

Campus Land Use Committee Minutes  
April 18, 2011

Attendees: Mark Kormondy, Paul Smith, Rich Davis, Maryam Jacobs, Spencer Middleton, Bob Leverich

Guests: Don Cowart, Madeline Alvero, Grant Hensel, Zephyr Forest, Christian Truscenski, Marc Sandoz, Annie Bayr, Jay Fink, Chris Briggs

Recorder: Rishel Weatherly (3:00-4:15)  
Emily Sladek (4:15-5:00)

Introductions & Approval of Minutes:  
Approved as read.

Bat House (Noel Ferguson):  
Postponed till May 16 CLUC meeting

Clock Tower Seating Project (Grant Hensel):

- Final design presentation was given to committee. Main materials being used are recycled tires and reclaimed wood. There will be seven benches, which will take about 7-10 days to construct. Deadline for project completion will be graduation day. They estimate two weeks to construct & install benches. Proto-type was available for committee to view (outside conference room).
- Rich recommended using cedar instead of plywood. The group confirmed their intent to use cedar.
- Rich also brought up the issue of skateboarders “grinding” on the benches. The group acknowledges the possible use of the benches for skateboarding but do not believe the seating area will be an easy spot for skaters to maneuver around.
- Rich also pointed out that garbage could be dropped down into the gravel opening. Mark suggested installing a small screen to catch any debris.
- Mark commented on the size of gravel selected to fill the tires. He suggested a larger size material than pea gravel (as suggested by Miles when he met with the group).
- Rich brought the question of tire fires. The group acknowledged that the area is not near any wooden structures.
- The group would like to replace the memorial plaque that in the seating area and they have already coordinated with Miles to complete this task.
- Mark requested that the group creates spare slats that Facilities can store on campus to replace any that break off or are damaged.

**ACTION ITEM:** The group needs to work with Bob on design layout. The group is to work with Rich, Mark, Miles & Faculty to review & get approval from those folks on the final design.

- Paul suggested installing a few benches at 16 inches to accommodate a different seating height.

- Committee approved group to move forward with layout design with Bob & bench design with Rich, Miles & Mark.

#### Organic Farm Teaching Center (Jay Fink):

- The goal of the project is to create a teaching and learning center at the Organic Farm for K-12. Project deadline is 7 weeks. Project would create an ADA pathway to the organic farm apple tree (Phase 1), benches to the apple tree (Phase 2) and gazebo (Phase 3).
- Timeline is handed out by the group. They are looking to do fundraising to come up with the money to complete this project.
- Mark raised concern with the brick path not being ADA accessible. The group acknowledges that they felt the path would be ADA compliant.
- Mark mentioned that the crushed rock in the gabions might not work for the bench backing due to being uncomfortable to lay back on. It was suggested that river rock might be a better idea.
- Bob suggested that the group consider using stone dust instead of using bricks for the path to the apple tree. Mark suggests using crushed gravel.
- The CLUC needs to know more about the length and width of the pathway, the materials the bench will be made of, and a design that would incorporate more of the apple tree.
- Why isn't the apple tree in the center of the seating? The group was concerned that it would interfere with communication and instruction. The farm users also like the spot around the tree and didn't want the seating to interfere with present use. Bob suggested flaring out the benches? The team considered this design, but southern wind will create a tunnel and will obstruct sunlight to the apple tree because of the terraces.

#### 3D Sculpture Yard (Chris Briggs & Christian Truscenski):

- A 3D work yard is proposed south of the kiln room off the Art Annex. The problem is that the college has no dedicated workshop space for creating sculptures and other 3D work.
- The design proposes a gravel base by walling off an area, leveling it and building a retaining wall. Workstations and storage sheds would be added later as part of another phase of the project.
- The group asks for the CLUC's ideas into what materials to use and seeks permission to build the retaining wall.
- CLUC walks to the proposed site where there is a mock up of the height, length, and location of the retaining wall. The design leaves a 12ft fire line accessible.
- Rich wonders if the county regulates heights of walls and wonders at what height hand railings are need.

**ACTION ITEM:** The group needs to talk to Robyn Herring, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, for the code regarding hand railings.

- Two trees would need to be removed to build the wall.

- The ground would be covered with gravel. The CLUC is concerned that gravel may not be ADA accessible.

**ACTION ITEM:** The group needs to research the code requirements.

- The CLUC resumes discussion inside.
- The design would accommodate 14 8ft diameter workstations. Bob asks if the space could be expanded further to the North. Maybe in another phase of the project
- The group hands out a materials chart. The pros and cons of each material are discussed. The committee decided on stone as the preferred retaining wall material.
- CLUC approves pending the design meets code requirements and obtains funding.

**The next CLUC Meeting will be Monday, May 16 from 3-5pm in the Facilities Conference Room**