

URI Master Plan Review Team
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2017
Alumni Center Board Room

Membership Present: Vern Wyman, Christopher McMahan, Steve Baker, John Sears, Michael Katz, Dave Palazzetti, Linda Acciardo, William Green, Ann Morrissey, Jerry Sidio, Paul DePace, Vincent Murray

Membership Absent: Brian Maynard, Morgan Boutmy

Support Staff Present: Ryan Carrillo, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Marsha Garcia, Joe Paradise, Sheleen Clarke, Kenny Burke

Call to Order

Chair Vern Wyman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Approvals

The minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded; motion passed.

1. College of Engineering

Christopher McMahan presented an update on the College of Engineering project.

The Swing Space move for Engineering is in progress. The GMP was signed, \$8 million. Next phase is the removal of buildings on the site and should span approximately a 6 month period.

The architects have finished Design Development.

The site diagram was reviewed. Paul DePace noted that the addition to Bliss Hall is not part of the current project, but rather part of the new bond that was just approved.

Review of floor plans. Ground floor is university classrooms. Quad floor is open area, café, meeting space, maker space and academic labs. 2nd and 3rd floors are a typical floor plan consisting of 13,000 square feet of highly flexible research area allowing for a mixed research environment.

The presentation included review of the current landscape plan and schematic design.

Motion made by Ann Morrissey to approve the College of Engineering project plans. Motion seconded by Steve Baker; motion passed.

2. Pedestrian Walk Gates

Review of two designs for pedestrian gates. Three locations proposed; Flagg Rd near Chemistry, Flagg Rd near CBLS, and one near Taft Hall. The purpose of the gates are to regulate the access of service vehicles to these pedestrian roads. Possible branding opportunities are available for the gates.

Concern was raised over access by Emergency vehicles to these areas. A decision was made to postpone approval of the gates until more information could be obtained.

3. Salt Barn Relocation

At the November 10, 2016 MPRT meeting, Phase 1 of the Service Sector showed a location for the Salt Barn. A slight alteration to the site of the Salt Barn was proposed to take advantage of the natural slope of the existing landscape in relation to the movement of Salt Barn vehicles. The placement of the barn's entrance is still being determined. Approval requested for the relocation of the Salt Barn.

Motion made by Steve Baker to approve. Motion seconded by Linda Acciaro; motion passed.

4. Parking Lot 1- Briar Lane Entrance

Designs were reviewed for the Briar Lane parking lot with a new entrance/exit. New gate equipment for lot access is being researched. Approval needed for the parking lot design that was presented.

Motion made by Steve Baker to approve. Motion seconded by Linda Acciaro and Jerry Sidio; motion passed.

Information and Discussion

1. Skateboard Signs

Due to time restraints, an update on the skateboard signs was postponed until the next meeting.

Recognition was given to Vincent Murray for his long time standing on the MPRT committee. He is retiring as the South Kingstown Planning Director.

The January 12, 2017 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.