COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Eban Bean, CHAIR

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eban Bean, Rebecca Powers, Jill Twark, Monica Webb, Gary Levine, Tony Capehart, Sonya Hardin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Koch, Lauren Gunter, Scott Lecce, Brian Glover

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: No one.

ACTIONS OF MEETING

1. Agenda item Reviewed November minutes

   Discussion: Members offered corrections.

   Action Taken: Minutes approved per requested corrections.

2. Old Business

   a. Report on Goals. No updates at this time.

   b. Solar incentive. Follow-up from what was discussed at November meeting.

      Discussion: Committee members were updated by Bean about email request and the NY Times article about companies offering employees low rate on solar installations. Bean reported that he spoke with GO Stellar, a company that provides the “middle man” service between groups that want to install and providers, including making installation arrangements, negotiating for rates, and providing group members with pertinent information. It takes about 3 months from making a request to the actual installation. Group members get a code to show their discount. Twark explained “net wiring” and that all solar power that is generated is a co-operative arrangement between home owners and GUC to ensure that no generated power is wasted.

      Action Taken: No further action at this time

   c. 10th Street connector: bike lanes and calming

      Discussion: Committee members expressed concern that as this construction is implemented it is important that bike lanes and calming efforts be included.

      Action Taken: Koch stated that ECU and the city will talk with the DOT as the project progresses.
3. New Business
Goals and Action Items.

a. Energy usage on campus (water and electricity).
   
   **Discussion:** Hardin brought up the problem campus of bathrooms with malfunctioning toilets that are continuously flushing. Concern was expressed about water utilization on campus. Powers asked if anyone knew about efforts to install automatic water turn-off devices for sinks, automatic flush on commodes and/or dual flush toilets. Twark asked if there was data about whether hand dryers were working better than hand towels and if so, are more set to be installed? Koch reported installation of motion detecting lighting fixtures was a UNC system project that is in process.

   **Action taken:** With the support from the committee, Hardin agreed to contact Avin Griffin (Facility Services) on the schedule of calibration or how to minimize water usage on campus and will report back.

b. UEC role with Evans St. to Oxford St. DOT study for road improvement.

   **Discussion:** Members shared ideas about how to publicize opportunities to gain feedback including hosting an ECU Forum; making announcements about the project to the ECU community; providing a means for those concerned to keep up-to-date on project decisions; and establishing a means to express concerns to the project manager.

   **Action Taken:** None at this time.

Announcements

Glover announced he will be teaching a traffic skills course and hopefully it will be sponsored by ECU and the City of Greenville.

Twark announced the upcoming FROGGS (Friends of the Greenville Greenways Annual Friendraiser, Feb. 28th Saturday, 7-9pm at Bradford Creek Golf course, reservations are requested because they provide chili and s’mores. Go online to www.froggs.org

Glover announced that the city was partaking in National Bike Month with a city ride.

Koch and Bean announced that the news station WNCT did an interview and story about the stream monitoring station installed behind Mike’s Deli.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 26th 2014, 3:30 pm in Rawl Annex
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Updates on projects in process.

Submitted by Rebecca Powers, Secretary