Minutes
Master Planning Committee
Wednesday, September 16, 2009

1) Meeting called to order: 2:08pm
2) Minutes of May 26, 2009 approved.
3) Agenda approved with 3 additions and some renumbering. The item on “Proposals” now reads:

Proposals
a) Changes in the Commons site
b) Sculpture competition sites
c) Residence Life Master Plan phasing
d) Way-finding Signage (finding your way around campus)
e) Historical Marker discussion
f) Classroom Building sites

4) Proposals
   a) Changes in the Commons site
   Dr. Cynthia Easterling and Bob Pierce introduced a tentative proposal to build a Commons building and plaza with architecture reminiscent of the original “War Memorial” that stood at the entrance of the university where the centennial entrance is now being built. Draft renderings were given to committee members as well as a handout of how the proposal meets the criteria of the Planning Principles.
   Action: Motion passed to recommend to the president to accept the concept plans for the Commons site (addition of a building and plaza) as designed by Dwight Weatherford with the caveat that the details are pending.

   b) Sculpture competition sites
   Committee members reviewed and discussed appropriateness of sites for the centennial celebration sculpture competition via a physical tour last month and a PowerPoint slide provided by James Davis of the Art department.
   Action: Of the 20 sites reviewed, the committee deemed the following places appropriate for sculptures (with further input from the Office of Disability Accommodations) and so recommends these sites for consideration by the president:

   1. Along walking trail SE of the Payne Center
   2. International Center
   3. Joseph Green Hall
   4. LAB entrance
   5. East side of Theatre and Dance
   6. Library Courtyard by Powerhouse
7. Quad N of Stout
8. SE corner of McLemore
9. Across from McLemore near pond
10. Between Southern Hall and Hardy
11. N side of Manonni
12. Corner across the street & N of Art Dept
13. In front of Art Dept entrance
14. South side of museum
15. Plaza, Johnson Science Tower

c) Residence Life Master Plan phasing
Committee member Chris Crenshaw proposed a change to the Master Plan phase out for residence halls. The plan called for the following residence halls to go off-line first: Elam, Pulley, Bolton, and Vann. The proposed change calls for the following residence halls to go off-line first: Scott, Vann, East Bond and Elam Arms.
Action: Committee approved the above changes to the residence hall phase out and so recommends these changes to the president.

d) Way-finding Signage (Finding your way around campus)
Sid Gonsolin said he will bring a proposal from Design Review next meeting about wayfinding signage.
Action: None

e) Historical Marker Discussion
The committee had a lengthy discussion about a plan to place a historical marker at the George Hurst building, the former lab school. A private group of alums has raised money to fund the project. The committee voted to support such a plan pending contact with the Department of Archives and History re: their rules regarding design of signs. The concern was that the standard highway sign might not fit with the design of the building possible violating Planning Principle #2 (Extend and Enhance the Character of the Campus through the Contextual Design of Future Buildings and Open Spaces.) However, such a sign would not affect the skyscape and would not reach the cost threshold in the Master Plan. Mary Dayne will be the liaison between Master Planning committee and Department of Archives and History.
Action: None at this time.

f) Classroom Building sites
Because of lack of time, the discussion concerning proposed classroom building sites will be postponed until the next meeting on Oct. 14th.

4) Old Business
None

5) New Business
None

6) Adjournment
**Members present:**
Mary Beth Applin
Pattie Brantley
Ken Busby
Dick Conville, Chair
Chris Crenshaw
Skeeter Dixon
Dr. Cynthia Easterling
Ms. Rita Hailey-Burks
Suzy Hebert
Bob Hopkins
Sid Krhut
J.R. Robertson
Dawn Smith
Diane Stark
Fred Varnado

**Ex-officio members present:**
Sid Gonsoulin
Chair, Design Review Committee

**Guests present:**
James Davis
Faculty, Art and Design

Bob Pierce
Director, Alumni Association

Rusty Postlewate
Director, Physical Plant

Mary Dayne Gregg
Asst. to the President

**Members absent:**
Margaret Firth
Angie Godwin
Jeff May
Lisa Reid
Mike Pruitt
Sheri Rawls
David Walker