FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 28, 2010

Members Present:  Yasser Ayad; Jon Beal; Paul Bylaska; Joanna Catalano-student; Deb Fleeger; Stephen Hoover; Jack Hubauer; Tony Johns; Jennifer May; Michael McConnell; Glen Reid; Deb Sobina; Jim Stockman

Others Present:  Rein Pold

I. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2009

A motion was made by Michael McConnell and seconded by Deb Sobina to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009 as presented. The motion passed.

II. Additional Agenda Items

1. No additional items were added to the agenda.

III. Old Business

1. Science Technology

Paul Bylaska told members about the open house being held this Saturday, January 30th from 1-3pm at the Science Technology building. Jim Stockman reported on the outstanding issues of the project. The university has asked the contractor for improvements to be made to the landscape. He also added that John Massa felt a drain would need to be installed near the Tippin side for drainage problems. They are looking into the lighting in the rear of the building. Rein Pold said that a meeting was held with Xerox the company that provides smart classrooms on campus. Xerox has agreed to loan the university a 50” flat panel for on the 2nd floor.

2. Becht

Paul Bylaska said that the first design committee meeting had been held. The current budget may not be enough to cover the costs associated with the project. The capital budget will be looked at since documentation suggests that the capital budget may fund furniture & equipment for the building.
3. Tippin

Jim Stockman said that a meeting was held with the feasibility group and three scenarios were proposed. Coordination will be an issue if a renovation of the existing building is done. The pool has some serious issues including leaks. Meetings were held with all but five of the user groups. The university is looking to make the building very student friendly and will have a mixed use of classrooms and athletics. Tutoring space for athletes will also be included. The feasibility study should be in by the end of March 2010. Dr. Ayad commented that Kimball has contacted him about floor plans for the building.

4. Parking Committee

Paul Bylaska said that PEC had accepted the recommendations of the parking committee with the exception of changing lot 14 to resident parking. It was recommended that pay stations accept credit/debit cards and also Eagle cards. The basketball courts will be put back in lot 6. Temporary bollards will be installed in that area which may cause some congestion.

Jon Beal asked if there had been any recommendations for loading zones at the Science Technology Center. Rein Pold suggested that when the relocation of the handicapped parking takes place that a 30 minute loading zone space could be included. Glen Reid said that they will revisit the issue at a later date. The ticketing at the Science Technology Center was discussed and it was mentioned that the borough will ticket along Greenville Avenue and campus police will ticket at the ends of the STC building.

5. Venango – Deb Sobina reported on Venango issues.

The finished copies of the nursing study are now available and will be used in fund raising. The summer of 2011 will be targeted to gather the necessary funding.

The storm water project is focused on the water behind the buildings on campus. A meeting will be held on February 4th on the plans which will look to the management of the storm water and widening of the entrance drive.

The design for the stairway between the parking lots is complete and is currently at Labor and Industry. The project will be done in-house. They are currently looking at cost estimates.

Installation of lighting is continuing on campus. New signage was installed in some areas.
Work has begun on the Chemistry lab to tear out work rooms and clean up the area. A mercury spill occurred during the process and was dealt with. Benches were also installed in the area.

IV. New Business

1. Venango Incident

Paul Bylaska reported on the recent incident of the State Police trooper that was shot and killed near the Venango Campus. The Venango campus was on a lockdown situation under the advisement of the State Police. Glen Reid reminded members that even though the campus on roadways was 4 miles from the shooting; through the woods it was less than a half mile. Venango campus’ daycare was a particular concern. The text alert messages, e-mail alerts and the website alerts were all effective emergency procedures that were implemented. It was discussed that perhaps periodic communication to students and staff about updating phone information should be done since cell phones in particular are changed frequently. Communication was discussed and stressed that there could be areas for improved communication to the university from the other law enforcement agencies.

Deb Sobina highlighted information that could be helpful for future reference (i.e. having a list of the occupants within the buildings). Also, giving students detailed information about the use of their cell phones for calls that could interrupt the situation at hand. Venango public safety officer, Dave Wilson was on site and the key link to communication between the campus and the public safety director, Glen Reid.

2. Boiler Plant

Paul Bylaska said they are closing in on a design and looking at the potential cost and benefits. A proposal will be brought forward in the near future.

3. Rhea Lumber

Paul Bylaska discussed the current leasing and eventual purchase of the Rhea Lumber property. The legal documents have been received back on the lease for the property and the university will be working with the Rhea’s in moving forward on the lease.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee meetings will be held on February 25, 2010.