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Thursday, September 15, 2005; 9 – 11 a.m. Chancellor's Conference Room; Signers' Hall Room 330 No agenda available

Master Planning Committee Meeting

September 15, 2005 Notes

Members present: C. Bennett, T. Cole, L. Anderson, J. Hayes, G. Newman, A. Ringstad, B. Hernandez, D. Horner, B. Biebuyck, I. Olson, R. Boone

Guests: S. Gilkey

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

D. Horner chaired the meeting in R. Caulfield's absence. Sven Gilkey, who has been nominated by ASUAF as the undergraduate student rep, was introduced to the group. No other guests were in attendance.

2) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Campus Landscape and Outdoor Art:

D. Horner reviewed the work that has been done by CLOA on the landscape inventory. The public information session on West Ridge and Cornerstone Plazas has not yet been scheduled, in part because the project is out of money. In light of that fact, only one set of foam core boards will be made to save on costs. She is investigating those costs and possible sources of funding. G. Newman suggested that the MPC web site be used to get the word out on the plans for the plaza areas. A question was asked regarding the re-design of Fairbanks St. Current information is not available, and it is probably that there is no formal plan yet, as the plan should coincide with the raising of the railroad bed and bridge over University Ave.

Circulation and Parking

C. Bennett reported that Parking Services will begin charging for handicapped parking spaces. A spirited exchange took place, centered primarily on how there was no advance notice or consideration on this issue. I. Olson was concerned that items like this change seem to just come up with no input. D. Horner suggested that there could be improved communications on issues such as this, but that the subcommittees have been assigned to implement the plans for their particularly areas. As such, they should not have to run everything through MPC prior to implementing. However, the sense of the group was that this particular item should have been noticed to a large audience.

North Campus

Rich Boone reported that the new trail had been cut and looked really good. Feedback from all parties has been positive. It was recommended that Luke Hopkins be cited for his extraordinary work in pulling together all of the parties and arriving at a mutually agreeable solution.

3) FACILITIES SERVICES UPDATE

No one was present from Facilities Services to give a report.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one from the public was in attendance to give a report.

5) MACS BUS SERVICE CHANGES – DISCUSSION

There was considerable concern regarding the change in the MACS route, which cuts out the Wood Center stop. Sven Gilkey indicated that this is a huge issue for students. In fact, several students went to the mayor's office to complain. A public hearing on the route change is scheduled for September 21st at the Chizmar Room. Joe Hayes and Sven Gilkey will attend. It was suggested that the meeting be held on campus. There was unanimous agreement that the MPC believes the Wood Center stop should be re-instated.

6) MEMBERSHIP TERMS

C. Bennett gave a short report on current status of memberships. All members who need to be re-appointed will be receiving letters from the Chancellor once Rick sends the recommendation letter to him. D. Horner asked if there were any

suggestions on memberships beyond the existing group; there are three available slots. A non-traditional student was suggested, a Statewide staff member, and someone from the Sun Star. Only the non-traditional student was recommended.

7) OTHER

D. Horner gave a short report on the meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office staff that had taken place earlier in the morning.

Meeting was adjourned at around 11:00.