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COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2016

PERSON PRESIDING: Eban Bean

SECRETARY: Sonya R. Hardin PhD RN NP-C

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eban Bean, William Hill, Tony Capehart, Erich Keil, Njinaso Randriampiry, Sonya Hardin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Koch, Lauren Gunter, Scott Lecce, John Gill, Paul Gares, Gregory Kearney

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Glover

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Minutes approved.

Old Business

Agenda Item: Sustainable/safe cleaning products.

Discussion: Are sustainable cleaning products being used at ECU; Yes they are using; bathrooms are a non-green product for a disinfectant; floor scrubbers that use water only; they have pursued a number of options and they are continuing to investigate greener products. Sodexo is subcontracted to provide services.

Agenda Item: FROGGS/Greenway/City Pedestrian Plan updates

Discussion: The City passed the bond (70%) on Nov 5th to include road, streetscape and pedestrian improvements (see link below). I recall this included bike paths, but I will have to go back and try and find the phased bike plan map and send out (or bring to meeting) to share with everyone. <http://www.reflector.com/news/city-plans-bond-funds-3033487> There are plans related to greenways reported by Bryan Glover. He chairs the bicycle commission in the city of Greenville and he is on the master plan team. Greenville Greenways- 1) Greenmills Run--Starts at Charles near Harris Teeter is going to follow the creek to Evans and to continue on to Arlington and ends at Evan Street Park Across From Rose High School. Funding is short and there for ends at the corner of Evans and Arlington. (ECU section is completed so that there is parking and bathrooms). 2) South Tar River Greenway- phase three goes west from town commons under Memorial and back up to fifth street up to the VA hospital. Due to all the properties this section may take longer to complete, also funding has been short for completion. 3) Phase 4 would link student apartment buildings and this has funding that was earmarked from the bond. 4) 10th street corridor study panel is determining about what to do about 10th street between Oxford Road and Evans. The DOT is determined to work toward a new design that would be safer for pedestrians. 5) Five people were killed last year walking in Greenville. 6) The ECHI there is not enough bike parking, only one wheel bender rack.

Agenda Item: Coal-tar sealants

Discussion- Historically on projects, we do not dictate the type of sealant, to the contractor, which sealant they are to use, this is more of a means and methods. Our expectation has been more focused on the longevity of the sealant. We would certainly entertain specifying more environmentally friendly products as long as: 1) there are multiple vendors who can provide a similar product so that it could be competitively bid and 2) the price is competitive with currently used products.

New Business

Agenda Item: Sustainability manager and engagement.

Discussion: Chad Carwin from UNC-G will start in March. He will have an office East and West Campus. This committee will look for opportunities to engage him in the committee.

Agenda Item: AASHE STARS Report

Discussion: The report summarizes the university's sustainability; The Environment Committee would be the body that collects the data for credits AC 1- 11 in the report. There will be a draft in May 2016. A significant portion of the evaluation is of 11 categories with varying points that can be earned. The largest is the inventory of academic courses that has information on sustainability.

Action: The UEC to assist with the AASHE STARS report, specifically with respect to inventorying sustainability classes taught on campus. Eban will discuss via email the plan for assignments.

Agenda item: Landscape changes around Mendenhall and Parking Garage.

Discussion: Trees were removed from the New Student Center site which includes a 700 space parking deck as part of the student center. There are over 100 trees that were removed for this project. They were able to transplant 25-26 trees from the site. Plan is to harvest some of the wood to honor one of the trustees that donated the trees. They tried to put in a 2: 1 ratio tree due to tree loss. The landscape that is going back in will be as sustainable as possible with cisterns.

NEXT MEETING: February 25 at 3:30 Rawl 142