

Campus Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2006

REVISED

Attendees: Paul Smith, Mark Kormondy, Jenni Minner, Rob Knapp, Rich Davis, Jim Stroh, Ken Tabbutt, and Robyn Herring.

Guest Speaker: Erin Slone-Gomez

Recorder: Rishel Gordham

Minutes from prior meeting will be revised and present at next meeting

Mark will follow up with action item from last meeting- the expected lifespan of Sycamores.

Announcements

Introduction of committee members.

Geoduck Farming

Erin has been asked to look into geoduck farming. Brochures were passed out to the committee members. About 300 feet of the campus beach is estimated to be farmable.

Background information on geoduck farming:

Baby geos are ten to fifteen cents each

1 tube placed about every 12 inches on the beach

Tubes are planted 1 to 2 feet above tide mark with netting over the top of the tube

2-3 baby geos are placed in each tube

2 years later-tubes are dug up leaving behind the geoducks

5-6 years harvest the geoducks

Geoducks can be sold for approximately \$35.00 per clam

Questions:

How much labor is involved in harvesting?

When you are harvesting you can either buy a device to blow the sand up or you wait for the tide to go out and dig them up.

Tribes have the right to 50% of harvestable shellfish, except shellfish grown in artificial beds when there are few if any native shellfish

It was suggested that we might want to contact tribes in the area to let them know what we are planning on doing.

The anticipated process would be:

Bringing in a consultant

Researching the key people to talk to
Divisional discussion
Perhaps then partnering with other colleges

Comments were given that it might be commercial exploitation of the campus.

Ken stated that:

When the research phase is over, bring the information to us and we will look at it in regards to the Campus Master Plan. A case must be made that it has academic reasoning to use that land and balance it with what the impacts will be and will it be worth it. It would have to be permanently driven by academics.

It was suggested that using the current Mast Plan it might be wise to wait on this issue until the new plan is in action.

Concerns were expressed about the beach area being developed with the geoduck farm, as this would result in change to a “control area” where students have observed the area without recent and direct human intervention.

Erin left the meeting.

Campus Master Plan

Paul handed out “Planning for Master Plan” and “Initial Draft of Request of qualification for Master Plan”.

Paul asked if Evergreen needed to have an Academic Master Plan done as part of the campus master planning effort. The Academic Master Plan would provide a basis for the Campus Master Plan to look at the needs for academic programs during the time frame of the Campus Master Plan in regards to facilities to support the programs. It would provide the rationale for the renovations and modernization of the buildings. The center of focus would be the physical aspects of campus land and facilities. It would also provide the framework for connecting academic programs and campus land use.

Timeline for Campus Master Plan RFP:

1st draft - by the end of April
Final draft – by the end of May
RFP done by July
Completed by August

Comments were made that the Academic Master Plan should not be a component of the contract with a consultant, as this would probably be beyond the purview of a consultant specializing in campus master planning.

Concerns were expressed that an Academic Master Plan does not relate to the current structures for curriculum planning or the decentralized nature of curriculum planning at Evergreen.

Student Memberships

Andy Marr is interested- and will be at the next meeting
Rob also has a student who is interested.

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 15, 2006