

**Campus Development Committee**  
**March 1, 2022**  
**1:30pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Liza Morris (presiding), Wendy Halsey, Jeri Baker, Paul Winistorfer, Steve Thompson, Vivica Kraak, Rosemary Blieszner, Ted Faulkner, Bruce Harper, Jeff Earley, Ross Verbrugge, Pam Vickers

**Absent with Notice:** Annabelle Fuselier, Obianna Ugwu

**Absent:** Sharan Patnik,

**Guests:** Jeff Orzolek

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

**1. Committee Business**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting's minutes.

**2. Membership Updates**

- There is currently one vacancy on the committee. The vacancy is from the Faculty Senate and efforts are being made to identify a replacement.

**3. Presentation(s)**

- Liza Morris Presented on the Student Life Village Master Plan
  - The Student Life Village is a 5,000-bed residential district intended to be an affordable solution to enable VT to advance broader institutional goals
  - The development will be completed in three phases in the area of the current Oak Lane housing and golf course
  - In addition to residential space, the plan includes dining and recreation facilities designed to enhance the student experience and provide new amenities and options for students to continue their on-campus experience. Program will also include student well-being, enrichment and support services
  - Infrastructure improvements will include pedestrian pathways, transit routes and plazas as well as limited parking
  - Landscaping will conserve as much of the current area as possible and will include a central green space, neighborhood greens and residential quads.
  - Residential buildings will be short spans of four stories and will prioritize common areas.
- Student Life Village Discussion
  - A question was posed about how this fits with the planned growth of the institution. While there is no set timeline for VT growth, this will help offset other residential projects that VT could not build at this time (Slusher and GBAC).
  - The group discussed the use of sustainable materials and working with the Climate Action Committee. This will be driven by cost but will work to use as much sustainable material as budget will allow.
  - The current influx of new apartments in Blacksburg should not impact this project. VT plans to offer services and amenities not offered by off-campus complexes that will make them very desirable and competitive compared to the local market.
  - Some concerns were raised about the facilities being a "40 Year Consumable" and whether or not this conflicts with the university's land grant mission.

- The appearance of the renderings was described as “barracks-like” and Liza reminded the group that the final architecture of the structures has not been determined.
- Infrastructure discussion was about whether the village would be connected to the steam plant. The system needs would likely need to be entirely electric and away from natural gas but the exact systems still need to be determined.
- Parking on-site would be very limited but there would be bike/pedestrian paths as well as transit stops to help get students to and from the village.

#### **4. Future Site Visit**

- The committee do a site tour of the Quarry in April. Wendy Halsey will help with the coordination.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.