. Jen also shared details of the 2025-27 Capital Budget development process. Top projects include the Central Plant Chiller replacement, Health Sciences Renovation at NWQB, and the Engineering & Neuroscience Phase 1.

Members questioned routing around Chemistry project, prohibiting access to West entrance to KIRC. Karen Wolfert provided the explanation that tunnel construction (between new chem and KIRC) work needs to be completed before allowing access along that route, near the end of the year.

Members asked when the Gasthaus would re-open. Due to that scope being added to the project late, it is behind the opening of the rest of the Union.

Members asked about construction workers parking large vehicles in UWM lots, blocking access for student/staff vehicles. Melissa clarified that as long as they are paying and following posted parking rules, we do need to provide them with some access. Violations should be reported to Transportation Services.

#### 4. Standing business

##### a. Final update on Space Optimization Project (Melissa Spadanuda).

Melissa provided a recap of the project for new members and a report from the stakeholders meeting which was held this past summer. Shifting focus to development of an updated campus long-range plan.

##### b. Report of Space Planning Subcommittee (Kristene Surerus).

No report from Kristene for this month.

#### 5. 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. No closed session business scheduled for this meeting.

#### 6. Announcements

Meghan Murphy-Lee asked about e-scooters on campus, reporting that they tend to be left blocking sidewalks and asking if there is a contact at the companies to address this behavior. Robert Schneider suggested reporting issues to DPW. Melissa will follow-up with Risk Management to determine a path forward.

#### 7. Meeting adjournment @ 9:30am.

#### 8. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.