

*Campus Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Emergency Meeting*

February 7, 2006

(Revised 2-15-2006)

Attendees: Paul Smith, Mark Kormondy, Jenni Minner, Sharon Anthony, Rich Davis, Jim Stroh, and Robyn Herring.

Recorder: Rishel Gordham

Prior minutes were not available to be approved.

Announcements

Introductions were made. Regarding committee membership: Rishel Gordham replaces Mondana Madjdi as committee recorder.

New location for Sycamore trees

The emergency CLUC meeting was called to address the concern that six Sycamore trees in front of the Library building will need to be moved, due to “phase one” construction.

The six trees that need to come out are the six middle trees of the ten trees in front of the Library building.

Robyn suggested shoring the trenches, but Paul said that it would cost extra money.

Jim S. Asked how long the trees will live?

ACTION: Mark will research how long the lifespan of Sycamore trees are and let the committee know the results.

Alternate locations suggested:

Field next to the Longhouse

- Paul said that Phase II might need the empty field for modules. But he would be willing to look into it.

The Childcare Center has expressed some need for additional shading.

- Jenni liked the idea of responding to the childcares needs and believes the childcare center is an urban-looking structure.
- Rich agreed that moving the trees to the daycare was the best option.

John Hurley stated that he thinks that the trees should only be moved once.

Jim stated that he thought the childcare center would be his first choice in relocating the trees. His second choice would be next to the Longhouse to provide shade. Possibly place some benches there as well.

Jim Hurley stated that he approved the option of relocating the trees to address the childcare centers needs.

Additional comments were made that all the trees might be affected by pulling and relocating those six trees.

Questions were asked about just pulling the trees out, Paul stated that we have already spent the money, it's in the contract, and we don't have to worry about the cost. Additionally, it would be easier on the community to just relocate the trees.

Mark suggested that we alert the community before the trees are pulled. Paul agreed that sending out an All Staff and Faculty announcement would be best once the trees are scheduled to be moved. Jim suggested adding in the announcement the probability of the trees actually surviving.

Arrangement of trees at childcare center:

Discussion about having them in a formal arrangement verses less formal.

Less formal the more options we have if some trees to not survive the relocation.

However, formal arrangements, allow for new trees to be planted if old ones do not survive.

John Hurley accepted the recommendation to relocate the six Sycamore trees in front of the Library building to the Childcare Center. He will follow up by sending his recommendation in an email.

Paul will continue to work with Nancy on this issue.

Next Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2006.