

Facilities Subcommittee
December 12, 2019, Mtg #4
Approved : February 12, 2020

Attendees: Lisa Norr, Pat Keenan, Loren Erickson, Laurie Fosnacht, Ken Gilbertson , Lori Melton, Mindy Granley, Bill Payne, John Rashid, Ian Pannkuk, Tim LaGarde, Dana Lindaman, Jonathan Wolenec, Pam Merzowski (support staff)

Guests: Ayah Abuserrieh (for Abdi Ali)

Excused: Lori Davis, Craig Maly, Gail Kehoe, Abdi Ali, Sam Kelly

Call to Order

Lisa Norr called the meeting to order at 11:01 am

Approval of the November 14th meeting minutes

Action: A motion was made by Dana L. to approve the minutes and seconded by Ken. G.
The motion met with unanimous approval.

Project Updates:

Sculptures on campus

John R. reported that Facilities Management looked at the preferred space near the Library and determined that there are no utilities issues. Facilities will work with someone to ensure the proper placement of the piece.

Ordean Court

The final landscaping/planting/return of the Turtle sculpture will take place in the spring/summer. Facilities is making some enhancements to the side door to help with accessibility concerns. They have ordered new doors and frames and will add LED lighting to make it a more prominent entrance. They will also add a power assist door. Bill expressed concerns that this, in essence, will become the defacto “main entrance”, which will impact the MPAC lobby and how they operate. John and Bill will do a walkthrough to determine the issues this change will make. A question was asked about signage for photo opportunities. Also, it’s a possibility that in the future the stage, which was cut from the original plans due to the bids being over budget, could be reconsidered. It will be dependent on how the space is used.

Housing/Dining Center

The project is in the final stages of design/development, which will be completed by January. Budget-wise they are doing pretty well. Construction documents will be done in a month and it is still on schedule to begin construction in the spring.

Dining and Housing are funding the placement of photovoltaic cells for energy production. They are looking at existing buildings to use it. Possibilities are Housing, Labovitz, and the Residence Dining Center. Ken G. suggested posting signage to notify/educate the campus on what is happening. Signs have been used in the past on other projects.

Ice Rink

The refrigeration has been slightly delayed and is now scheduled to be completed at the end of December. There will be ice in by the start of spring semester.

Astronomical Observatory Plans

John R. and Jay Austin met with reps from the code office. They determined that the observatory can be placed back on the roof of MWAH, its original home, with some modifications. They also looked at the site considered near the fire hall, and determined that it would also be viable, since there would not be a need for restrooms or heat. The desired option is MWAH and the fire hall space would be a back-up. Facilities is working on repricing the MWAH placement. John is concerned that the second choice would be too expensive and might have accessibility issues

UMD building public access policy, including hours of operation

No update. There have been some issues in Chester Park, with people staying all night, etc.

New Business:

Meeting time for spring semester

Pam reported that, according to the poll, Wednesdays at 1 pm is the best option. She will add them to everyone's calendar and will work on reserving space.

Representation on the committee for next year.

Changes will come with the merging of SFA and CLA. Bill would like for our committee to advocate for allowing SFA representatives to continue to serve through next year. Members feel it's important that SFA has a voice at the table. There were also concerns voiced about SA representation.

Action: A motion was made by Bill P to have Lisa N. bring this issue to the Planning and Budget Committee for discussion and seconded by Loren E.

The motion met with unanimous approval.

The committee was invited to join Susana Pelayo-Woodward for a tour of the Multicultural Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Merzwski