COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: November 29, 2018

PERSON PRESIDING: Carol Goodwillie

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Goodwillie, Brian Glover, Kanchan Das, Susan Pearce, Lisa Beth Robinson, Tomika Williams, William Hill

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren Mink, Bill McCartney, Chad Carwein, Gregory Kearney, Bill Koch

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING: Approval of minutes. Stand as approved.

Edits needed: eliminate those who are absent.

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Recap of meeting with Master Planning Committee

Discussion: Three main themes were presented to the Smith Group and members of the MPC: stormwater mitigation, parking/alt transport issues, and natural areas. The student rep was also in attendance at the meeting. Connectivity with the city’s greenways was also discussed. It was brought up that the MPC group is hearing many sub-topic areas; the issues they heard will be put in the preliminary plan for the advisory group who will adjust and give feedback on the plan, after which it will go to the decision making group including the Chancellor. A second listening/evaluation meeting is expected to take place in late February or March. The discussion noted that this plan will simply be an update from the plan 8 or so years ago. The MPC meeting also heard talk of a bike path running parallel to the Tenth Street Connector, and of using the Green Street bridge for foot traffic. Further paths and plans for the Connector were discussed and the issue of ADA compliance was noted, particularly in the context of College Hill.

Action Taken: None, as various UEC members attended both the MPC meeting and the public community meeting held by the Smith Group.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Discussion of committee charge revision

Discussion: The question of what the committee would like to work on this year was revisited. The committee is interested in having the representative for Lime Bikes visiting to discuss current problems with the bikes on campus. Other universities’ Lime Bikes programs were briefly mentioned.
Copies of Carol's committee charge revision/update were circulated. There was a discussion of the language/wording in the revision, conversation about whether the committee wished to be reviewing documents ongoing from the group led by Bagnell and including utilities and trades, grounds, supervisors, etc. It was agreed that this would not be relevant/appropriate. We discussed consolidating items G and F. Further clarifications on reducing the language were discussed, then item E was included in the conversation. The chain of approval for committee charge revisions was discussed and reviewed. Specific references to Otter Creek were removed from the charge. Item D was also removed and the committee considered adding support for the sustainability plan to item E. Removing other specifics was discussed. The changes Carol read to item F and the simplification of item E was agreed upon. We left it that Chad would propose a few items on the Sustainability Master Plan that this group might be interested in working on and making some progress before the end of the year.

Action Taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Repairs to ECU-owned section of the Greens Mill Run Greenway between Elm St. Park and College Hill Drive

Discussion: Problems with the area were discussed at length, particularly areas of continuous flooding and tree roots disrupting the pavement. Brian Glover presented and we approved a resolution asking that repairs be made to the paved greenway in the natural area adjacent to the B Lot on College Hill Drive.

Action Taken: Brian has agreed to write up the resolution and will share it for discussion via email with committee members.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: n/a

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 24th, 2019.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Resolution regarding the greenway. Lime Bikes. Items from the sustainability plan that the committee wishes to address.