FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 22, 2010

Members Present: Yasser Ayad; Jon Beal; Paul Bylaska; Deb Fleeger; Stephen Hoover; Jack Hubauer; Jennifer May; Deb Sobina; Jim Stockman

Others Present: Diana Brush; Rein Pold; Kim Verdone

I. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2010

A motion was made by Kim Verdone and seconded by Jack Hubauer to approve the minutes of March 25, 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

Jim Stockman reported that the lawn had recently been seeded by the subcontractor for Fiore. M&B Services completed the steps by Davis. Alterations will need to be made to the electrical in the spring to add a new meter for the micro-turbine as requested by Allegheny Power to deal with unwanted back feed.

Paul Bylaska said that the university has reviewed the bills from DGS and said there may be some contingency funds remaining. Problems occurred with the bulletin boards with cork expansion and wrinkling of the surrounding drywall areas. The university is currently working with DGS on the correction.

2. Becht

Paul Bylaska said that they are hoping for a design that will meet all the needs of future occupants. He spoke of a correction to earlier conversations that Honors would move into Moore Hall and stated that Honors will be housed in Becht.

He explained that PASSHE has standards for floor space for each function and that the last design will need to be reevaluated to see that there is no overbuilding of space. The PASSHE website contains an online facilities manual that shows the guidelines to follow. Dr. Ayad questioned what the link with the people using the space is. Paul Bylaska advised that the space is determined partially by enrollment and partially the use of the space. Deb Sobina questioned when the last time the
space was looked at for Venango. Jim Stockman said that space is annually adjusted especially if there is construction of a new building. Smaller changes to existing spaces that may be built out by maintenance may not necessarily be looked at.

Diana Brush asked if there was a timeline for individuals moving into Becht and if there would be a review of the needs of their department. Jim Stockman said that Chad or Harry could be consulted about their needs. Jim Stockman said that a schematic design is being reviewed and will need alterations for the number of bathrooms, the addition of honors and the building cooling system. The university may have some energy funds available for a mini chiller plant to chill several buildings for example Moore, Becht, Egbert, etc.

Paul Bylaska said that Ralston Hall is now swing space. The building is now classified as E&G space. Ralston as well as Ballentine are in the footprint of the future site of the new residences with an eventual determination to be made on whether or not to keep those buildings.

3. Tippin

Jim Stockman said that the consultants are working with Dave Katis on different scenarios. Currently there is a budget of $26 million. The utilities may dictate the location of the building. Paul Bylaska said that if the project requires a new build, the existing building may be used for some alternative space.

4. Parking Committee

Paul Bylaska said that they are moving ahead with the pay stations. Jim Stockman reported that they are working on the handicapped parking for the Science Technology Center.

Diana Brush questioned whether the repainting of lines in the area of Chandler would be done now that the building is down. She stated that there are four spaces that are not marked as handicapped. One space in particular is not clearly defined and ticketing is occurring citing that the space is not a legal parking space. The space does have a sign referencing faculty parking. Parking along the wall at Moore Hall is also an area where ticketing occurs and the spaces are not clearly defined.

5. Venango

Deb Sobina said that the nursing lab details are being worked out with the professional. Fund raising efforts are underway. The storm water project is in a holding pattern awaiting year end funds. The elevator shaft in Montgomery Hall has some minor shifts and there is some water damage on the lower level wall. Labor & Industry is asking for the installation of a light pole in the parking lot. Deb Sobina said that concern was not identified in the safety walk, but the plan had been to put in what was needed for the future installation of a lighting pole. Paul Bylaska asked that the new LED solar powered technology be considered. Deb Sobina said that the lighting was finished at the apartments and Suhr Library.
6. Boiler Plant

Jim Stockman said that a pre-bid had been held last Wednesday. Part of the project will be to take the stack down that serves boiler #4. A new stack will be constructed right next to it.

7. Rhea Lumber

Paul Bylaska said that they have been negotiating with the Rheas and to have the wood structures on the property removed quickly. Dr. Prioleau is working with individuals on space layouts. Jack Hubauer asked if they are still considering running steam over to the property. Jim Stockman said that they will be looking into a cost analysis. Paul Bylaska added that the president was looking for energy projects and this could be one.

IV. New Business

1. Stimulus Funding

Paul Bylaska said that stimulus funding will be used for the Nursing Lab and the Sculpture/Ceramics studio. $600,000 will be put towards the boiler plant project. The president is looking for projects that will reduce the universities operating costs. Jon Beal noted that the psychology lab was a project that was put on hold. Paul Bylaska reminded members that Clarion took the approach not to set aside stimulus money for personnel costs which could later have a danger of elimination should funds not be approved. Jack Hubauer asked if the steam lines could be a project for stimulus funding. It was discussed that the energy lost due to non-insulated pipes could make an across the board steam line project a good candidate for funding. Paul Bylaska added that the Tippin project could include some work to the steam lines at least in that area.

2. Facilities Tour/Orientation

Paul Bylaska said that the annual Trustees’ facilities tour will be scheduled for sometime in July that members of the facilities planning committee will have an opportunity to take part in. A date will be announced at the next meeting.

3. Key 93

The amount of Key 93 funding received this year was $104K. The last budget shows full reinstatement of the Key 93 funds. Funding that was not used for Key 93 has been held to fund the boiler plant project.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. **The next meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee will be held on May 20, 2010.**