MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
CLARION, PENNSYLVANIA
December 11, 2012 – 3:15 p.m.
Carrier Building, Room 114

Members Present: Chairman Jon Beal, Diana Brush, Peter Fackler (Ex-Officio), Marlene Kennedy, Richard Lane, David Love, Jennifer May, Glen Reid, Ric Taylor (Ex-officio), Chad Thomas

Others Present: John Massa, Brenda Polatty, Rein Pold

I. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Marlene Kennedy and seconded by David Love to approve the November 29, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

II. Additional Agenda Items:

1. Winter Conditions

III. Old Business:

Items in Progress:

1. Facilities Master Plan – Ric Taylor

   Ric reported the Facilities Master Plan workshops went well and this project is progressing well. The architect team, Perkins Eastman, is pleased with the progress to date; and, they will be on campus later this week. Work continues regarding the addition of building data into their software system for later evaluation.

2. Becht Hall – Ric Taylor

   Ric reported Phase I of the renovation project is making its way through the state system procurement process. Phase II will be the actual renovation which will involve the bid process.

3. Tippin – Ric Taylor

   Architects were on site for a two day visit last week to tour Tippin and the Rec Center. Workshops held were very productive and helpful information was obtained regarding programming. The project is moving forward; and, it was felt the design team has a good understanding regarding athletic issues. As the project moves ahead various options may be explored to possibly include items such as a recreational pool for the campus community.

4. Venango – Ric Taylor
Since Debbie Sobina was unavailable for the meeting today, Ric reported that architects for the Facilities Master Plan spent time at Venango; and, strategic planning is underway there as well.

5. Environmental Subcommittee – Rein Pold

Although Jessica Miller was unavailable, Rein reported that plans for increased Carlson Library recycling look favorable. He further noted that Veolia was purchased by another vendor; and, although there are no immediate changes anticipated, new bids will be sought in February/March, 2013 due to the end of the contract.

6. Apple Sculpture – Chad Thomas

Chad expressed frustration in the slow progress regarding the apple project noting that some students who helped to initiate this project will be graduating winter commencement. At this point the outside molding has been completed by the sculptors. He noted there was a clause in the contract that the timeframe was pending the artist’s ability to complete it.

7. Becker Hall/Stevens Hall – Ric Taylor

Ric reported that the Becker project at Clarion and Rhoades project at Venango were bid and are making their way through the state system. Bids are scheduled to go out soon regarding the Stevens Hall project.

8. Reinhard Villages Sidewalk – Ric Taylor

Ric spoke with the Foundation yesterday; and, the application is eminent in being sent from Clarion Borough to PENNDOT. Once approved, the Foundation has offered to fund this project.


Rein reported that a contract amendment was forwarded last week to Monroe Township; and, it is anticipated that it will be signed at their next township meeting. Once received back from them it will be forwarded to our legal department. Glen added that the route will change slightly during the break while students are off campus and will go around the campus loop with applicable changes noted at the bus stations. Normal routes resume when students return to campus following the semester break.

10. Egbert Parking

Items related to the Egbert parking issue will be discussed at the upcoming Parking Committee meeting. It was further noted that constituents have been parking in the grass; however, it is not advantageous to put barricades in place at this time due to the pending Becht renovation. Decisions regarding this parking area may be on hold until after Becht renovations are completed. Diana mentioned that a recruiter had difficulty finding Egbert due to lack of signage on Page and Payne Streets. Discussion followed on the possibility of adding “Egbert Hall” and “Harvey Hall” to the large Clarion University sign at the corner of Marwick
Boyd/Greenville Avenue. David will explore the possibility of using the old Chandler sign to add verbiage for Egbert. It was noted that Clarion Borough has jurisdiction over street signs.

IV. New Business:

1. Winter Weatherization Conditions - Ric Taylor

   Discussion was once again held regarding a possible “best practices” policy in the event faculty are unable to get to campus during inclement weather and methods for notification of students who are commuting. David will discuss with Harry Tripp regarding placement on the PEC agenda.

2. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 24, will occur prior to the beginning of the Spring semester the week before some staff are back on campus. However, it was decided to maintain that date and Chairman Beal encouraged those who are available to attend if possible.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24 at 3:15 p.m., Carrier Room 114.