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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

August 22, 2014

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Saeed Attar, Charles Boyer, John Bushoven, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Anthony Farnesi, Rick Finden, Tom Gaffery, Brad Hyatt, Garo Kalfayan, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Jeff Macon, Dennis Nef, Fred Nelson, Patrick Newell, Jan Parten, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Bernie Vinovrski, Gary Wilson and William Wright.

Absent: Robert Boyd, Eric Chan (C.O.), Mike Coles, Paul Halajian, Mike Tillman and Richard Vaillancour

Guests: Shirley Armbruster, Kevin Ayotte, Jennifer Curwick, Michael Mosinski, Ramakrishna Nunna and Lori Pardi

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. Approval of the August 22, 2014, agenda. It was MSC to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the May 8, 2014, minutes. It was MSC to approve the minutes.
3. Engineering West Laboratory Annex (*Informational*) – Dean Ram Nunna

The Lyles College of Engineering proposes to install a metal building to provide additional lab space to support student projects in the Mechanical Engineering Program. The program has grown from approximately 230 majors to over 450 majors.

The structure would be located in the fenced yard space directly north of the Engineering West building and south of the Industrial Technology building and would provide an additional 2,000 square feet of enclosed work space for the next 10 years at a practical cost.

Dr. Nunna stated this is the only flexible space the Lyles College has at this point. This project would not provide room for growth, but would help address some immediate space needs. It would accommodate groups of approximately 15 students, 45 students per semester total. This figure could easily vary depending on the type of project because some projects have between 20-25 students.

The proposed building would be insulated and include an HVAC system (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning), running water, etc. It would be similar to an auto body repair shop with big roll up doors. Some faculty in the program also discussed the addition of a fume hood. After considerable discussion, it was determined it may not be feasible to install a fume hood.

Ms. Kao cautioned that if chemicals will be used in this space an eye wash station and safety shower would be essential to this building. The work that requires a fume hood would need to be done in a in a different location/lab.

Mr. Wilson added that the Engineering West building is equipped with ADA compliant facilities and should have enough capacity to address the electrical needs; however, these items need to be explored in detail. Trenching would run between the north side of the proposed building and south side of the Industrial Technology building. The metal building would be modified to blend with the surrounding area.

The initial estimate was approximately \$250,000 and only includes the structure. It is anticipated that this figure will increase as the college begins to develop the plans. The college has raised approximately \$100,000 for this project and several donors have expressed their support. If approved, they will seek additional funds and support. Dr. Nunna will return to campus planning with a formal proposal.

4. Arboretum Committee (*Informational*) – Rick Finden

Mr. Finden and Mr. Mosinski provided information regarding the Arboretum Committee that is in the process of being established. As the new Grounds Manager, Mr. Mosinski will Chair the committee and Dr. Bushoven will serve as the Curator. Recommendations have been received for most of the seats and the committee should be close to fully staffed by its first meeting in September.

The charge also calls for two faculty representatives from the Campus Planning Committee (CPC). Dr. Doub and Dr. Nelson were nominated to represent the CPC.

Priorities the group will address include: community outreach (e.g., Friends of the Arboretum); assessment of the Arboretum collection in terms of tree specimens, their condition and what is needed; enhancing the educational component of the Arboretum (collection signage, tree walks, web presence, etc.); and developing and implementing an Arboretum Tree Care Plan that documents the condition and management policies, goals and targets. The group will also be evaluating and providing a recommendation to CPC on new developments or actions that impact the Arboretum as they arise.

The committee also had significant discussion regarding water usage. Both the campus (Plant Operations) and the University Farm Laboratory shared information regarding the projects and water-related efforts implemented to help the university make better use of this resource.

Mr. Gaffery highlighted the letter (included in the meeting packet) sent to the City of Fresno in response to their General Plan Public Review Draft. It includes a brief segment regarding Integrated Regional Water Management and what the university is doing in this area.

5. New Trash Receptacles (*Informational*) – Mike Mosinski

As part of the initiative to improve the aesthetics throughout the campus and come up with a standard for all trash receptacles, a new outdoor trash bin is being considered. The proposed model is made of steel material and powder coated with a small opening at the top. It is very durable, has a reusable cover and fits a 32 gallon trashcan liner. These can be bolted down or free standing. The university has approximately 250 individual trashcans. The goal is to replace these within this calendar year.

Ms. Parten expressed a concern regarding the receptacle lip that appears to be on the model presented and whether it would be considered ADA compliant. Mr. Mosinski replied that is something they will look into as other models are reviewed. Plant Operations will consider the height, side openings, and other dimensions as they look at alternatives. They will share these with Ms. Parten to gain input from the President's Committee on Disabilities.

Information regarding the university's ongoing recycling program and sustainability efforts through Industrial Waste and Salvage (IWS), a contractor that collects and sorts every piece of trash collected on campus, will be posted on the new bins.

Ms. Astone and Ms. Armbruster suggested using the term "waste" instead of "trash" to better represent and highlight the fact that our new waste management program includes trash and recyclables.

6. Signage Policy draft (*Informational*) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery distributed a draft Signage Policy for the committee's review, comments and feedback. It is intended to provide a written guideline that the campus can follow when posting information. It also identifies restricted areas and the process for naming a building.

Campus Planning members suggested restricting the use of flower beds in the main entryways; adding a section regarding yard signs to better express the policy and use limitations; and adding a section that specifically deals with kiosks (as opposed to bulletin boards). It may be helpful to organize the sections by users (i.e., on-campus vs. off-campus).

Dr. Ayotte suggested outlining/stating some of the exceptions in regards to postings (e.g., crime notices, safety/emergency communication, construction notices, etc.)

Mr. Gaffery will return the item to the committee and will also seek input from the Integrated Marketing and Communications Council.

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

Alan Mok Engineering provided an assessment of the parking facilities on campus. Some of the projects listed below have been scheduled based on that assessment.

Resurfacing of parking lot P30, south of the Henry Madden Library, is scheduled to take place on or about January 2015. The work is not expected to impact the layout of the lot or trees.

Parking lot P4, east of the Joyal Administration building will undergo a complete reconstruction. It is expected that trees will be impacted. Parking and Facilities Management are considering methods that will help preserve as many trees as possible.

Resurfacing is not expected to take place until late spring or the beginning of summer 2015. Dr. Bushoven mentioned that this lot is used as an urban canopy model for some of the classes and recommended getting the word out to the campus community as soon as possible.

Plans are also in the queue for a pathway between Science I and the Satellite Student Union; however; this work will have to wait as the utility infrastructure project will affect this area. Once that work is complete, a pathway will be added as part of that project.

The university is also in negotiations with the City of Fresno on a pilot program that will allow students and employees to ride the FAX bus system for free by using their Fresno State ID. The costs and ridership have not been determined.

Conversations are also taking place with Zimride, a company that provides network rideshare matching for employees and students, to tie into their rideshare matching program, their van pool system, as well as the Enterprise Car Share program which provides hourly car rentals similar to Zipcar.

In addition, the university has been awarded a significant amount in grants:

- \$397,000 was awarded for six electric vehicle charging stations that will go in parking lot P2.
- \$872,000 from the State of California's Active Transportation Program
- A portion of the Barstow bikeway was completed at the end of May; that was \$132,000. To continue that project, the university was awarded \$591,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds.

Mr. Gaffery concluded by referencing the email that went out to CPC members on August 12 regarding the tree work and removal of trees that took place in parking lot P27, west of the University Courtyard.

8. E-Phones (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

The university is looking into replacing the emergency phones on poles located throughout the campus (not emergency phones located in buildings or elevators) and possibly eliminating some of them given their non-use over the last few years. These phones require monthly testing. An individual goes out once a month to test each line to ensure that it is functioning properly. The climate with respect to phones has changed over the last 20 years and practically everybody carries a cell phone.

The current phones are very weathered and will be replaced with a bright blue colored phone similar to what many institutions and transit agencies use. The plan is to refresh the e-phones in certain areas and determine/evaluate the quantity of e-phones that are needed throughout the campus.

Ms. Parten commented that there are new federal/legislative acts that specifically address sexual assault and violence on campus. The CSU has put together a widely-represented work group to address these efforts throughout the campuses. The group will be reviewing what campuses currently have and what the needs may be in certain areas. Chief Huerta and Lt. Curwick are both part of this group. Ms. Parten recommends seeking input from this group prior to taking action.

Committee members made a number of comments and concerns regarding this project.

It was noted that cell phones may not provide the quickest response because many students are not familiar with the campus police number. E-phones ring directly to campus dispatch. In terms of having the best number for an emergency, cell phones may not provide the best alternative.

In an instance where one is being attacked or chased, accessing a cell phone may not prove effective. Many individuals have their cell phones password protected. This presents a challenge when calling for help.

Lack of utility does not necessarily mean that a need does not exist. The fact that they are not used could imply that there are not enough e-phones in certain areas, or that crimes are less likely to happen where an e-phone is available; and, therefore one could argue that they may serve as a deterrent.

Public Safety is not able to identify a location, via GPS, when a person makes an emergency call using his/her cell phone. An e-phone offers an alternative and may aid in providing a quick response.

9. Van Ness Residence Repairs (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

Two projects took place at the Van Ness residence over the summer. Exterior fencing was installed consistent with what is being done with other homes in the neighborhood. The front lawn was enclosed and gated access to drive way was added providing a more secure layout. The cost was about \$68,000. The air conditioning system failed over the summer. It was determined that the system was in excess of 20 years old. It was replaced requiring new duct work, insulation, sealing, asbestos abatement, etc. This expense totaled about \$56,000.

10. Other Business – None

Mr. Kriebs shared that improved seating is just about complete at the Margie Wright Softball Diamond. New lighting will be going up in the Soccer/Lacrosse field in the coming weeks.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

*Amended and approved on September 26, 2014