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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

June 12, 2012

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Amy Armstrong, Robert Boyd, Charles Boyer, Rick Finden, Paul Halajian, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Patrick Newell, Rebecca Rosengarten, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Richard Vaillancour, Bernard Vinovski and Gary Wilson.

Absent: Jan Parten and Dennis Nef

Guests: Janice Brown (PCD), Paul Miller and Lori Pardi

Meeting called to order at 11:09 a.m.

1. Approval of the June 12, 2012, agenda.

It was MSC to approve the June 12, 2012, agenda.

2. Approval of the May 31, 2012, meeting minutes.

Mr. Wilson moved to strike inaccurate language referencing the assembly room location in regards to North Gymnasium. It was MSC to approve the minutes of May 31, 2012, as corrected.

3. North Gymnasium assembly room and landscape improvements (Action) – Gary Wilson

Mr. Wilson returned to the committee with a request for approval on the North Gymnasium project. He addressed the comments and concerns voiced by the committee at the May 31, 2012, meeting.

One of the suggestions was ensuring that there would be seating for students in the outdoor plaza. Outdoor seating is included as part of the project. The plan contains seating on the west side of the landscaping plan and a seating wall on the east side. They will explore additional areas as the plan develops and the bidding process is complete. Additional seating may be incorporated, similar to what is currently in front of the University Center, but it will be part of phase two.

He also commented on the possibility of the removal of the liquid amber trees. As mentioned during the last meeting, the university has enlisted the services of Charles Duncan, a certified arborist, to evaluate the trees, but that inspection is a couple of weeks away. It is understood that if the trees need to be kept, provisions and modifications will be made accordingly.

Mr. Miller added that the aim is to create a cohesive area and these trees may not be ideal for the location. The project calls for a lot more trees than are currently there.

Mr. Boyd commented that the arborist will help make a recommendation and the project plan shall include the appropriate modifications, including relocation of the trees if possible and/or necessary.

In response to Mr. Vaillancour's suggestion of creating a bigger canopy on the trees that are currently proposed for the plaza area. They will modify the plan and move the trees a little closer to ensure the canopies connect to each other.

Mr. Wilson also provided an update on the video projection specs for the facility. A 20 ft. wide, high definition screen is what the visual/audio expert recommended for the east side of the building. Additional mobile screens will be incorporated along with the necessary wiring and equipment.

Dr. Newell commented that if the screen is close enough to the courtyard area and with the addition of a reverse screen on the east side, the space could also lend itself to outdoor programming needs. Ms. Astone agreed that when the design gets finalized, specifically the outdoor equipment for this area, there could be an opportunity for partnership with the Association.

Mr. Boyd shared that the intent is to submit a request for bids this summer with a projected completion date of spring 2013.

Ms. Astone moved for approval of the project with the following conditions:

- Arborist inspection of the liquid amber trees and further consultation with Facilities Management
- The architect to provide alternatives (site plan modifications) to preserve the trees if so is determined
- Further review of audio/visual equipment once it is specified

The motion was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

4. City of Fresno 2035 General Plan Update (*Update*) – Cynthia Teniente-Matson

Earlier in the year Keith Bergthold gave a presentation to CPC regarding the City of Fresno's 2025 General Plan update. Based on that presentation, the university submitted comments regarding the areas of transportation and parking, El Dorado Park, the university's wayfinding and signage plan and utilities, specifically as it relates to a tertiary water treatment plant. Subsequent to that, the City of Fresno's 2035 General Plan proposed several alternatives to the community. Fresno State submitted its support for Alternatives A and D. Alternative D was selected, which was the hybrid approach taken for the City's 2035 review. Again, the university reiterated comments made in the areas previously mentioned.

The City is now in the open comments period for the actual guidelines that are going to be implemented as a part of the General Plan. All interested parties are asked to submit their comments to the Working Papers proposed policies by Friday, June 15. Chair Matson distributed copies of the document, specifically areas that affected or mentioned Fresno State and the El Dorado Park neighborhood, the Hoover Community Plan (includes Fresno State and the university farm laboratory and the El Dorado Park neighborhood).

Chair Matson stressed the important of submitting our comments to the proposed policies. If we do not respond, these will go forward in the General Plan. The committee reviewed some of the sections to determine impacts to Fresno State. There was considerable discussion on some of the proposals, specifically those in regards to fencing the perimeter of the university farm.

Chair Matson noted some of the comments made and will be adding them to the university's response. She requested the committee scan through the remainder of the document and provide any comments on sections relevant to their respective areas by Thursday, June 14, 2012.

5. Other Business

Chair Matson shared the need for review of Campus Planning's organizational committee structure. There are two subcommittees that are struggling and probably need to be morphed to include other areas of the campus, one is the Monumental Arts Subcommittee and the other is the Arboretum Subcommittee.

The Monumental Arts Subcommittee is slated to eventually become a part of the Peace Garden Subcommittee which will look at specifically the peace garden and the monumental arts. The proposed subcommittee has already been established in terms of guidelines, but has not been adopted by Campus Planning. There are two outstanding projects within the Monumental Arts Subcommittee. Chair Matson has asked Mr. Boyer and Facilities Management to look at those two projects and make recommendations.

The Arboretum Subcommittee, which is now completely defunct, has not met since 2008-2009. Part of the reason for that is the university has had significant organizational cutbacks within the Facilities Management department. The position that chaired this body (Arboretum Subcommittee) no longer exists. The subcommittee calls for six faculty members to participate which has been a struggle to fill. Tree Fresno is now located on campus. This presents a great opportunity to revisit the committee's charge and membership.

Since Dr. Kus' retirement, Campus Planning Committee also struggled to have FACEL participation during the 2011-12 academic year. Without a FACEL member, there is actual room within the charter for two additional faculty members to participate in Campus Planning.

Ms. Kao and Ms. Armstrong were also asked to review the charters and committee structure for the Sustainability Subcommittee and Traffic & Safety Subcommittee respectively to determine if they are appropriately constituted.

Chair Matson will engage Dr. Williams as we reconstitute the Arboretum Subcommittee and the Peace Garden/Monumental Arts Subcommittee and will place this item on the formal agenda for a fall meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.