



FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 13, 2008

A meeting of the Facilities Review Committee was held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in room RS-5.

Call to Order

Mike Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m., upon establishment of a quorum.

Roll Call

Members Present: Jayne Conway, Sasha Jonestein, JoAnne Lesser, Kim Marshall, Karen Mifflin, Chris Miller, and Mark Vernoy

Guest Present: Theo Brockett, Ralph Johnson

Ex-Officio

Member Present: Donna Renner

Members Absent: Bonnie Dowd, Clyde Campbell, Kelley Hudson-Mac Isaac, Rick Sanchez, and Jose Vargas

Ex-Officio

Members Absent: Don Thompson

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 23, 2008, were unanimously approved as written (MSC: Mifflin/Vernoy) and will be posted on the Palomar web page as follows:

<http://www.palomar.edu/committees.htm>

II. Action Items/Second Reading

N/A

III. First Reading

N/A

IV. Discussion/Information Items

A. Energy and Sustainability Policy Working Group

Mike Ellis distributed a handout showing energy consumption for Palomar College since FY1999-2000 as well as the Board of Governor's (BOG) Policy requirements for energy reduction for community colleges. Mike reported that the state is using energy consumption for FY2001-02 as a baseline for implementing the mandatory reduction requirement of 15% for each District. Mike reported that Palomar has been practicing energy conservation for many years, so this baseline will probably prove to be unworkable for Palomar since we

have already been reducing energy consumption for many years. With the addition of the NS building and other yet to be completed projects, the District's consumption is sure to rise well beyond the FY2001-02 level. Mike voiced concern that if no credits are given for conservation efforts already made without consideration of increased square footage impact, the FY2001-02 baseline would require the District to reduce its present energy consumption by 44% in order to comply with the mandate, which at this point would be impossible.

B. Relocation of Student Lockers from F-Building

Mike reported that the lockers have been removed from the F-Building as requested by the Communications Department to allow for installation of display cases for student work each semester. Facilities will be relocating the lockers to other locations on campus. Several areas have been identified to relocate the lockers which include; the north side of the E-Building (near E-10), the north side of the A-Building, the O-Building and the Q-Building (between Q-2 and Q-4). Mike asked the committee if they wanted him to return with a formal request to relocate the lockers to these areas or if the lockers could be relocated as stated. Seeing no need to return with a formal request, a motion was unanimously approved to direct Facilities to install the student lockers in the areas stated above (MSC: Vernoy/Conway).

C. Status Update on Construction Projects

Mike informed the committee that the groundbreaking ceremony for the MIB will be Friday, November 14th at noon. Groundbreaking for the Health Sciences building is anticipated to take place in April. The grading contractor for the MIB will also be doing the grading for the Health Sciences building so it is anticipated that the certified pad for the Health Science building will be in place for that groundbreaking ceremony.

Mike also reported that some blasting will be done to remove blue granite rock from the MIB construction site. It is anticipated the bulk of the blasting will be done during the winter break where it would have the least impact on students and staff; however, the remaining work will be done on Friday afternoons until completed. Mike also announced that the blasting for this site will be minimal as compared to the blasting that was necessary for the Natural Science building.

D. Status Report: Arboretum Working Group

Mike provided a progress report of the Arboretum Working Group, an Ad Hoc Committee of FRC. The purpose of the group is to provide design input for the Arboretum Landscape Improvement Project, which is being done to comply with ADA requirements for access to all "areas" of the arboretum. At the first meeting, the group went over existing conditions of the area including topography and garden areas. A map was provided showing the direction of the sun throughout the day for more effective planting, as well as pictures of various elements from outside gardens for the group's consideration. The committee was divided up into different sub-groups that discussed such issues as security, garden areas, and planting, among others. From these discussions, it became evident that the committee is interested in creating a beautiful, accessible space, while at the same time protecting archeological areas within the Arboretum. It was

anticipated that given the amount of work to be done with the user group in the design phase, it could take up to a year for a plan to be completed. The recommendations will be presented to FRC and subsequently through the college's governance process for implementation.

Sasha Jonestein questioned whether there might be an opportunity for her ceramics class to create a mosaic as part of the project. Mike responded that as a member of the Arboretum work group Sasha should bring this forward for possible inclusion in the design. He also stated the more ownership people have in this project, the more secure the Arboretum will probably be, as people will likely keep a more vigilant watch. Sasha also asked if additional sculptures could be incorporated into the design. Mike said that this could also be a possibility; however, the cost would not be covered by State or Prop M funds, so another funding source would have to be identified.

V. Old Business

A. HBET Timber-Frame Move

Mike reported that the Theater Remodel Project design included landscaping from the music department to the parking lot, which will necessitate removal of two timber-frames including the HBET structure. It has been suggested that the timber-frames be relocated to the Arboretum and installed to include power and lights. Additional information will be forthcoming at future meetings.

C. Renaming to Pulver Pavilion

Mike announced that Edna Pulver passed away recently. Mrs. Pulver was an active participant in bringing the clock tower to the campus, as well as numerous other behind-the-scenes efforts that improved on the aesthetics of the campus, including a \$75,000 donation for the Hubbell art project in the Arboretum. As her health began to decline, the Friends of the Arboretum recently submitted a request to name an area in the garden the "Pulver Pavilion" to honor her while she was still living. Now that she has passed away, the timing of the request is no longer urgent so the request for naming of an area will be moving through the established process.

III. Other Items

N/A

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 2009
3:00 P.M. - RS-5