Campus Development Committee Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2012

Jongeward 116 – 9:30 AM

Present:

Ex-officio voting: Bill Yarwood, Doug Ryder, Jack Bishop

Ex-officio non-voting:

Other Attendees: Ken Baxter, Margaret Reich, Patricia Cutright, Kristie Thomas, Joanne Hillemann, Nancy Jackson, Bob Tosch, Sandy Colson, Charles Pringle, Ray Miller, Bob Ford, Michael Chinn

I. Action Items

Draft February 10, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill advised draft minutes will be forwarded to all committee members and if no comments are received it will be considered accepted.

I. Items Reviewed:

1. Sub-Committee Reports

   Campus Circulation: Sub-committee working with Dan McKinney of Transpo Group to update campus circulation plan, which will include a master campus parking plan and be referenced in upcoming SEPA for the science neighborhood projects.

   Campus Signage & Wayfinding: Joanne advised she met with Scott Wade, CWU’s new Director of University Advancement to discuss building naming issues. She said a name for New Residence Hall should be determined by June 2012. Barry Caruthers is working with Hogue department representatives regarding official name of the Hogue building (Hogue Hall or Hogue Technology). Joanne advised there is currently no university policy regarding the use of last names and hall. Joanne said she should have some information at next meeting regarding potential memorial wall and memorial benches. She said street signage is currently on hold pending funding. Next implementation phase of campus signage (Phase III) will continue with building monumental type signs for Hertz, Randall & Michaelsen, L and L, Nicholson Pavilion, Farrell, and Mitchell Hall. She said there is currently not enough funding available to complete all of them all and so committee will recommend a prioritized list of names. Joanne said Public Safety building representatives’ recommendation was to install a 11 foot monument-type sign adjacent to D street. Discussion ensued regarding this location. Joanne said Bob Hendrickson has suggested a 7 foot higher up on post like the sign installed at the Challenge Course.
2. State Capital Budget Requests for 2013-15 Biennium

3. Project Requests: Doug advised close to 100 project requests were submitted and he presented a draft spreadsheet listing all state funded project requests received to date. This draft list has not been prioritized. Discussion ensued regarding the prioritization process. Bill suggested the committee could recommend and prioritize projects. Doug explained the list is being reviewed by the Cabinet and Deans. The goal is to have an approved list to the Board of Trustees in May or June. It was explained major capital projects are those over 5 million. Majors require a predesign study and multi-biennium funding. Doug explained project requests shown in the amount of $300,000 are to fund a predesign study. Projects below the major capital project level are Intermediate Projects from 2 to 5 million and those that receive funding can be accomplished in the 13-15 biennium.

Responding to a question about how the committee can lobby for projects to be given higher priority, discussion continued regarding the fact that the committee, which oversees the campus master plan, can influence the prioritization of projects by explaining how they fit into the 10 year capital plan, strategic plan and campus master plan. For example, when this committee recommends property acquisitions it is in fact identifying this line item in the budget plan as a priority and the committee discussed the master plan makes similar recommendations for funding projects.

4. Potential Property Acquisitions: Bill advised a memo recommending the University pursue the purchase of the yellow house and property at 706 N. Anderson Street and the residential property at 1721 N. Brooklane Street. The master plan update recommends pursuing strategic acquisitions of properties contiguous to the campus edge as they become available. Both of these two properties are adjacent to areas of the campus where major capital projects are being proposed in the master plan. Both of these developments on these edges of the campus would greatly benefit if the University can secure ownership of these parcel of adjacent properties.

5. University Facilities Master Plan 2012 Update

6. Status/Timeline: Bill advised a non-project planning SEPA is scheduled for the month of April 2012, with a public hearing set for April 4, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the Welcome Center. Discussion ensued about connecting the master plan with the 10 year capital budget plan and how to show future campus project locations in campus zones with programs identified as they related to the strategic plan. Sandy suggested a matrix to show this be developed for the master plan.

7. Miscellaneous Projects

8. West Wilson Creek at Brooklane Restoration Project: Proposed project (partnership with City of Ellensburg, CWU, and Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group), relocates Wilson Creek through an 8 acre floodplain along the east edge of the CWU campus from Dean Nicholson Blvd north to 18th Avenue. Plan is to divert the creek from its current roadside ditch into a well-shaded, meandering channel with native trees and shrubs along the east edge of the campus. This project sets the stage for future restoration work in the Wilson Creek system. Bill said he will invite Rebecca Wassell (Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group) to the next meeting. This project along with the proposed John Wayne Trail Reconnection Project will need to be coordinated with short and long term planning of area located south and east of the Challenge Course. The proposed project would benefit from the university’s acquisition of the residential property at 1721 N. Brooklane Street.
9. Getz-Short Apartments Planning/Design: Committee was given a heads-up that University Housing has indicated funding may be available for a planning/design study for Getz-Shorts Apartments.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

II. Recommend for Approval

III. Other Announcements

Next meeting: Scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 10:00 am, Jongeward Conference Room