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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, 13 October 2014

Present: Jon Anderson, Brook Miller, Sandy Kill, Taylor Barker, Jordan Wentz, Jana Koehler, Gwen Rudney, Colleen Miller (guest), Lowell Rasmussen, Michael Eble, Seung-Ho Joo, Jim Hall,

Absent: Sarah Mattson

Jon Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

The minutes of the 6 October 2014 meeting were presented. Motion, Second to accept the minutes with one correction. Approved with one abstention.

Lowell Rasmussen began his presentation on HEAPR.

- Definition of HEAPR: Higher Education Asset Preservation and Renewal. Appropriated by the Legislature every 2 years to preserve and protect the State's physical assets. HEAPR cannot be used for programmatic projects or for new construction. It is for Physical facilities only – PW&E: plumbing, water, and electric
 - 2 year window; must spend in the biennium; first year planning and drawings; second year execution of plans

Q: Does funding come from the Legislature or through U of M?

LR: Both

- Historical review of HEAPR projects vs projected
- We have 2014 funds approved at \$1.32 million
- Biomass emissions scrubber
- Blakely elevator – work in progress
- Fire alarm in Behmler
- Lowell has asked Robert Thompson to begin planning to spend any left over HEAPR money on the following projects
 - Humanities HVAC
 - Predesign for Camden and MRC elevators
- Fire alarm in Behmler

Handouts distributed: 2014 Allocation; FY '16 request

Regarding the FY '16 request, there's a new wrinkle. TC wants us to provide a preliminary list of project that we are likely to propose for HEAPR. Some former HEAPR projects are no longer eligible for HEAPR funding. On this campus, that means that the PE Center is no longer eligible for HEAPR. TC's explanation is that athletic facilities are supposed to be self-supporting. Doesn't work here! Also, the Food Service building is occupied by Sodexo – but they do not maintain it. Still, the PE Center is the main argument.

List of possible projects: Planning Committee will vet this list. FY16 may be our first look at a new bonding approach. TC says not to assume that there will be more than \$1.6 available. We lack sufficient

data for R&R. Pres. Kaler has proposed \$18 million for the coordinate campuses. But will the distribution be fair?

We need to earmark and hold \$1.6 million for FY16. We also need more information on the FY16 capital situation. We can move HEAPR funds between projects with logical justification.

Facilities Condition Assessment: Handout shows projected allotment of funds among projects if the U request to the Legislature is \$125 million. Environmental Safety & Health is a second request.

Lowell wants our input before the next VC/DC meeting: Discussion begins. By consensus, the Planning Committee moves Humanities HVAC to High priority.

Q: In committee building tour last year, we identified two serious needs in Humanities – fire sprinklers and HVAC. Can we not do both?

Lowell responds that we have always been constrained by funding and so have used a piecemeal approach to projects. The Humanities HVAC is already in the books. What we need now is a placeholder list for the \$1.6 million. Need a balance between infrastructure and code compliance.

Q: Last year the PC identified Fire Safety in the Library as a high priority. How much would that cost?

Lowell responds that if it is less than \$200,000 it will probably be OK. It will go into the \$125 million column.

Q: What about HVAC in Behmler?

Lowell: There are 4 air handling systems now, all at least 40 years old. We would probably go to just 2 systems for the building.

Q: What about individual items in re liabilities and trade-offs? For example, the Briggs sprinkler system (or lack thereof) is our biggest insurance liability.

LR: Library will not likely see a complete renovation in the near future. It is probably best to go ahead with the sprinkler system.

Q: Is the estimate for alarms only, or with sprinklers.

LR: It's for both. There might be changes on the horizon that would make funding more equitable.

Q: What is the line item for HFA upgrades?

LR: Probably the air handlers. Those units were new in 1971.

Q: What about the PE Center?

Lowell: PE Center was designed before Title IX. We need to upgrade. There's the tension between infrastructure and programmatic spending. And TC says no the HEAPR funds.

Q: Edson upgrades: were these previously funded?

LR: Historical rivalry between Edson and HFA 3. An upgrade to bring Edson up to code could be done. But one of the drawbacks is that it would put Edson offline for 6 months.

LR: Other projects include Chilled Water extension to all buildings, such as Humanities, Camden, etc. Also, pedestrian lighting: lights cost \$1000 each. These might be eligible for rebates from Ottertail Power for LED upgrades.

LR: What do we need to concentrate on?

A: Library restrooms?

A: Liability averse. We should do fire suppression systems first.

LR: Edson – should it be a priority? We would need to meet codes, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, and accessibility . The Rec Hall seats about 200, while Edson seats 450 – 500. New issues: Lighting improvements; new aisle to meet fire code; Sound system improvement, perhaps similar to Science Auditorium.

Q: Use of Edson by outside interests?

LR: Some, but not much. Another item that is very high priority: guard rails in HFA must be replaced or rewelded. This is dangerous, and we are in violation of safety code, and have had one incident in which a child squeezed through the railing. Also at Briggs, the east exterior wall needs repairs.

Q: Similar to recent repairs on Behmler? What was that process?

LR: Tuck pointing. It is critical to building maintenance.

LR notes that he has some direction now. He will make a priorities list and send to Jon Anderson.

Q: Time pressure?

LR: The report is due in the TC on 23 October.

Last Business:

Jon Anderson and Jim Hall met last week.

JH: Process description. Took last year's updates to the Strategic plan. Placed statements in slots on TC Strategic Plan as closely aligned as possible. Added a 3 columns to show our "Uniqueness": Numbers & Dollars (# & \$), Sustainability, Capital.

We will study this new document and prepare for a discussion at a future meeting.

LR: Next meeting will be in two weeks. Lowell Rasmussen will return to discuss Capital Plans.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.