



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Minutes of the July 9, 2010 Meeting
226 E. Cullen Building

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Murphy for Elwyn Lee
Patricia Oliver
Keith Kowalka
Craig Ness

Lisa Holdeman
Dave Irvin
Mark Clarke
Elizabeth Anderson Fletcher

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Dave Irvin. The following items were discussed:

4902 Gulf Freeway Annex Billboard Signage

Watson Riddle presented the proposed signage graphics intended for an existing billboard at the 4902 Gulf Freeway Annex. The annex billboard signage project will begin immediately and completed by September 1, 2010. The monument gate and other signage approved at the June meeting is out for bid and will be completed by August 15, 2010.

Action – Information item.

Parking Projects Update

Bob Browand gave an update on the status of UH Parking projects. The lot being leased from TSU is no longer available to UH. This lot was used primarily for UH contractors. Contractors will now park in the south end of lot 8A effectively immediately. Projects and circumstances such as Metro construction on Wheeler and the loss of the TSU lot will result in a loss of over 1000 spaces. The Stadium Garage Project is on hold, the potential start date is June 2011 with projected completion date in August 2012.

Possible solutions to offset the loss of parking spaces are temporary parking lots, North of Elgin and West of Cullen. Construction on these lots will begin immediately and should be completed by the beginning of fall semester 2010. These three temporary lots will allow us to gain 180 spaces. Other solutions will include carpooling incentives, encouraging more parking at ERP, increasing shuttle service as well as encouraging more parking in the East and Welcome Center Parking Garages.

Action – Information item.

UH Transit Shelter Locations

Bob Browand presented this item requesting approval of shuttle bus shelters in six locations near campus residence and student service buildings. He also indicated that if these were well received Parking and Transportation would look to add up to 7 additional shelters in Academic areas. As currently envisioned those additional shelters would not have advertising and would have to be paid for by UH. When Parking and Transportation is ready to proceed they will bring those shelters to the Committee as a separate project for approval.

The committee liked the revised locations and felt they were appropriate for the advertising that is connected with these shelters. The revised advertising program which emphasized UH businesses and departments was also well received. There was however significant discussion about the business relationship between UH and the company that will provide the shelters and sell the advertising. The Committee understood that the business plan was not within their scope to approve but asked that the department share with senior administration the Committee recommendation the advertisement program be administered in-house rather than being out sourced.

Action – The committee unanimously approved this item and asked that senior administration be made aware of their strong recommendation that UH undertake the project in house rather than utilizing an outside firm.

Ike Recovery Landscape Improvements

Thomas Doyle presented this item requesting approval of the construction of a curved granite wall on University Drive. The project is part of an extensive re-landscaping project that will repair major damage done to UH landscaping, trees and irrigation systems by Hurricane Ike, Summer 2009 droughts and Winter 2009/2010 freezes. It seeks to upgrade University Drive and improve the east approach to E Cullen as recommended by the Framework Plan. This project will be timed as to cause minimal disruption. A portion will be completed by August 15, 2010, the remainder to be completed during winter break 2010.

Action – The committee unanimously approved this item.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. Our next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2010, 2:00 p.m., room 226 E Cullen.

Please note: There will be a number of significant projects including the UC Addition/renovation project on the agenda for the August meeting. Because of that we ask that if you cannot attend you designate someone who can attend to represent you at the meeting and inform us who will be that designated substitute (as allowed by our revised bylaws).