

**CAMPUS PHYSICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPPC)
FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

Present:	Jack Ahern	Ernie May
	Joshua Beausoleil	Ed Mientka
	Jim Cahill	Jeff Napolitano
	Pat Daly	Sally O'Shea
	Bob Francis	Cliff Resnick
	Steve Goodwin	Roger Rideout
	Bryan Harvey	Bernie Schliemann
	Jeanne Horrigan	Rod Warnick
	Bob Levin	Hillary Woodcock

1. **Ernie May, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting of December 7, 2006 were approved.**
3. **Announcements & handouts by Associate Vice Chancellor Bob Francis:**
 - Bob Francis handed out Utility Commodity Summary (see handout) – spoke to the issue of improvements due to energy ESCO, E- 2.
 - Fall 06 to present: we have been running considerably below consumption numbers from previous years.
 - ESCO is financed by energy budgets.

UMass Physical Sightlines Facilities Asset Advisor Report (see handout)

Questions *from* committee:

- *Robert Levin:* If there are dramatic reductions, why is the steam always on in Chenoweth. They have air conditioners on full tilt all day.
 - *Ernie May* stated there is an overheating problem and suggested the University do a study.
 - *Ernie May* noted the New Residence heating problem.
 - *Jim Cahill* stated the New Residence heating problem is a control issue and the vendor is taking care of it.
4. **Announcement from Pat Daly, Director of Physical Plant:**
 - Due to the reduction of water consumption on campus, the University received a Sustainability Award from the Governor's office.
 5. **Announcement from Jim Cahill, Director for Facilities & Campus Planning:**

Jim passed out the Current Major Capital Project Update. (see handout, page 1, self-explanatory).

Questions *from* committee:

Joshua Beausoleil asked if there would be any dedicated space for student swing space. *Jim Cahill* explained we were planning for swing space to support renovations in academic buildings, not residential areas.

Hillary Woodcock asked if there was any work being done in Tobin.

- Yes, structural work – swing space for the animals

Questions *from* committee:

Bob Levin questioned if the Police Station location was well thought out.

- Bob & Jim responded that the location concerns were well thought out & many sites were considered:
 - During Mullins Center events, the police cruisers have difficulty getting out from the Dickinson location. Tilson is better for emergency access.
 - Choice was made to keep some of the office & dispatch operations in Dickinson so the students could more readily stop in.

6. Bob Francis passed out the FY2007 State Supplemental Capital Funding List: (see handout)

- This list addresses Safety and Deferred Maintenance.
- Deferred Maintenance and Safety & Code Issues were determined from the Vanderweil study.

Questions *from* committee:

Jack Ahern: Who will be eliminated on the list?

Bob Francis: Legacy Building Study is in process.

- Aim is to have it completed in the spring.
- We will have to make some tough calls about the buildings.

7. Bob Francis passed out the \$50M Plan: (see handout)

- Only a few of these projects have been initiated
- All Morrill ventilation work is pending completion of study at this time.
- Lederle is in Design Phase.

Level of Priority: Safety and Code issues:

1. Replace French Greenhouses
2. Address issues of NRE Labs
3. Hatch Lab: code issues.
4. South College
 - Reduce occupancy and fuel load.
 - Reduce number of occupants.
 - Move Communication instruction labs.
 - 4th & 5th floor have been closed

Most of the \$50M Plan spending is for the fundamental wet lab spaces for science, library, Fine Arts Center, roof replacements, fire updates, etc.

We have been able to provide for A250 hires, however, the process has been slow.

Questions *from* committee:

Jack Ahern: South College is one of the oldest buildings on campus. What is the value placed on heritage?

Bob Francis: We have the Legacy Building Study:

Qualitative:

- Architectural
- Emotional and cultural attachments to campus

Quantitative:

- Width of corridors, dead end corridors, etc.
- Considering life safety for building occupancy.
- Receiving expert advice on safety in historic buildings.
- Short term: decrease occupancy.
- Long range: stunningly high cost of doing work to put building into full service opposed to building new building up to code.

- Action Item: Jim Cahill: Provide committee with a copy of the Legacy Building Study by the end of March.

Jack Ahern: Is there an opportunity to comment on Legacy Building Study? He feels architectural historians on campus should be part of input.

8. Campus Landscape Improvement Plan (CLIP) Presentation – Cliff Resnick, Cyndi Arbor (see handout)

- F&CP has been working with SEA consultants for the past 18 months.
- Plan is being continually updated.

Question *from* committee:

Steve Goodwin: Are we limiting vehicles on walkways?

Jim Cahill: We are providing the campus with the opportunity to limit vehicles on pedestrian walkways. It will ultimately be an enforcement issue.

9. Questions and Discussion:

Comments *from* committee:

Roger Rideout suggested we use pavers when considering CLIP.

Jack Ahern: Disappointed in the lack of a vision. Commented on “Landscape from Learning” which was officially an arboretum. He would like to see more than pedestrian safety. Millions of dollars are being spent, can we use the money in a better way?

The Landscape Architecture Department has not been involved in this process. He thinks it is important. He is the director of arboretum and is really upset by the lack of vision.

Joshua Beausoleil would like CLIP to use boulders, cherry trees, etc. Nice to look at and appreciate in place of some walkways.

Jeff Napolitano would like to see:

- More housing for grad students
- Two to a room
- Different location, Southwest very loud.

Cliff Resnick: We are working with Housing on their capital plan. Housing is interested in getting out of Prince.

Ernie May suggested he contact the Graduate Council.

Ernie May:

- Feels we are spending a lot of money on academic buildings. We are not skating to where the puck will be.
- Would like CPPC to get involved in safety issues.
- If we want to write a report about CPPC, how could we aggregate this information and move focus into the future instead of just maintaining buildings.
- CPPC needs to set vision and goals for the future.

Submitted by:
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