

**URI Master Plan Review Team
Minutes of Meeting**

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 1:00PM-2:05PM
Alumni Center Board Room

Membership Present: Christina Valentino, Vern Wyman, Christopher McMahan, Rick Rhodes, Michael Katz, Dave Palazzetti, Linda Acciaro, William Green, Steve Baker, John Sears, Morgan Boutmy, Brian Maynard, Ann Morrissey, Doug McClan for South Kingstown.

Membership Absent: Vincent Murray, Paul DePace, Jerry Sidio

Support Staff Present: Ryan Carrillo, Diane Soule, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Sheleen Clarke

Call to Order

Chair Christina Valentino called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Introductions were made around the room.

Approvals

The minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes of September 10, 2015. Motion seconded; motion passed.

1. Exterior Signage Requests

A. Addition of Athletics Logo tabled from the September 10th meeting

Request made to place a RI design logo above the door used to access the locker room and ROTC at Keaney Gym. Athletics feels this will boost team spirit and allow for away teams to easily locate the door to the locker rooms. At present, there is no easy identification of the door. The discussion was whether this sets a precedent for other departments to want their own logos and the loss of consistency of signage. Kip McMahan offered other options to improve the entrance that would not involve just a logo above the door. It was questioned if the logo would be enough to readily identify the entrance or to assist with directions once inside if approved. It was noted that Athletics has limited funds, hence the reason for the simple logo.

Chair Valentino asked if the MPRT was prepared to vote. A motion was made to oppose the addition of the logo with a friendly response that the team acknowledged the need for some type of signage at that entrance; motion seconded and approved.

B. Historic Sign at Gardner Crops Research Center

Request to place a historical sign on the building at the Gardner Crops Research Center. The intent is to mark the location as the Agricultural Experiment Station established in 1888. Concern was raised that by placing a marker on the building now gives the presumption that the building was built in 1888. A historical site marker was recommended as an alternative. There was also the question that this may set a precedent for other departments to request historical markers. A motion was made to table the

item for further investigation and discussion at the January meeting; motion was seconded and approved.

C. White Hall Yard Sign/Discussion of New Policy for Yard Sign Placement

A request was made for a more visible sign at White Hall. Concerns have been made by the department that the current sign, located by the door on White Hall, is not visible from the side walk. The student representative present, confirmed she receives requests for directions to White Hall on a regular basis. Ryan Carrillo verified that the font size on the current sign allows a person to see the sign from 50 feet, the side walk is approximately 108 feet away.

This topic raised the secondary discussion; the need for a uniform policy regarding campus signage including both building name identification and historical signs/markers. It was agreed that there was a need and this would be considered and discussed at a future meeting.

A motion to approve a temporary sign at White Hall pending a future policy regarding signage was made; motion was seconded and approved.

2. Master Plan Updates:

Presented by Kip McMahan:

NBC Master Plan- a design agent has been selected.

Parking and Transportation Master Plan & Landscape Master Plans are moving forward. They will interact closely on key findings.

Kingston Campus Master Plan will coincide with the 125th year anniversary of URI.

Vern Wyman has been working on addressing transportation issues for nursing students to and from Providence. There are also issues with students traveling to and from Narragansett Bay Campus. Further thought will be given to this matter.

The November 12, 2015 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.