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Campus Facilities Planning Committee

Committee Members
Emily Messa – AVC/AVP, Administration – Chair
Cliff Redd – AVC/AVP, University Advancement Development Responded
Chris Stanich – AVC/Assoc Provost, Institutional Planning/Analysis
Patricia Oliver – Dean, College of Architecture Responded_Solar Charger
Wynn Chin – Faculty Senate President Responded_Solar Charger
Jonathan Snow – Faculty Senate

Shaun Theriot-Smith – Student Government President Responded
Tanzeem Chowdhury – Student Government Vice President
Emanuel Papadakis – Faculty Senate Responded
Michael Parks – Assoc Professor, College of Business Responded_Sculpture
Cris Milligan – Dir, Core Research Facilities Responded_Solar Charger
Alison Wells – Staff Council Responded_Solar Charger
Dan Maxwell – AVC/AVP, Student Affairs Responded

Minutes
Friday, June 12, 2015
10 a.m.

Approval Items:

1) E-Vote Request_CFPC Electronic vote_Solar USB Charger

Results: At the June 12th CFPC meeting, the committee reviewed and approved locating a Solar USB Charging Station at M D Anderson, after suggesting a revised location in the M.D. Anderson Library east patio area. The revised location was meant to reduce the potential of the charging station to appear in stark contrast to grass and other landscaping, by grouping it with other hardscape elements. The patio location would also increase the usefulness of the charger by providing seating nearby.

Upon visiting the proposed patio site however, there were too many trees to provide the full sunlight desired for the installation. Two alternate sites were identified, one nearer to the MDA entry and one in the same plaza but nearer to PGH.

Committee comments were solicited on the alternative sites and seven (out of 13) responses were received. All responses preferred the MDA Library location, although one member expressed that the low seating wall was an acceptable if weaker solution to having benches and tables nearby. Roger Warner, Assistant Director of Facilities (Grounds) and landscape architect reviewed the proposal and suggested minor changes to improve mower access. Stephanie Coates of Research will now follow up with the donor on this location.

2) E-Vote Request_CFPC Electronic Comment Solicitation – Sculpture Relocation

Results: At the June 12th CFPC meeting, Mike Guidry of SWAAC requested comment on several site options for re-installing sculptures displaced by construction. As follow-up, additional options were explored and shared with the committee, and additional community shareholder opinion was solicited.
Status of the site selection for each sculpture is as follows:

1) **Orpheus** - The site on the Fine Arts building grounds near the NE boundary of the Grove was agreeable to the committee and presented no maintenance or installation concerns.

2) **Luncheon on the Grass** - Proposed site received unfavorable comments from Student Life and SGA. Mike Guidry will identify alternate sites.

3) **Untitled (Fowler)** - A proposed site centered in the green space (lawn and oak trees) bordering Lot 1E, near the corner of Calhoun and University Drive was approved, subject to the following terms: sculpture will not be too close to the intersection that it presents a distraction or visual obstruction; parallel rows of oak trees will be trimmed back (as they are on the adjacent block west) so that their canopies will not restrict view of the sculpture.

4) **Leda and the Swan** - Comments Michael Parks of the Bauer College of Business requested that additional sites for *Leda and the Swan* be considered: two unsightly and underutilized areas at Melcher Hall which could be improved with a major sculpture as centerpiece. One committee member expressed a preference for installation on the campus-side, rather than the Calhoun-side of Melcher; although other commenters seemed comfortable with either Melcher location. The College of Business believes that locating *Leda* in the Calhoun-side plaza will not only greatly enhance the plaza but will also discourage inappropriate behavior which sometimes occurs in that location. Mike Guidry will pursue this location with SWAAC.