

Meeting Minutes
Campus Development Committee Meeting
February 25, 2016
325 Burruss - 10:30 am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:30am

Present: Jason Soileau (chair), Ted Faulkner, Jennifer Hundley, Richard Rodrigues, Melissa Elliott, Jack Davis, Alexander Jones, Steve Mouras

Absent: Chris Kiwus, Elizabeth Spiller, Brett Jones, Ken Smith, Samer El-Kadi, Heinrich Schnoedt

Guest: Michelle Ramsey

II. Committee Charge – reviewed charge

III. Construction Update

Jason Soileau presented the committee with information on the construction updates. The following projects were addressed:

A. Projects In Construction

- Upper Quad – With Pearson Hall complete, Brodie Hall is now in construction and will be completed later than the contract date. Jack Davis questioned if there was a penalty. Thomas and Monteith will be demolished upon the competition of the new Brodie Hall, due to the existing contract. Jennifer Hundley added that it would cost the university money at this point to not remove the buildings. The Addison Caldwell statue will be located to the updated plaza between Brodie and Pearson. Ted Faulkner asked if Brodie is place holder name, with Jason Soileau responding that it is currently a place holder name, and that it would probably be renamed if there was a donor.
- New Classroom Building – Jason Soileau mentioned the merits of the classroom building and the collaboration/common spaces that will be inside. When the project is complete the committee will plan to take a tour.
- 460 Interchange – In construction currently, with the bridge and road structure to be in place Summer 2017/Fall 2017 - with a Fall 2018 Final Finish. Jack Davis asked if the bridge will be precast construction. Steve Mouras responding yes, the main long span façade will be precast panels. Jason Soileau mentioned he would provide a more detailed update at next month's meeting.

IV. Renovate/Renew Academic Buildings Introduction

Jason Soileau presented the Renovated Renew Academic Buildings Project which includes Sandy Hall, Davidson Hall and the Liberal Arts Building. Historical Background in response to questions asked in the discussion – Sandy Hall: The building, originally known as the Extension Division Building, was completed in May 1924. Davidson Hall: The original portions of Davidson Hall were completed in 1928 with other sections added in 1933 and 1938. The building was renovated in 1964, in 1965, and again in 2014. Liberal Arts Building: Built in 1900, was one of the first Hokie Stone buildings on campus and the stone is load bearing which will provide a tricky task when renovating. Starting with Davidson, the presentation covered the renovations to the front half of the building to compliment the recently completed renovation of the back portion. While discussing the additions and work to Sandy Hall, Jack Davis asked if the new renovations will conflict with the ability to walk through the curved section connecting Sandy and

Price Hall. Ted Faulkner wondered if the stone masons will attempt to simulate a match to the existing stones, or do they set them to the current standards for new buildings, which have a higher rustication to the smoother stones on the older Hokie stone buildings. Jason Soileau addressed that although the stones will be coming from a different quarry and will have 80 years less wear (they can never match them exactly), there will be an attempt to work with the existing stone façade and the process of matching up will be addressed during the mockup stage. The presentation continued and Jason Soileau mentioned providing floor plans for the committee along with the minutes - please see attached. Later on in the meeting, Jack Davis brought the discussion came back to discussing the Liberal Arts Building and the parking planned for access in regards to the location of the parking (ADA spots). Steve Mouras responded that the proposed solution although not ideal, it is the least worst situation. Parking Services was involved in approving the final solution.

V. Pending Master Plan Updates

- A. Campus Master Plan – Refreshing the status of the Master Plan, Jason Soileau presented the four major points being addressed in the master plan scope along with the new parts of the scope to integrate the other regions (Capital Region and Roanoke) and the newly developing creativity/innovation district. Due to the new scope, the consultants are crafting a new fee proposal and will hopefully begin work in April 2016 and finish work 18 months after starting. The committee discussed how the Master Plan is an iterative process and the consultants are not isolated until the final product. The Master Plan is considered a working document that establishes the vision for how the campus can grow. Discussion migrated to the importance of emphasizing the landscape and the encouragement to keep doing so, as well as bringing water to the surface and creating effective water features. With several active projects in enhancing the campus outdoor spaces there is hope to continue to gain momentum in campus landscape development.
- B. Parking and Transportation Master Plan – Jason Soileau presented the update on the PTMP. The Plan has been underway for almost a year, with consultants VHB who will propose options in mid-March to the stakeholders to be narrowed into finalized recommendations. Jack Davis asked if Sasaki (the consultant on the Campus Master Plan) will absorb the PTMP. Jason Soileau said they will work together as VHB is a sub consultant for Sasaki on the Campus Master Plan.

VI. Creative and Innovation Districts Introduction:

Jason Soileau mentioned briefly the ongoing discussion of the formation of the Creativity and Innovation District. This district will aim to be a shared space and a hub for energy and ideas. In the short term the goal is to find ways to utilize existing space to cultivate this need. The longer term goal is to be included in the master plan. Jack Davis added that the need is great, and it could take 10 years until the needs are met.

VII. Derring Steps Improvements:

Funded in September/October of Fall 2015, this project has moved quickly. Jason Soileau presented the images related to the development of the project and the proposed plans. This project is located in between Derring Hall and Cowgill Hall and will address the existing rather poor performing stairs that exist presently. This presentation developed into discussion on the North Academic Precinct and the proposed changes in the area. Jack Davis asked about the handicap access and commented on the already stressed area for handicap access and that the proposed plans of Derring Stairs will not meet that need. Jason Soileau then discussed the role the proposed Cowgill Lawn will play in meeting the need of an accessible ramp towards that area of campus. Ted Faulkner asked about the two bus loops proposed for the Multi-Modal Transit Facility and discussion began about the MMTF. There will be two bus loops (8 on one side, and 9 on the other), the project is funded and the Multi-Modal Transit Facility building will be LEED Platinum and a Sustainability Showcase for the campus. Alexander Jones wondered about the hill close to Durham and Surge and whether that will be addressed in planning. Jason Soileau said the construction of the roundabouts for the bus terminals should help clean up that area of campus, and that tentatively would provide additional handicap parking spots in that area as well. Discussion then moved

on towards the shared pedestrian and service vehicle corridor behind Durham and Wittemore. Jack Davis asked if the construction of Randolph hall would delay the improvements in that area. Jason Soileau mentioned there is currently no funding available for renovating Randolph and hoped that this pedestrian corridor improvement would be implemented before Randolph because it is in dire need of improvement. This discussion led Ted Faulkner to suggest when Randolph Hall is renovated, dining be considered part of the future renovation as it tries to continue to meet the needs of that area of campus and utilize the existing loading dock at Lavery Hall.

VIII. Drillfield Paths

Starting with a quick review, Jason Soileau shared the process and progress of the Drillfield Paths. Since the first comment period, two materials have been eliminated due to failure, and there is currently a comment period underway. Please remember to comment, and encourage other to do so. Challenged with inventing the future path material, there were three proposals for a grant to investigate this possible path material, two were complimentary and the groups will work together. The process should begin next month. Richard Rodrigues asked what departments are part of the final proposal group. This is a partnership between the Center for Energy Harvesting Materials and Systems with the School of Architecture and Design, with cooperation from the Institute for Creativity, Arts and Technology (ICAT) and The Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences (ICTAS).

IX. Future Meetings

- A. Tours – Suggested Tours included:
- B. Agenda Topics – none were mentioned

X. General Discussion – None

XI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am