

URI Master Plan Review Team
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2017
Alumni Center Board Room

Membership Present: Abigail Rider, Vern Wyman, Christopher McMahan, Dave Palazzetti, William Green, Ann Morrissey, Jerry Sidio, John Kirby, Brian Maynard, Steve Baker, Michael Katz, Chelsea Siefert

Membership Absent: Linda Acciaro, Paul DePace, Morgan Boutmy

Support Staff Present: Ryan Carrillo, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Marsha Garcia, Dave Lavalley, Sheleen Clarke, Jenny Baccari, Danielle Desilets and Kyle Zick with KZLA.

Call to Order

Abigail Rider called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Introduction of all attendees.

Approvals

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded; motion passed.

1. College of Pharmacy, Exterior Signage

College of Pharmacy, through a donor gift, will be renamed "Paramaz Avedisian '54 Hall" with the abbreviated name of "Avedisian Hall" to be displayed on the main entrance and east entrance of the building. Uniform signage to be established going forward. The standard will be pin mounted, aluminum letters with a standard font (Trajan), approximately 6-8 inches high, located on significant access points to the building.

In reference to the Pharmacy Building a suggestion was made to consider name placement on the Medicinal Garden side of building as well.

The Foundation will be made aware of the specifications as it relates to building naming and signage.

Motion made by Dave Palazzetti to approve standard for donor named buildings. Motion seconded by Steve Baker; motion passed.

2. Brookside, Exterior Signage

Building name signage needed for Brookside Apartments. Signage to be located at the link entry between the two buildings that will comprise Brookside Apartments. Proposed letters will be approximately 18 inches high in brushed aluminum, identifying the common core of the two buildings.

The MPRT committee expressed concerns that this contradicts the standard just established for building signs and that the letters are too large.

Request for approval was withdrawn. Other options will be formulated.

3. Landscape Master Plan Presentation by KZLA

Kyle Zick and Danielle Desilets with Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture (KZLA) presented a draft of the Landscape Master Plan for MPRT approval. There have been regular meetings for approximately one year with the review committee to create a Landscape Master Plan for the University.

KZLA looked at existing conditions, the previous Landscape Master Plan (2000), and URI's Guiding Principles and have been working with VHB for coordination with the Transportation and Parking Master Plan.

A need was found to reclaim the core of campus for pedestrians. Taking into consideration the following:

- Impervious surfaces (campus has a lot of paved surfaces)
- Open space (not a lot of open space designated on campus)
- Vehicular circulation
- The pedestrian experience as well as conflicts between pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic

The road diet concept introduced.

- Reduce parking within campus core
- Possible repurposing of lots
- Reduce road size/width
- Recommendation for some 1-way roadways

More accessible walkways are needed, which will pose a challenge based on the campus topography.

Campus branding at key gateways to enhance URI sense of place.

Restructure of the Campus Districts from the 2000 Landscape Master Plan. College of Engineering will be part of the North Campus District and the new location for Brookside will become part of the Residential Life District.

Suggestions to improve the ResLife district which have been identified in the plan using a code system.

Identification of Priority Projects:

- The Quad
- Elephant Walk
- Hammerschlag Mall
- Chafee Green

Also included:

- A tree inventory, analysis and recommendations.
- Standard details on campus including light fixtures, bus shelters, benches, paths, access gates, etc.
- Maintenance- Lands and Grounds responsibilities with priority zones identified.

Concerns were expressed over the loss of parking based on recommendations within the Landscape Master Plan as well as creating better connectivity between campuses. The Transportation and Parking Master plan should address these issues.

Dave Lavalley requested that the branding logo on the presentation be converted to a different logo. It was agreed that a place holder would be used until a logo could be identified.

A request was made to approve the Landscape Master Plan and present to Sr. Leadership for approval.

Motion made by Ann Morrissey to approve. Motion seconded by Brian Maynard; motion passed.

The May 11, 2017 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.