FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 18, 2010

Members Present: Yasser Ayad; Jon Beal; Paul Bylaska; Deb Fleeger; Jack Hubauer; Jennifer May; Glen Reid; Deb Sobina (via phone); Jim Stockman

Others Present: Diana Brush; Darlene Hartle; Doug Knepp; John Massa; Ray Puller; Rein Pold; Chad Thomas

I. Approval of Minutes – October 28, 2010

A motion was made by Deb Fleeger and seconded by Jen May to approve the minutes of October 28, 2010 as presented. The motion passed.

II. Additional Agenda Items

1. No additional items were added to the agenda.

III. Old Business

1. Grunenwald Center

Paul Bylaska said that there has been a request to land a helicopter at the Grunenwald Center. He said that when President Grunenwald was here, he felt very strongly about not allowing helicopters to land on the main part of campus because of the safety issues involved, with the exception of the state police. Paul Bylaska said that he would hold to that policy. Helicopters have landed at the stadium where space allowed.

2. Becht

Paul Bylaska said he would like to have the preliminary final design done by the end of the calendar year. The asbestos abatement should start in January. The length of the project is estimated to be 1 ½ to 2 years. In response to a question by Glen Reid on the parking function, Paul Bylaska said that parking would be located in Becht Hall.

In response to a question by Diana Brush as to the operational capability of the windows and the HVAC in the building, Jim Stockman said the current windows would remain and every office will not have their own thermostat. Jon Beal stated that the Grunenwald Center offices have a range from the base temperature that the temperature can be adjusted within that range. Yasser Ayad commented that the offices are an acceptable temperature, but the labs can get hot. Office motion
detectors can change the controls. If the lights are not on, the controls act as if there is no one in the room causing temperatures to adjust. Diana Brush questioned what would happen with those people who have migraines and keep the lights off. Rein Pold said that with the new bulbs, dimming is available.

3. Tippin

Paul Bylaska said there is still the difficulty with the cost projection not covered by the available budget. The expectations for the building may need to be lowered. The budget from the design firm compared to the state standard looks good.

4. Venango

Deb Sobina reported on Venango projects. She said that the storm water project is on hold awaiting a funding source. Venango continues to fund raise for the Nursing SIM lab and they expect a corporate foundation to visit the campus in December. Progress is being made to add security cameras and will move forward now that funds are available.

The pond has started this year’s DEP cycle. Conversations may need to occur with neighbors on the other side of the road. The carp has not arrived and may not be expected until the spring of 2011 when Hilltop Hatcheries opens back up for the season.

5. Boiler Plant

Jim Stockman said the plant is operational, but because of the more sophisticated control system there is still some computer programming that is not complete. It was discussed that the stack was easily removed since a lot of the mortar was worn away. Paul Bylaska said that Dr. Grunenwald felt buildings should not be imploded due to the effects it may have on neighboring areas. Rein Pold said that is one reason impllosion not allowed, why Campbell Hall was so expensive to take down.

6. Rhea Lumber

Jim Stockman and Dave Fagan met with the Rheas yesterday to go over parking plans and issues on parking kiosks and emergency phones. Glen Reid said that there are guidelines and standards for emergency phones. Paul Bylaska added that the safety walk that is done once a year determines some of the decisions on emergency phones and lighting issues. Yasser Ayad offered the services of his department for any mapping that may need done at the Rhea property.

Chad Thomas asked if there was a chance of bringing the deck hockey rink to the Rhea Lumber location. Paul Bylaska said there could be a chance of that.

IV. New Business

1. Facilities Master Plan

Paul Bylaska said that the president has directed to move forward on a new master plan. The cost of a new plan will be between $750K - $1M dollars. Becht Hall was the last piece of the current master plan. In establishing a new plan they will look at
what we have, what our needs are and the philosophy of the campus. The president
would like to take into consideration the community when developing a new plan.

Jennifer May raised points on overall accessibility especially with the older buildings
and asked if there was a mechanism to bring that into the master plan. She added that
buildings that met ADA code were not necessarily accessible in all aspects. Rein
Pold said that all newest plans have specific language about ADA and the audience.
Jim Stockman added that there is new code coming out. Diana Brush commented
that while she had a temporary disability, she found difficulty with restroom stalls,
doors, etc. and while the Disability Support Services works with students, is there
anyone to look at staff issues. The dining hall was discussed and the automatic door
not being able to be utilized. Chad Thomas said that there had been a staffing issue
that has since been addressed to resolve the problem.

Jack Hubauer asked if there was a plan for the future planting of trees. Paul Bylaska
said that landscape was a part of the prior master plan and the university also has a
landscape plan. Jon Beal noted that there is an environmental issue with the
Grunenwald Center in that trees could interfere with the solar heating. He also noted
that, with the green space, there have been more students out on the lawn playing.

Yasser Ayad asked if there could be a longer term plan that would combine projects
that may be good for the budget and building use. Jim Stockman said that 14
institutions are all competing for the same pot of money and by consolidating projects
you can easily price yourself out of the amount you ask for. The strategy is to try to
get something. Paul Bylaska said that with a compact campus it is hard to find
staging space also. In response to a question by John Massa as to if a vendor has
been selected for the master plan, Paul Bylaska stated that funding would need to be
located first. Yasser Ayad said that his department would be glad to produce maps
and drawings.

2. Parking

Paul Bylaska reported the removal of some parking spaces at Tippin near the
crosswalk. Chad Thomas said that a visually impaired student’s dog could not see
beyond the cars and would not move past them. The dog is trained not to walk
between cars. With the lack of visibility it was decided to take spaces out to resolve
the issue.

Jennifer May spoke of the parking lot by Givan with the pay meter. There is only one
handicapped space and two known staff in the area with mobility issues. She asked if
the service spot could be made handicapped. It was discussed that by law, public
safety cannot deliver an employee to their office. Glen Reid suggested that the
university have temporary handicapped spots that could be moved as needed. Paul
Bylaska said he would like to see a short term solution and a long term solution. He
asked that the parking committee be made aware of the situation and a
recommendation would need to come from them.

Diana Brush said that the back of physical impairment card differs from the
instructions on the website. Glen Reid said those cards can be used at meters and the
instructions on the cards are outdated. She added that obtaining a state permit was the
best idea.
Deb Fleeger told members that when working beyond normal hours late one Sunday evening; parking in lot 5 she received a ticket. She stated the signage for the lot was incorrect. Glen Reid said that she is aware that there is a problem with the signs, but said it is best if an employee makes public safety aware that they are working in a building at odd hours.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee will be held on December 16, 2010.