

**URI Master Plan Review Team  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday, September 15, 2016  
Alumni Center Board Room**

**Membership Present:** Christina Valentino, Vern Wyman, Christopher McMahan, Steve Baker, John Sears, Vincent Murray, Morgan Boutmy

**Membership Absent:** Rick Rhodes, Michael Katz, Dave Palazzetti, Linda Acciaro, William Green, Ann Morrissey, Jerry Sidio, Brian Maynard, Paul DePace

**Support Staff Present:** Ryan Carrillo, Elena Pascarella, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Sheleen Clarke, Marsha Garcia, David Lavallee

**Call to Order**

Chair Christina Valentino called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**Approvals**

The minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016. Motion seconded; motion passed.

**1. Granite Benches**

A request was made to the Foundation for a Granite Bench to be located at the Child Development Center (CDC) in memory of Susan Warford, previous Director of the CDC.

A standard is needed for locating granite benches. Granite benches will not be used in lieu of a wooden bench, but rather used in more unique locations. The location of the benches will be at the discretion of the Campus Planning & Design office.

Motion made by Vern Wyman to approve the granite bench standard. Motion was seconded by Dave Lavallee (on behalf of Linda Acciaro); motion passed.

Christina Valentino requested a friendly amendment that the MPRT have knowledge of any additional locations as they occur; seconded by Steve Baker.

**Information and Discussion**

**1. Skateboard Signs**

Revisit of Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2016, Item #3:

Sheleen Clarke reported that two 11x17, temporary signs, stating "No Skateboard Area" were installed at Butterfield and Chemistry on September 12<sup>th</sup> and were missing shortly thereafter. The signs were installed after the start of the fall semester in an attempt to reach the greatest population.

John Sears reported that the team has met on the skateboarding issue. Public Safety has agreed to distribute flyers and lawn signs to address skateboard safety and keeping pedestrians out of danger. This plan is to be implemented beginning the week of Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. The team's goal is to address the bigger issue of skateboard safety.

Two additional action plans will be put in place:

More permanent signage is needed. Two 8x8 wayfinding signs will be ordered and installed at Butterfield and Chemistry stating "No Skateboarding". A working group will look at a possible amendment to the handbook to include no skateboarding on hardscape features such as walkways, curbs, etc.

## **2. White Horn Brook and Gateway Presentation**

Christopher McMahan presented to the committee an update on White Horn Brook Apartments.

Current building layout:

110	4 BR Units	440 Beds
3	2 BR Units	6 Beds
9	6 BR Units	<u>4 Beds</u>
		500 Beds Total

Reviewed floor plans and unit layouts.  
185,000 square feet -dwelling units  
15,000-20,000 square feet -common area

Reviewed location of building, bike path, and parking.

Review of costs:  
Currently \$3,172,949 over on site costs

Project will incorporate the bike path into a larger plan to link the URI proposed bike path to the train station.

Stephen Baker raised concerns over parking lot size and loss of parking.

Due to time restraints, Gateway was not presented.

A gift was presented on behalf of the MPRT to Christina Valentino for her work as Chairperson. This was her last MPRT meeting.

The September 15, 2016 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.