FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 25, 2010

Members Present: Jon Beal; Paul Bylaska; Deb Fleeger; Stephen Hoover; Jack Hubauer; Tony Johns; Jennifer May; Glen Reid; Jim Stockman

Others Present: Doug Knepp; John Massa; Rein Pold; Kim Verdone

I. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2010

A motion was made by Jen May and seconded by Glen Reid to approve the minutes of January 28, 2010 as presented. The motion passed.

II. Additional Agenda Items

1. No additional items were added to the agenda.

III. Old Business

1. Science Technology

   Glen Reid said that the outside doors have been fixed and are running on a locking schedule (5 a.m. – 11 p.m.) through the Public Safety dispatch computers. The inside card readers are up and working. The same process will be done for the planetarium and the math labs. Building access information was provided by the Arts & Science Dean’s office. The resident hall access is different than that of academic building access. Paul Bylaska said that the Science Technology building would be a pilot for future card access installation.

   A key request form can be found on the Public Safety website and can be e-mailed as an attachment. Public Safety does require a couple days for the processing of the form once it has been received. New cards for the system will have a magnetic strip. An e-mail will be sent out next week for the return of the old keys which must all be received back by Public Safety. The group raised questions about the system running on the wireless network and issues with the doors if the network should go down. Jen May asked about the issues with the elevator being used after 9pm. Jim Stockman stated that those concerns were resolved in the fall.

   Jack Hubauer opened discussion of the roof access for students and whether railings would be installed. He added that the roof is at present very slippery and safety should be considered for students. Paul Bylaska said that they hope to have some funding from the contingency to finish up items like that. Until then, there will be
limited access to the roof. The anchors were installed for the railings as a part of the project since the roof manufacturer had to be involved as not to void the roof warranty. Jon Beal said that a long term goal is to reestablish the green house which will open more development on the roof of the Science Technology building.

2. Becht

Jim Stockman said that the design firm previously met with some users on their needs and would be presenting information back to the committee. The asbestos inspection has been signed off on. Paul Bylaska cited a number of areas of potential cost savings. After the spring semester ends the university will look for space in Ralston to relocate offices out of Becht during the renovation. Rein Pold asked whether the building would have card access and if security camera would be included. Paul Bylaska said the building would have card access, but not for all doors. Jim Stockman said that if the project did not include security cameras they would try to at least have the wiring installed for the future installation of cameras.

3. Tippin

Paul Bylaska said that the project is moving along and they have finished the first round of meetings. Rein Pold asked if the feasibility study would be brought to the FPC. Paul Bylaska said updates and the results would be.

4. Parking – Basketball Courts

Paul Bylaska said that they would be looking to bring back the basketball courts in lot 6. The plan included shutting off the entrance near receiving, but there were some concerns about the bottleneck that may occur. A possible resolution would be to move the courts to the middle of the lot H and lot 6 and use jersey barriers. This area presently has a fence and lighting. New holes would need to be dug and the parking committee would have to approve.

Doug Knepp asked members if a new location could be found to bring back the hockey rink that was put in storage during construction of the dining hall. Skateboard equipment was also removed from the area. Presently there are 17 floor hockey teams using the recreation center and a club team that competes at Robert Morris College. The student senate purchased the inline skating rink that is approx. 180 feet long and 80 feet wide. Paul Bylaska said that a new parking lot area under consideration could be an alternative location for the rink.

5. Venango

Jim Stockman said that a firm had been chosen to design the Nursing lab and the initial proposal is being reviewed.

6. Boiler Plant

Jim Stockman told members that he had met yesterday with the design firm and things are moving along well. The firm will have until March 31 to supply the bid documents to the university. The hope is that the work can be done during the summer 2010 which would mean getting the trustee’s approval in May.
They would like to consolidate two shutdowns into one. Domestic hot water will be affected during a shutdown. Jack Hubauer commented that all major buildings on campus are steam related for air and hot water. Jon Beal said that they would need to plan for the animals in the Science Building that may need to be relocated if there is a shutdown. Rein Pold said that the biggest challenge would be the lead time for equipment. He also added that as a part of the boiler project the stack would be coming down since there are structural concerns.

7. Rhea Lumber

Paul Bylaska said that he had met with the Dean of Arts & Sciences to discuss the design for the sculpture and ceramics studios. The president would like to have an energy project along with the boiler plant project so they may consider running a steam line.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee will be held on March 25, 2010.