MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Eau Claire City Hall

Project No.: 08-1533.00

Date/Time: 11/25/09  1:30 pm

Re: UWEC Childrens Center

Notes By: Angi Goodwin

Attendees: Brian Amundson, Phil Johnson, Angi Goodwin

Brian Amundson is the City of Eau Claire Public Works Director. Approval from the City Planning Commission will be required for the project. The following items were discussed:

1) Second Avenue and Water Street Intersection: The City has no plans for improvement or modifications to this intersection. The University will be required to demonstrate impacts to this intersection with the child care facility vehicular movement. A full-blown TIA is not required; however, the University should present the current peak-hour volumes and anticipated increase to the peak-hour volumes and turning movements. If improvements are required at this intersection due to the child care facility, it is possible that the City would share the cost of the improvements.

2) Third Avenue and Water Street Intersection: Third Avenue south of Water Street have been vacated and is no longer a public street. The east half of the previous R/W is currently University property and the west half of the previous R/W is private. The street was vacated for a distance of 197 lineal feet from the Water Street R/W. A portion of the cul-de-sac remains public (City). If changes are proposed for the cul-de-sac or service entrance, City approval would be required. The City has no plans for improvement or modifications to this intersection.

3) Parking: Brian feels that a loss of stalls could be problematic at the Planning Commission approval level, however, Darryl Tofte with the City was more involved in the University parking needs than Brian.

4) Public Transit: Water Street is a major transit route for the city. Brian recommended that the University look at the multi-modal transportation element. Currently the City does not have planned stop locations; rather operate on a “flag” stop basis. The City is working on plans to transition to planned stop locations. Location of transit stops for the “Water Street Campus Area” that includes the child care facility need to be planned.

5) Water Street Improvements: Water Street east of Second Avenue could be a future reconstruction project. Also, the First Street and Water Street intersection is currently noted as problematic due to the conflict of cyclists and pedestrians (this issue was just noted at City Council level last month). City staff will be addressing this intersection and may consider improvements in the future. Water Street from Second Avenue to the west was reconstructed in 2004, and additional modifications are not anticipated. In general, the City will be reactive to University desires for the “Water Street Campus Area”.

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