

Meeting Notes
Master Plan Review Team
Tuesday, October 13, 2009
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Green Hall President's Conference Room

Attendance: Ann Morrissey, Chip Yensan, Erin West, Paul DePace, Bob Weygand, Bob Drapeau, Vern Wyman, Jerry Sidio, Vincent Murray, Ryan Carrillo and Tom Frisbie-Fulton

Review of Research Park:

Vice President Weygand gave a brief update on the status of the research park. He indicated that they were looking at what is the best way of mapping out a strategy for the research park. He said they were looking into an update of the master plan. They want to look at what is on the master plan, what could be done and how quickly an update can be done.

Follow up:

VP Weygand is looking into a consultant to develop an update on the master plan.

Fraternity/sorority potential building sites:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave an update about identifying some potential building sites for 3-4 fraternities and sororities that are thinking about re-establishing themselves on campus. He indicated that there were 3 sites being considered and that the most feasible site option would be the Rt. 138 entry area of traffic would be rerouted with the College Avenue extension site. He stated that all sites have developmental costs, \$2-5M for 40 beds. Other issues discussed were that parking for these fraternities and sororities would have to be off site.

Action:

It was agreed that the committee would need to consider the sites with greater understanding from the President's Team about the strategic priority for finding site locations to accommodate these needs. As well, parking must be considered as it is presently problematic in this area and would be a greater problem if it were not addressed in the context of future growth. The committee agreed to the following actions:

1. Vice President Weygand would follow up with the President's Team and ascertain their preferences and/or priorities for fraternity and sorority new housing sites and identify parameters.
2. Any further development of related planning would involve the Greek system.

3. Capital planning and design together with Facilities and Capital Projects would develop a business plan that addresses infrastructure, including water supply.

Biological Resources Laboratory site plan:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton presented a proposed site plan for the Biological Resources Laboratory, which would be an addition to the College of Pharmacy building and funded partially by research grant monies. This building would be completely underground and would be used for small lab animals. It would eliminate the other locations at Fogarty, Morrill and Chafee.

Action:

The committee moved to approve the proposed site of the Pharmacy building for the Biological Resources Laboratory. Motion approved.

Nursing & Chemistry Building Update:

Tom gave a brief informational update on the Nursing and Chemistry buildings. He indicated that RGB architects were working on the construction documents and that they were working with HOK architects out of New York for planning purposes of White Hall. He also said that William Wilson will be the architects for the Chemistry building. The design has not been started, but the project will be built on the north side of Chafee. Parking is an issue.

Campus Art Committee:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton briefed the committee about the Campus Art Committee. Their first task would be to develop a policy for the installation of artwork in campus buildings. It was agreed that it would serve as a subcommittee of the Campus Master Plan Review Team and be advisory. Any fundraising for this artwork should be done through the Foundation. It was advised that the composition of this committee include: Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences or her designee; Tom Frisbie-Fulton, from the MPRT, a non URI community member from the RI Public; RI Arts Council member, a faculty at large; a student art major at large.

Tom Frisbie-Fulton will follow up.

Extension of College of Pharmacy Public Art Space:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton gave an update on the planned construction of the COP. As part of this update the committee was presented with a plan to extend medicinal and wellness garden, which is the public art space for COP. As a result of this extension, some parking would be lost. A proposal was presented to expand the parking area at Tyler to offset this loss.

Action:

The committee approved the extension of the public art space for the COP with the caveat that a parking study be performed to include the areas defined by the south wall of Pharmacy/south of Tyler to south of Lippitt/west exterior of Ballentine Road and east face of Library and Woodward Hall area.

Outside Kiosks & Wayfinding:

There was a brief discussion regarding outside kiosks. It was suggested that we need to revisit a former task force's way-finding plan and include the area of Public Affairs who may concurrently be working on this issue.

Action:

Capital Planning and Capital Projects will follow up with Public Affairs and this issue will be re-addressed at the next meeting of the MRPT.

Next meeting:

Revisiting branded signs on campus

Revisit way-finding and informational issue – come up with a cost effective kiosk to post events

Assign a task force to look at long-term and short-term master planning issues (Jerry & Chip willing to be on)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.