

Land Use Committee
February 9, 2017
Burns Hall 3rd Floor Board Room
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson, Joe Spivey, Mike Shupe, Diane Boss, Debi Buckley, Dr. Ricky Tompkins, Jerry Vervack, Tim McGinn, Heidi Migliori, Lisa Anderson, Eric Smith, Jim Lay, Jack Thompson, Diane Boss

Members Absent: Brenda Green, Herbert Morales, Howard Slinkard, Mark Owings

Guests: Tim Cornelius, Dr. Megan Bolinder, Keith Peterson, Dave Perozek, John Hixson, Dena Stone

Chair Joe Spivey called the meeting to order at 10:03.

Status of 8th Street Project

- Jim Lay provided an update regarding the status of the 8th St. Project and Watertower Road.
 - Crossland Construction will refill the former railroad property in exchange for their I-49 project laydown area. Crossland Construction will also remove piles of unusable dirt and broken concrete and level several areas on campus.
 - The Crossland contract to complete the intersection of 8th Street and I-49 will begin on March 15, 2017.
 - Utilities will be relocated for the 8th Street project. Construction is set to begin on March 15, 2017.
 - The City of Bentonville is proceeding with planning the widening of Watertower Road.

Integrated Design Lab Proposal

- Dr. Jorgenson discussed the concept of the proposed Integrated Design Lab and provided an introduction.
 - Makers Labs are hands-on places where students can learn and use new technologies and equipment for which they may not otherwise have access.
 - Space on campus is limited. Some off-campus classes were brought back onto the main campus, which resulted in substantial lease savings.

- Graphic design and workforce development classes can provide specific targeted programs that could grow and that there is a need for in NWA.
- Facilities for the Fine Arts are limited and require additional ventilation and makers space.
- Tim Cornelius, Dr. Megan Bolinder, and Keith Peterson shared the presentation “Integrated Design Lab – A Proposal for a Multipurpose, Multiuse Lab Space for Creativity, Collaboration, and Critical Thinking”.
 - Tim Cornelius discussed how makers spaces could provide the community and students with additional resources, new learning experiences, and flexible opportunities for experimentation and tinkering.
 - Regional Development Relevance and learning that fits students’ needs is important, especially in fields that experience rapid innovations and developments.
 - Dr. Megan Bolinder and Keith Peterson presented information about the integration of the Arts, free enterprise, and workforce skills.
 - The Integrated Design Lab is an opportunity to demonstrate a new vision of partnership among campus divisions, students, and the community. Additional credentials can be offered and enhanced.
 - The National Craft Assessment and Certification Program (NCCER) can enhance co-curricular design among degree programs.
 - Programming potential and the economic and employment impact of the proposed new facility was discussed.
 - An integrated design impact for Graphic Design and Fine Arts can accommodate for-credit growth up to 225 additional design enrollments in year one and 798 AAS and AFA design enrollments by year three.
 - A new facility could accommodate for credit growth up to 50 additional Construction Technology students and 100 apprenticeship students. Data compiled from the Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics was cited for average annual salaries in the construction field.
 - The online video “Instilling the Entrepreneurial Mindset” was played for the Committee and guests.
- Debi Buckley presented finance information about the proposed building.
 - The proposal includes an enhanced scope. The space will be highly utilized.
 - The proposed maximum facility cost is \$5.5M. The funding includes \$3.0M from the capital millage account and a maximum bank finance amount of \$2.5M for up to ten years. Acceleration is possible.
 - John Hixson, Assistant Controller for the College, presented the committee with additional bank financing data and rate information. He noted that there would be no prepayment penalty.

- Mr. Spivey called for questions and discussion about the proposal. The committee members discussed the merits of the proposed Integrated Design Lab and the potential for further collaboration among disciplines. It was noted that all College Deans attended the meeting. The Committee discussed logistics of the proposed building, including the College's master plan, parking, and facilities management. Ms. Buckley told the committee that additional information regarding the proposal would be shared with the Board of Trustees.
- After further discussion among the Committee members, Mr. Spivey requested a motion on the proposal. Debi Buckley made a motion that the Committee approve the proposal to construct the Integrated Design Lab as presented utilizing the financing methods discussed. Mike Shupe, seconded. Vote: The motion to recommend that the Land Use Committee present the Integrated Design Lab proposal to the NWACC Board of Trustees was approved unanimously. The Committee agreed that this motion negated the previous fine arts building proposal that was presented to the Land Use Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Recorded by Todd Glass