MINUTES OF MEETING

PROJECT: UMD-FMP
PROJECT #: 10006

DATE: September 7, 2010

ATTENDING (from University/Consultant team):
Frank Brewer
Brenda Testa
Lisa Delplace
Bob Hruby
Cecily Bedwell
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SUBJECT: College Park City Council #1

Frank Brewer introduced the 2011-2030 Facilities Master Plan Update project to the members of the City Council and introduced Brenda Testa and Lisa Delplace. He also asked the Council if the team could come back two more times during the process, including a visit in January/February and again in April. Brenda described the scope of work, process and the University's organizational chart. Lisa Delplace introduced the consultant teams' organizational chart and the members of the team. The project's web site was also introduced, www.facilities.umd.edu/masterplan.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments and the following questions were noted:

Q. What is the University's vision for growth of the student population?
A. The University expects growth in its graduate student population, but no net gain in total population.

Q. What is the University's parking policy? Does the University intend to decrease parking and are the new off-campus housing projects decreasing the need for on campus parking?
A. The goal is to reduce our carbon footprint and decrease parking.
Q. Does the University notice a decrease in student parking needs that follows the national trend of drivers waiting until they are older to begin driving?
A. The University has not noticed the effect of this trend.

Q. Does the University intend on restricting or discouraging parking for incoming freshmen?
A. The University currently allows all incoming freshmen to buy permits to keep cars on campus, but is considering changing this policy. The issue is also influenced by the fact that the University collects fees for parking permits, but the shuttle is free, so reducing parking permits will reduce revenue. The long term objective is to reduce vehicles on campus and reduce our carbon footprint.

Q. Will the FMP take off campus housing into consideration for this effort? How can this process help inform the City on ways to develop off-campus housing?
A. The FMP update will consider off-campus housing as part of the study.

Q. How can we (the City Council and Residents) have an ongoing dialog in the process?
A. The University has set up a web site and will have public forums as part of the process.

Q. A question was asked about what utilities were covered by the Utilities Subcommittee and what the budget was to deal with the existing utility problems on campus.
A. All utilities are underground, including stream, electric and water.

Q. A question was asked about what our minority participation percentage was and if we were utilizing local firms.
A. We have met the state requirements and our MBE participation is 30% (it was incorrectly stated as 20% at the meeting)

Q. Has the team reviewed the City of College Park’s latest Strategic Plan, as there may be some overlapping goals?
A. The University has not review the Plan, but will do so.

Q. Will this Master Plan Update include off-campus properties such as the East Campus and M Square?
A. All properties are included in the update, however the focus in on the main campus.
Q. Is the University considering the effects of development and its water systems for the watershed downstream?

A. The update will address this.

Q. What is the University’s goal for reducing the carbon footprint?

A. The goal is to be carbon neutral by 2050.

Q. Will this update be recommending planned purchases of new property?

A. We are not aware of any planned purchases; however the University is opportunistic about land purchases.

Q. What does the University intend to present to the Council at the next meeting dates in January and April?

A. In the January or February meeting we will share major goals, objects and concepts. In April a draft of the plan will be distributed for input and comments.

Comment: It was noted that the North Gate Park project appeared to be starting construction.

These minutes will be recorded as accepted unless OvS is contacted otherwise in writing within two weeks. These minutes were prepared by:

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