COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2014 (accepted per revisions – Revised)

PERSON PRESIDING: Eban Bean, CHAIR

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eban Bean, Rebecca Powers, Jill Twark, Monica Webb

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Scott Lecce, Eric Gardner, Brian Glover, Bill Koch

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: No one.

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda item Meeting began by reviewing October meeting minutes.
Discussion: No discussion.
Action Taken: Minutes approved.

Agenda item: Old Business
A. Report on Goals:
   1. Bean. Stream monitoring station is up and measuring on Rock Springs Rd. bridge. Expect to have a website available for viewing.
      Discussion: General clarification questions from those present.
      Action Taken: Bean will follow up with the appropriate city official to schedule a visit with the UEC.

   2. Glover. Bike parking. Faculty has asked that bike parking be installed at the stadium. People want to drive to the stadium, park their car and then ride bike onto campus.
      Discussion: Bean suggested having temporary bike racks installed for large campus events. Glover noted that this needs to be passed on to Gill. Gardener stated that bike racks with covered parking would be useful on game days and in the area between Minges and the stadium.
      Action Taken: Glover will revisit Bicycle Master Plan and report back.

   3. Gardener: Progress is being made toward work to begin on a new section of Greenway. Bids are out to do work on the Evans and Charles Street extension – the part on ECU land.
      Discussion: General clarification questions from those present.
      Action Taken: No further action required at this time.

   4. Glover. Bike lane markers on Mall. Recommended design and proposal he wrote and sent to Gill was accepted. The design will be sandblasted on new 8” paver bricks. Bean stated that Gill Ok’d the work for Spring. This is really good news!
Discussion: General clarification questions from those present.  
Action Taken: No further action required at this time.  

5. Sidewalk planning in areas adjacent to campus.  
Discussion: This was an initiative taken on by Mansfield who was absent. Powers was to follow up to get talking points and will do so.  
Action Taken: Glover will contact Chief Planner in the Greenville Planning Office and give him dates for speaking with UEC about ideas for city sidewalks linking to the campus.

New Business  
a. Goals and Action Items.  
b. Solar Incentive Program.  
Discussion: Bean introduced an email he received from Jeff McKinnon requesting the UEC look in a program about solar incentive. Twark stated that large businesses and some universities were giving volume discounts for solar installations in employees homes. Gardner noted that HR Pirate Perks program might be appropriate source to use for seeking company buy-in and would be similar to programs already in place, such as the discount with Verizon and AT & T for ECU employees. Koch explained that electricity costs are low so going solar is specifically a “green” issue. Gardner wants to speak with Pat Long in the Center for Sustainable Tourism about his thought and suggestions for moving forward with promoting solar. Gardner will check with Jenny in the Staff Senate about a solar initiative with Pirate Perks. Bean will gather relevant background information and research other companies doing solar discounts and report back to UEC. Bean stated that further inquiry should wait until Bagnell can have input about solar installations on campus.

Announcements  
Glover. City Council passed a new city ordinance to require the installation of sidewalks with new business is placed on an existing thoroughfare. Koch stated that he talked to the city about “calming” on 10 St. Connector. Gill stated that the Bond passed for the 10th St. connecting medical district to Evans S. through West Greenville passed. Glover and Gill stated that the DOT is doing a study of the roadway from Evans to Oxford. The consultant hired for this project rode through the area with committee members and listened to their concerns. Glover is on the committee assisting the consultant and reported back that this is most dangerous area in our DOT region.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 22nd 2014, 3:30 pm in Rawl Annex
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Updates on projects in process.

Submitted by Rebecca Powers, Secretary