Physical Plant Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting #2, October 1, 2014

In attendance: David Soll, Derek Gingeric, Ric Gonzales, Jason Anderson, Christian Paese, Sean Hartnett, Karl Markgraf, Chris Hessel

1) Minutes:

2) The committee approved the minutes from the Sept. 17th PPC Meeting

3) E-Cigarettes:

Katie Wilson, from Student Health Services, spoke about the need to add language regarding electronic cigarettes to the university’s smoking policy. She distributed some handouts that contained information on e-cigarettes and sample language other campuses have used to regulate them. Some committee members spoke in favor of using the need to incorporate e-cigarettes into the smoking policy to re-initiate a discussion about making the university tobacco free. An audience member, Teresa O’Halloran, emphasized the importance of crafting a policy that could be enforced; she noted the difficulty that University Police has in enforcing the current policy of limiting smoking to designated areas.

Other committee members expressed the need to ensure that we have solid data before making any significant policy changes. Katie Wilson noted that a tobacco survey had been administered several years ago. The committee requested that she update this survey to include more questions on e-cigarettes. Sean Hartnett also observed that a campus forum held on tobacco use had been illuminating, and recommended that we hold another one. The end result was that the committee requested that Katie share a draft of a survey and of a proposed format for an open forum on tobacco use. The committee plans to review these materials at its next meeting.

4) Comprehensive Bike Policy

Committee member Anderson requested two minor changes to the comprehensive plan regarding the intersection of Park and Roosevelt. Christina Hupy agreed to incorporate these changes into the document. The committee then voted to approve the drafting of a motion to the University Senate recommending that the Senate approve the bike plan.

5) Tabled items

Due to time constraints, the committee agreed to table discussion of a green roof for Centennial and the issue of pedestrian crowding of Centennial hallways until the next meeting.
6) Committee Assignments

The following committee assignments were made (individuals volunteered)
Garfield Avenue Rehabilitation: Sean Hartnett
Security Systems: Karl Markgraf
Master Planning: Jason Anderson and Chris Hessel
Haas Fine Arts: David Soll
Residence Hall Committee: Derek Gingerich

PPPC still needs to select a member to sit on the bike plan implementation committee.

7) Future Agenda Items

We will revisit the tabled items and discuss drafts of proposed material related to e-cigarettes.

8) Next Meeting

Scheduled for Council Oak 260, Wednesday, October 15, 12-1