

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**Agenda for  
Campus Planning Executive Committee  
&  
Land Use & Aesthetics Committee**

**July 30, 2009  
1pm  
Kendall 103**

Present: Herman Ellis (Chair), Debra Barger, Rick Deaver, Sharon Millman, Alan Rellaford, and Tom Ussery

cc: Teresa Arnold, Tamra Donnelly, Kaari Martin, Mary Quiring, Rita Thomas, and Norma Young

1) Information Items  
(a) None

2) Discussion Items  
(a) University Center Landscaping Project  
Sharon Millman presented an update on this project. She stated that Lori Hoffman asked Sharon to take a look at the project as one of her first tasks when she started. The project has now been revised due to program, budget, schedule, and scope. The architect had been told the construction budget was \$900,000 when actually the total project budget was \$900,000. The project is currently several months behind schedule. Due to budget constraints, it makes more sense to have a scope that can be scaled up or down. Sharon also expressed that putting in - an island of parking and garbage bins did not make the most sense, made the middle look like the back, and was contrary to the current campus strategy to consolidate parking. It makes more sense to accommodate the parking at the west side of Colusa Hall where parking already exists and move the garbage back to where it currently exists at the back of Selvester's Cafe. This would allow for more garden space.

She also looked at the pathway in front of Kendall Hall, asking if that really needed to be touched and decided that a better way to announce the space was a focal element, possibly a piece of art in the planter behind Kendall Hall.

The design of the path and possible education area near the bridge behind the Continuing Education building is being simplified. It did not seem necessary to have multiple pathways when most of the time people will take the most direct route. In addition, the education areas had not been reviewed by faculty or others who might use them. The new landscape areas, with a new path that follows the old pathway, will allow more flexibility when it comes to the budget. Educational gardens can be installed with input from faculty and others as the budget allows.

The stage by Selvester's Café seemed weakly positioned and not necessary for the size of the space, therefore, she recommends that it be eliminated. The existing entry has not yet been demolished. Near Selvester's Sharon proposes a grass area for casual seating, built-in seating at the perimeter, and a path connecting the Selvester's entry to the paved area closer to Colusa.

Sharon recommended removing the pervious pavement because it requires 2-3 feet of excavating and the plan was to only excavate for utilities.

Sharon is proposing to create a permeable border for events at the northeast end of Colusa Hall over to Selvester's Café using bollards or light poles, which will still allow a view of the creek.

The trellis has been reshaped to a straight line and moved to the southeast end of Colusa Hall and about halfway over to Selvester's Café. There will also be built-in seating along the east side of Colusa Hall.

Part of the revision of this project is to divide it up into phases that will allow the work to be done at different times. This will also allow for different procurement methods, also saving time. One phase will be the education garden area leading to the bridge and the fire lane in front of the Continuing Education building. Another phase will be the courtyard space between Colusa Hall and Selvester's Café. The third phase will be the parking at the west end of Colusa Hall.

Herman asked for questions and/or comments.

Tom Ussery commented that he liked moving the parking and garbage, but he asked what about shade in the courtyard. Sharon responded that there will be some shading from the Trellis and that tents could be brought in for events.

Herman asked if the changes were mostly budget decisions then and Sharon responded that it was program and schedule too. Herman asked for a sketch from Sharon that can be sent out to the entire committee for those who were not at the meeting for comments.

Alan Rellaford asked about permanent seating in terms of tables and chairs. Sharon responded that permanent seating cuts down on the flexibility of the space to accommodate the range of different types of occupant scenarios – from one or two people alone to an organized, catered event. She recommends experimenting with movable furniture that did not cost too much and that we were willing to risk losing to see if it would stay and as a gauge for how much we need. Alan was concerned about how inviting the space would be without tables and chairs to accommodate people on a regular basis. Herman was concerned that if something was not done right away that it might end up like in front of the Student Services Center (SSC), which is empty and hot. Sharon responded that the SSC space is on her list also, but she wants to try out some things on a smaller scale like University Center. Debra Barger commented that the original goals of Continuing Education for this space were to harmonize between the natural and built environments, provide shade, and seating, not just a row of benches. Tom Ussery also commented that he was concerned the courtyard space may not get used because a lack of seating and, therefore, not inviting. Sharon added that the flexibility of scaling up and down provided an opportunity to use better quality of materials. She also stated that there would be some tables and chairs when the space is initially opened.

Alan commented that the most important of the spaces is the courtyard space. He also asked do we want people to walk through or stop or both.

Debra suggested adding more trellis coming off of the southwest corner of Selvester's Café, but not connecting to the other piece. This would also provide more shade.

Sharon added that the flexibility of furniture will help with making the space more comfortable for small and large groups.

The timeline is currently quite tight. Originally Lori wanted this done by January 2010. Sharon is under pressure to get started and with that she is estimating the best we could hope for would be to get some of it complete in March 2010. With a simpler design, it is easier to break up the pieces and not have one part

hold up the other. She has already discussed this with the architect. Alan asked if there would be a change order to the architect for the redesign. Sharon stated there would be, but would be at least somewhat offset by a simpler design.

Herman wanted to make sure that others beside faculty are consulted regarding the education garden. Debra commented that she liked the idea of plants of cultural significance to Native American tribes in the education gardens.

Sharon is looking for an acceptance of the concept/approach at this point.

3) Introduction Items

- (a) UHFS - Install 20' pole, as part of banner project, at entrance to College Drive.

Alan Rellaford presented a picture of the proposed banner and pole (see attached). University Housing & Food service is putting up a number of banners to direct people to Housing locations, as well as other places nearby. The pole will be a bronze color and 8 ft. tall and 4 inches square. Three of the locations are not on existing light poles and will require the installation of a banner pole. One of the three will be located at the entrance to College Drive, in the three foot strip between the residence and the driveway by the Student Health Center. The other two locations are adjacent to the two primary entrances to University Village. UHFS would like to have these up by the time School begins. Herman asked Alan to send Kaari Martin an electronic copy of the drawing and an email approval process can be done.

4) Action Items

- (a) None

5) Other

- (a) None