

**Campus Development Committee**  
**October 3, 2023**  
**1:30pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Liza Morris (presiding), Laura Belmonte, Van Coble, Dan Folescu, Brett Jones, Vicki Soghomonian, Ed Olsen, Nick Brians, Ted Faulkner, Wendy Halsey, Pam Vickers, Carrie Cox, Harlod McKenzie, Tsai Lu Liu, Alene Harris

**Absent with Notice:**

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**Guests:** Jeff Orzolek, Paul Ely

Liza Morris called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. A quorum was present.

**1. Committee Membership**

- All members introduced themselves
- There is currently one vacancy on the committee and efforts are being made to identify replacements.

**2. Committee Charge**

- Liza Morris reviewed the committee charge statement

**3. Committee Business**

- The committee is invited to join the annual Campus Safety Walk on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM. Email Jeff Orzolek if you are interested in participating.

**4. Campus Development Process**

- Liza Morris reviewed process for planning, design and construction and the units involved. The over view included the following:
  - There was discussion about the University Master Plan and Liza Morris explained that the previous Master Plan will be used as the basis for the next plan and updates will be made based on changing initiatives and needs.
  - Definition, life cycle, and funding of a capital project.
  - Master Plan timeline and criteria
  - University and CPIF Organizational Charts
  - Function of University Planning, Capital Construction, and Renovations Units

**5. Capital Projects Summary**

- Pual Ely presented an overview and current status of all active capital projects on campus
  - A question was posed that construction impacts to pedestrian crosswalks needs to ensure the safety of the community using them. This includes the push buttons to allow safe crossing etc.
    - Paul Ely explained the process used for determining routes impacted by construction
    - Wendy Halsey that safety is the number one priority and explained the process for reporting faulty equipment
    - Carrie Cox explained the process of reporting violations to the police.
  - A question was asked about the renovations and future plans for Slusher Hall.
    - Paul Ely spoke about the interior renovations that took place over the summer and Liza Morris spoke to the long term options for the building which will be determined once we have a clearer picture and timeline for the proposed Student Life Village.

## **6. Open Discussion**

- A question was asked about a process for looking at building/outdoor air quality.
  - Paul Ely gave an overview of what systems are being implemented with buildings involved in capital renovations and new construction. These buildings are now capturing data and using outside air systems as a way to maintain fresh air circulation.
- There were two questions about the quality/strength of wireless and cellular signals in certain buildings and areas on campus. D&DS and Hahn North were two examples given where the signals/service were not always very good.
  - Liza explained that the cellular signal strength is determined by the individual carriers and that the university works with the carriers to appropriately add towers to improve quality.
    - The style of construction (Hokie Stone and pre-cast) will always impact the strength of a cellular signal inside the building.
  - Internal Wi-Fi signals are managed by Network Infrastructure & Services (NI&S). Issues with these systems can be reported to them so that they can investigate and make improvements
  - Both cellular and Wi-Fi are impacted by the number of people using the systems at any given time. More users generally means slower service.

## **7. Adjournment**

- There being no further business or questions, the meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.