

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

August 25, 2011

Members

Present: Amy Armstrong, Robert Boyd, Charles Boyer, Lisa Kao, Dennis Nef, Patrick Newell, Jan Parten, Russ Taylor; Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Richard Vaillancour and Bernard Vinovrski

Absent: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Rick Finden, John Kriebs, Virginia Sellars-Erxleben and Gary Wilson

Guests: Kathy Johnson, Lori Pardi, Art Parham and Sara Wallet

1. Approval of the August 25, 2011, agenda.

It was MSC to approve the August 25, 2011, agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2011, meeting.

Correction to May 12, 2011, minutes item 4 - New Foster Farms Poultry Facility.

Corrected sentence: The proposal calls for the construction of a **tunnel** ventilation chicken production facility of a relatively commercial size.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011, with minor modification.

3. New Foster Farms Poultry Facility (*Action*) – Mr. Robert Boyd

Mr. Boyd opened discussion with the Foster Farms Poultry Facility proposal. This proposal was previously shared with the committee as an informational item and is being returned for action. During our last meeting, Dr. Parham provided a detailed description of what Foster Farms is looking to gift to the university and the opportunities this project would bring to our students. Before placing the motion on the table, Mr. Boyd asked if there were any additional questions and if Dr. Parham had any additional information he'd like to provide.

Dr. Parham provided an update. Since the last meeting, Foster Farms engineers in collaboration with individuals from Facilities Management visited the site to identify and ensure that utility needs were adequate for the project. Utility points/lines were identified and ADA compliant restrooms were added to the plan. He also commented that attorneys for the Foundation are currently drafting the production agreement and ground use agreement and that these are pretty close to completion.

Mr. Vaillancour asked if consideration had been given to the recommendation for placement of trees on the west side of the facility as suggested in the last meeting. The committee

agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Boyd added that the recommendation could be incorporated as one of the conditions for approval.

Dr. Newel asked if veterinary services were addressed in the proposal. Dr. Parham confirmed that Foster Farms has a full time poultry veterinarian on staff and that they would provide this support. He further added that CDFA (California Department of Food and Agriculture) volunteered their services in this area as well. He also added the university has two full time veterinarians on staff, but clarified that poultry is not their expertise.

Ms. Kao asked if the proposal would include liability language discussed at the previous meeting where Foster Farms agreed to hold the university harmless and to dispose of the birds should it be necessary. Mr. Parham and Chair Matson stated that this language would be part of the operating agreement and encouraged Ms. Kao to discuss this item with Mr. John Melikian who is overseeing that aspect of the proposal.

Chair Matson asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, she entertained a motion to approve. Mr. Boyd moved to approve the proposal with the condition that the full, consistent and final set of plans address the items that have been identified by the committee in this meeting and in previous discussions.

Having no additional questions or comments, Chair Matson returned to the motion on the floor, Mr. Newel seconded, motion carried without opposition or abstention.

4. Smittcamp Alumni House Sign (*Action*) – Mr. Paul Halajian

Information on the Smittcamp Alumni House sign was distributed to the committee via email and is now being returned to the committee for action.

Chair Matson provided some additional background information on the sign that is being proposed. This idea came about because the signage plan for the University High School exceeded what was proposed for that vicinity. So to provide appropriate donor recognition, Chair Matson and Mr. Boyd are proposing another sign for the Smittcamp Alumni House.

Mr. Boyd clarified that the reason the signage is being brought before the committee for approval is because the sign is somewhat different from other signage on campus. He asked Mr. Halajian to share some specific details and a rendering of what the sign would look like.

Mr. Halajian provided that the Smittcamp Alumni House sign is a pretty delicate project because the Alumni House has become an icon for the campus and the entryway to the house is one of the most photographed on campus. Therefore, we do not want the signage to overwhelm the building.

The strategy that was used in creating this drawing was to treat the sign as a site feature and not as a piece of architecture. The plan is to work with elements and features that already exist in the overall composition of the area. The brick selected for the sign is the same brick that was used on the two brick sight walls that flank the entry stairs to the Smittcamp Alumni House. The plan is to place a low brick wall on the sidewalk and adding a very simple concrete wall on top that basically becomes a blank tablet to receive the university

medallion and letters. The finished product should measure about 4 feet in height and 14 feet in length. The plan is to keep the sign below eye level, maintain the width of the pathway, and make it prominent to Shaw Avenue.

Discussion and suggestions followed in regards to the height of the sign, proportion of the lettering and medallion in comparison to the concrete background wall, and color/contrast of the concrete wall.

Mr. Halajian agreed to return to the committee with modified drawings reflecting the suggested changes.

5. Other Business - None

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.