

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes
May 24, 2013

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Amy Armstrong, Saeed Attar, Robert Boyd, Charles Boyer, John Bushoven, Mike Coles, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Rick Finden, Paul Halajian, Brad Hyatt, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Kathleen Moffitt, Fred Nelson, Jan Parten, Joseph Taviano, Genelle Taylor, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Mike Tillman, Richard Vaillancour, Bernie Vinovrski, Gary Wilson and William Wright

Absent: Dennis Nef, Patrick Newell and Meaghan Smith (C.O.)

Guests: Shirley Armbruster, Lloyd Crask, Tom Gaffery, Scott Jones, Gary Lowe (Fresno Rotary Club), Paul Miller, Mike Mosinski, Ryan Okun (Ad Camp), Lori Pardi, Sara Wallet and Mohoochehr Zoghi

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. Approval of the May 24, 2013, agenda. It was MSC to approve the May 24, 2013, agenda with Mr. Gaffery's modification: Van Ness Residence Repairs should be listed as an informational item.
2. Approval of the April 19, 2013, minutes. It was MSC to approve the minutes of April 19, 2013.
3. Allergy Free Garden Improvements (*Informational*) – John Bushoven and Gary Lowe

Mr. Gary Lowe of the Fresno Rotary Club gave a brief history on the background of the Allergy Free Garden which was started by William Zuring as a sneeze-less garden in 1987. The garden is located north of the Smittcamp Alumni house and east of Lot B.

This past year The Fresno Rotary Club completed a thorough cleaning and review of the garden. This review and discussions with Dr. Bushoven led to new considerations in regards to the garden's purpose and potential use for educational opportunities and outdoor events.

Working in conjunction with The Clovis Rotary Club and Bob Boro, who designed the original plan, the proposed project would integrate the surrounding areas and create an outdoor classroom. The plan may include a seat wall, redoing the pathways, possibly an arbor, repurposing the existing meteorological building and re-evaluating access from the Smittcamp Alumni House so that the garden can be used/considered when reserving this venue for events.

Meetings have taken place with individuals from the Smittcamp Alumni House, University High School, Facilities Management, University Police Department and The Clovis Rotary Club. The hope is to bring in contractors and other support for this project.

The new design will be ADA compliant. Dr. Bushoven and Mr. Lowe will be meeting with Mr. Wilson to review the Campus Master Plan to ensure that that future plans for the Smittcamp Alumni House are not interrupted prior to completion of the drawings.

This item will return to the Campus Planning Committee for action.

4. Outdoor Lab at Engineering West (*Informational*) – Paul Miller

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Paul Miller from the Vernal Group, Mr. Lloyd Crask from Lyles College of Engineering and Ms. Sara Wallet, Project Manager, Facilities Management.

The Outdoor Lab will be located on the grass area north of the Engineering West Building and south of the Grosse Industrial Tech (IT) building. The project consists of a rectangular sand area for construction projects with an area around the edge that is a NaturalPave XL – a resin paver.

Mr. Crask explained that the area will include on-site utilities and provide a learning space where students have the ability to replicate a construction environment that allows them to build and apply construction related techniques, skills, and tools from foundation to assembly.

Mr. Halajian asked if a new canopy is to be constructed and if it would match the existing canopy. Mr. Miller confirmed it is new and will match as closely as possible. It will be slightly higher than the existing canopy and made out of galvanized metal.

Ms. Parten asked if the resin base is ADA accessible and if it has a smooth finish. Mr. Crask confirmed it is ADA compliant and that the finish has some friction-like asphalt. The plan will be forwarded to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for approval. It is understood that the campus must provide reasonable accommodations for accessibility. Mr. Crask added that rubber mats would be available and could be utilized on the sand.

This item will return to Campus Planning after the plans have moved through the DSA.

5. Wayfinding Signage Program (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery provided an update on the Wayfinding Signage program. Installation of the interpretive signage began in May with the installation of the Peace Garden interpretive sign, as well as others listed in the plan. Bids for the directional signage opened on May 23, 2013. The first phase of the project is scheduled for summer installation.

6. Relocation of Cedar/Shaw Monument (*Informational*) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery returned to the committee a recommendation regarding the relocation of the monument located on the south west end of campus by Cedar/Shaw Avenues discussed at the January 15 meeting. He provided a summary of the consultation process which included an open forum luncheon offered to the presidents of the Student Veterans Organization and the Student Veterans Fraternity and all employee and student veterans. Additionally, 47 employee veterans, 752 student veterans and students in the university's Air Force & Army ROTC programs were invited to participate in a brief online survey. Three individuals attended the forum and 46 responses to the survey were received.

Four alternatives were provided. Based on the feedback collected, as well as analysis from Rich Vaillancour, of Robert Boro Landscape Architect, it is recommended the monument be located in between the flagpoles on the Maple Mall.

The original monument will be moved, with a new concrete base, planting beds, and lighting equipment to be constructed around the monument. The new lighting equipment will be less obtrusive in order to enhance the visibility of the monument and include energy efficient LED.

The new space will provide for seating on a low wall as well as paving for viewing. Colorful planting will surround the monument grounding the element to the existing landscape and remain low as to not disrupt the view of the Rose Garden, Memorial Fountain and Table Mountain Rancheria Tower.

Components at the base of the original monument will be demolished. In addition, the new base for the monument will include space for a rededication plaque that will include the seals of the five branches of

service as well as relocation of the Alumni Honor Roll World War I Veterans plaque currently in the Rose Garden.

The sign will face east and is consistent with the new Wayfinding Signage Program directional path of travel for new visitors to the campus. Mr. Halajian and Dr. Wright enquired as to any consideration given to making the monument two-sided rather than one-sided due to its new location and orientation. Mr. Vaillancour commented that the monument is somewhat pristine and suggested we honor the intent of the gift by not altering it.

An exact date has not been determined for the relocation, but may occur during the summer. The formal re-dedication will not take place until the fall when students return.

Dr. Bushoven shared that he will be meeting with the Joint Service Honors Command on Saturday evening. Chair Matson suggested sharing this item with them and getting their input and suggestions regarding the dedication and any considerations on more recent recognitions of service.

Mr. Wilson provided a brief history on the monument and its original inspiration. The monument is an art configuration of a map for the State of California. There is a black dot marking Fresno State's exact location on that map.

Chair Matson asked Mr. Gaffery and Ms. Shirley Armbruster to further review the potential of an interpretive sign for that area. Ms. Astone suggested including a brief statement regarding William Patnaude's contributions to this piece which will be added to the plaque.

A signage recommendation for this area will return to the committee for action, with follow up on potential dates for dedication and additional research on the plaques (e.g. dates of installation).

Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the relocation of the veterans memorial sign on Cedar and Shaw Avenue as proposed in the recommendation packet (not to included signage). Ms. Astone seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried without opposition or abstentions.

7. Water Tower Logo Recommendation (*Action*) – Shirley Armbruster

Chair Matson provided background information on the repainting of the water tower, which was presented at the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) meeting on February 15, 2013, including the removal of the existing logo. CPC approved repainting the water tower and deferred the recommendation for the logo/decal for the water tower to the Integrated Marketing and Communications Council (IMCC). Ms. Shirley Armbruster, IMCC Steering Committee co-chair, returned to Campus Planning to present IMCC's recommendations and seek Campus Planning's input and approval on the final logos/decals.

The IMCC discussed this item at their April 17 meeting, presented the item to Cabinet and sought student input in the process. Shawna Blair (USU) and student committee member along with Tamar Karkazian (USU Productions) conducted a student poll with approximately 300 responses.

The results illustrated a greater preference for the Bulldog logo with 174 votes, followed by the Fresno State logo with 51 and last the Go 'Dogs with 42. Other thoughts and comments were to use a combination of these logos.

The recommendation is to place two logos. The new campus logo/wordmark would go on the north/south sides of the tower, and the Bulldog logo on the east/west sides (facing the athletic fields on the west part of campus) to show and support school spirit. It was clarified that the new logo would not include the "Discovery, Diversity, Distinction" tag line.

Mr. Boyd provided background and history of previous images used on the water tower. Chair Matson wanted to be sure that committee members are completely aware of past considerations as they prepare to vote on the recommendation.

Mr. Vinovrski added that the faculty showed a strong preference in regards to seeing the Fresno State name from the library side of campus. Mr. Taviano felt that this goes well with other student involvement projects and would add/promote the student spirit on campus.

Ms. Astone moved to approve the addition of the logo and wordmark as recommended by the IMCC. (The Fresno State wordmark would be placed on the north/south sides and the Bulldog logo on the east/west.) The logos will be added concurrently with the painting of the tower. The motion was seconded by Mr. Finden with no further discussion. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

8. Van Ness Residence Repairs (*Informational*) – Bob Boyd and Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery provided an overview of the project. The house is 7,400 square feet built in the 1940's and remodeling has occurred many times. This project will include interior and exterior painting, new carpeting, termite inspection, lead abatement, grounds improvements including gates, safety items and ADA path of travel upgrades, inspection of plumbing and electrical fixtures, and upgrade furnishings in the living room and den. Rich Vaillancour of Robert Boro Landscape is working on a design for the grounds. The estimate for these renovations/upgrades will range between \$150,000 - \$180,000. The university has a great partnering with local vendors and has received gifts towards this project and continues to explore options.

Mr. Boyd discussed the areas of the home that are in disrepair and what needs to be done to renovate them for the new occupants. He stressed the need to make sure that everything works and that security is done well. These are state properties and updating of university homes is a system-wide issue.

Dr. Attar asked if alternatives to carpet have been reviewed considering the amount of foot traffic that goes through the house. Furthermore, he is concerned about the off-gassing caused by carpeting. Mr. Gaffery explained that the cost and maintenance of redoing the original hardwood floors or providing new laminate over the existing floor was not feasible. Mr. Boyd specified that the carpeting is a Shaw carpet that has low VOC. Ms. Kao also pointed out that this work will be done in the summer, while the house is empty and that should provide enough time to allow for any off-gassing to dissipate.

Mr. Taviano asked if the pool would have safety precautions in place. Yes, the pool will have a locking cover and will be fully enclosed with the fencing being code compliant for the width between the bars and the self-locking mechanism.

Mr. Wilson stated that over the years the home has been updated to be ADA compliant in many areas. The site is far more accessible than it has been in the past and the campus will continue to make ADA improvements.

Brent Nelson, a new faculty in the Kremen School of Education, commented that he recently attended a welcome event at the University House. It was a nice event setting and hopes that events will continue in the house.

9. New Newspaper Stands on Campus (*Action*) – Joseph Taviano

Mr. Taviano returned to the group with answers to questions that were posed at the April 19, 2013, meeting regarding the newspaper stands. Mr. Ryan Okun from Ad Campaign (the newspaper stands provider) was also in attendance to address any questions.

- ADA compliance – They reviewed the units in regards to code and confirmed that they are compliant. The lower and middle shelves are accessible to a person on a wheelchair. The top shelf will contain the same newspapers as the two lower shelves.
- Security issue with recycle bins – There will be limited access to the bins. An outside vendor will come on campus to collect the recycling. Campus Security and Plant Operations will have access to the bins as well. The recycling slot is limited to just newspaper; it is not large enough for other items.
- Potential for clutter - Access to the advertising material is through a locked box with a Plexiglas face. Ad Campaign would contract with an outside advertising company who would have access to change out the ads. ASI and Plant Operations would have access as well to post university information. There are various configurations: One side can be split to half advertising/half postings and the other side would have the new Fresno State logo.
- Placement locations – Mr. Taviano provided a map of possible locations for the newspaper stands. There are talks about phasing out the larger bulletin boards. Two potential locations are the Kremen School of Education area and the northeast side of McKee Fisk by Jackson and San Ramon Avenues. ASI feels these would be good transition locations for the newspaper stands. There would be a total six units. The other four locations have not been selected; suggestions have been made for the Peters Building, the Free Speech area, USU/Kennel Bookstore and Housing.

Mr. Taviano clarified that the new stands are an attempt to clean up existing areas that have newspaper trash, to give a cleaner appearance. These new stands will only be for outdoor use. The interior stands will remain.

Mr. Boyd suggests Mr. Taviano work with Mr. Gaffery, who recently worked on the new signage program, in identifying potential locations. Committee members suggested the Henry Madden Library and Science II.

Mr. Halajian asked if Ad Campaign could assure the campus that the unit is compliant on all ADA compliancy requirements in regards to height clearances and all relevancies to ADA so that the campus does not have to prove compliance. Mr. Okun will contact the manufacture for more information and a certificate of compliancy.

The stands will be anchored with 3/4" anchors on the inside of the recycling bin. They will carry three newspapers: The Collegian, The Fresno Bee and The Wall Street Journal. Discussion continued on how the newspapers will be oriented, tension on the Plexiglas lid and limited access to the top shelf.

Ms. Astone moved to approve the concept of these stands pending supplemental information regarding the accessibility issues noted in the discussion and final approval by Mr. Wilson as the university's accessibility officer. Chair Matson asked Ms. Parten if this is acceptable from the President's Committee on Disabilities' perspective. Ms. Parten will work with Mr. Wilson to address any other concerns.

Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

10. Other Business – None

It was agreed that the remaining agenda items would be tabled to the next meeting with the exception of the North Gym 118 Completion. Mr. Gaffery shared pictures of the finished product.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 a.m.