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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

March 27, 2015

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Rick Finden, Tom Gaffery, Paul Halajian, Lisa Kao, Jeff Macon, Jan Parten, Chris Pluhar, Richard Vaillancour, Bernie Vinovrski, Gary Wilson and Sandra Witte

Absent: Robert Boyd, John Bushoven, Eric Chan (C.O.), Mike Coles, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Brad Hyatt, Garo Kalfayan, John Kriebs, Gage Marchini, Dennis Nef, Fred Nelson, Patrick Newell, Mike Tillman and William Wright

Guests: Shirley Armbruster, Amy Armstrong, Kevin Ayotte, Kirsten Corey, Barlow Der Mugardechian, Devon Fullner, Marcy Gatzman, David Huerta, Ryan Johnson, Bryan Jones, Sergio La Porta, Ron Leach, Alan Mok, Lori Pardi, Jeff Prickett, Lola Tierney and James Watson

Meeting called to order at 8:07 a.m.

1. Approval of the March 27, 2015, agenda.

A quorum was not obtained for this meeting; however, informational agenda items were reviewed and discussed. Members present acknowledged that there would be no attempt to take action on any item.

2. Approval of the February 27, 2015, minutes. Tabled
3. Armenian Genocide Memorial Interpretative Signage (*Informational*) – Paul Halajian

Mr. Halajian presented the interpretative signage plan for all three components of the Armenian Genocide Memorial project approved on September 26, 2014. In attendance for this presentation were Professor Barlow Der Mugardechian, Dr. Sergio La Porta and Mr. Berj Apkarian Honorary Consul of the Republic of Armenia in Fresno and Monument Committee Chair for the Armenian Genocide Centennial Fresno Committee.

The monument consists of nine concrete pillars as presented on March 14, 2014. Each pillar will include identification and icons that provide additional information on each of the elements/regions it represents. The 3.5” lettering will be on 1/4” thick stainless steel mounted to concrete pillars. The icon/map will be 18” wide, mounted at 6’2” above ground plane.

In between each pillar is a secondary space that will be used to depict a timeline. Each piece will be approximately 24” above ground and 7’ wide and will feature a beveled curb with the top surface inclined to face the visitor. These display panels will tell the story of the Armenian people in chronological order with the final panel illustrating genocidal acts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries worldwide.

The memorial signage will be on the two walls located south of the monument. The name will be written in English and Armenian. The sign will be made of stainless steel, drilled and epoxied to the concrete wall.

The donor wall will have three plaques and list the names of donors at the various gift levels. The other wall will include a narrative explaining the Armenian Genocide and the concepts behind the design of the monument.

The two walls measure approximately 8' in length along the curb and 4' high. There will be a 6" curb around the wall with LED lights that will be aimed towards the signage.

Ms. Parten recommended having a full curb versus a partial curb so that individuals that are relying on the curb as a sign that they have gone completely around the wall are not misguided by the partial curb. Mr. Halajian will incorporate that change into the design.

The font style that will be used for the monument name is Century which is different from Helvetica Medium, the campus standard. Committee members agreed that the Century style works better for this type of structure, is considered part of its artistic composition and should be fine because of its use in this self-contained environment.

Significant discussion took place with regard to pedestrian circulation, landscape and maintenance with all the questions addressed during the meeting.

Given that there were no additional questions or concerns from the committee members present, the project team will move forward with the signage as presented and continue submitting work for fabrication. The presentation will be distributed via email to the committee. Chair Astone encouraged committee members to submit their questions or comments as soon as possible.

4. Emergency Drought Legislation (*Informational*) – Rick Finden

Mr. Finden provided information on new legislation that expanded and extended the emergency water conservation regulations. He provided a brief summary on some of the projects the university is implementing and considering in its continued efforts to comply and exceed these requirements.

The campus will be upgrading the irrigation control system this summer. The university budgeted approximately \$150,000 for this project. This is a significant and necessary investment that will make a big difference in our continued water conservation efforts.

The University Farm Laboratory, Facilities Management and the City of Clovis might be partnering on a potential project that would allow the campus the use of treated water from the City of Clovis Wastewater Treatment Plant. One of the challenges with this idea is getting the water to the campus irrigations systems. There may be some new alternatives to achieving this; however, the work involved with this project still needs to be detailed out conceptually.

The "Campus is a living Lab" is another program where Facilities is partnering with faculty and students on water conservation efforts. This is a classwork project where students will place measuring devices in the dorms to measure energy consumption and water usage. The hope is that it will stir up water conservation competitions and efforts on our campus.

Monitoring and reporting water waste will become more critical as all the construction and developments unfold in the coming year. Project groups have done considerable planning and have been proactive in avoiding and minimizing negative impacts. Committee members were asked to spread the word and continue to encourage monitoring and reporting campus wide.

5. Parking and Transportation (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery provided a quick update on the “Pizza and Parking” student open forums taking place every Wednesday this month. About three dozen students on average have attended these meetings. The forums were used to provide a brief overviewing of the University’s current parking projects, transit initiatives, and provided an opportunity to collect student feedback.

Parking deployed new android phones/devices that will be used when issuing citations. These devices include a camera that will allow for a more thorough review when a citation is contested. With this upgrade, Parking can also explore offering online services such as app-based payments for student parking permits.

6. Active Transportation Plan (*Informational*) – Tom Gaffery

Representatives from Alta Planning and Design, a national firm that focuses on active transportation, joined Campus Planning to discuss and collect feedback that will be used to draft an Active Transportation Plan for Fresno State. The presenters were Senior Associate Brian Jones and Planners Ryan Johnson and Lola Torney.

The active transportation plan will include information with regard to improving safety and convenience for all modes of travel. The plan will cover engineering, enforcement, education, encouragement/incentives and evaluation of the program.

The presentation included a current state assessment, active transportation project examples and an exercise that gave committee members the opportunity to provide immediate feedback with regard to problem areas and desired concepts/treatments for our campus.

Information gathered in this forum will be consolidated with information gathered in other forums and returned to the committee at a future date.

7. Other Business – None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.