### MEETING SUBJECT
MEETING DATE: October 19, 2009
LOCATION: Schofield Hall
MEETING TIME: 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
PROJECT NAME: UW-Eau Campus Master Plan
PROJECT NUMBER: 50210.001

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**Issue Date: October 29, 2009**

JJR introduced the Campus Master Plan process and goals and asked for concerns and opinions:

- Residential and undergraduate population will remain the same with a similar on/off campus housing ratio
- Need more student living opportunity – south of Randall Park
- Expand community outreach, adult education, performing arts, & continuing education on weekends (weekends, eating, hotel)
- Need to better tie Water Street into Campus
- Campus needs weekend programs with parking for adults
- Would like a presence on Clairemont
- Open views of campus up along Clairemont
- State Office Building site is a potential for UWEC to expand
- Campus could use 3rd Ward housing stock for different programs – State Street and Summit Street, 3rd Ward
- Phillips House was given to the University and then sold back a number of years ago. The Historic Buffington House is in bad repair
- Would like a space for entertainment of guests and visitors. Other universities have a President House or a Chancellors House
- A proposed 5th and Water Street private development would have house approximately 80 students
- Nearly all residence halls are out of date
- The University needs to do a market study on residence halls. JJR will work with Rick and Mike.
- Live & Learn Facilities (they are becoming more and more popular on campuses)
- Upper campus residence halls are ugly
- Academic support area may be possible on upper campus – advising, registrar, etc.
- Accessibility is an issue
- Health & Counseling would like to be together
- Crest Center is too small (400 student waiting list). Gym, Police, Health Service; this is an odd combo.
  Counseling is buried and needs to be more accessible to students, yet should be near Dean of Students
- Multi-use residence halls?
• Health services funded by foundation
• Past Madison Street – too far from campus to be considered part of campus
• Major Event Center - City’s “clear vision” process ID’s a joint University/City Center for concerts/shows (arena – don’t use term); multi-purpose, convention/conference. (hotel, meeting rooms, etc.)
• Community and University lack modern community event center for concerts – conference, art center
• University in talks with developer about Arts Center/Convention, currently UWEC is providing leadership
• Zorn – 1951 “the Orphan building” (no one on campus takes responsibility for it)
• Access to Garfield – Garfield is a city street up to footbridge
• We do not take advantage of the riverfront. Active rafting – (alcohol concerns) – a number of drownings in river
• Some want river to stay natural, riverbank stabilization project was controversial; 1993 Garfield flooded.
• Plan for overlooks
• Putnam lot – remove for a main entrance to Putnam Park
• Parking and transportation a huge issue
• Bicycle and pedestrian – conflicts on bridge
• Athletics have discussed the desire for a dome over Simpson Field
• Where is the Grand Entry?
• Possible uses for Saint Bede Monastery:
  o Retreats
  o Environmental Center
  o University Craft Center
  o Indian Tribe
  o Musical Performance
• $30mil in Foundation

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**Athletic/Recreation**

**MEETING SUBJECT**
Davies Center – Potawatomi Room

**LOCATION**

**MEETING DATE**
October 19, 2009

**MEETING TIME**
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

**PROJECT NAME**
UW-Eau Campus Master Plan

**PROJECT NUMBER**
50210.001

**PREPARED BY**
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- Jon Hoffman  JJR

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- We are not centralized – would like more of complex, combined offices
- Currently compete with local high school for events in City facilities (Hobbs, Carson Park)
- There are approx. 120 events per year plus post season
- Athletics worked with the City to get a third rink – Ice Arena should be in good shape
- Simpson – turf field with a removable bubble would be ideal, (studies say fewer injuries occur on turf fields)
- Simpson field is not used quite often due to poor field conditions, especially in spring/fall
- The track at Simpson is in good shape
- UWEC has a strong sports program
- Outer fields at Simpson – Hammer throw – Football practice
- Soccer and softball at Bollinger – Soccer field is pretty beat up
- Bollinger Fields are very open to the public
- Lighting is an issue with Soccer at Bollinger
- Carson Park has great lighting
- Football practice fields east of Simpson needs lighting
- Field #1 at Bollinger is in bad shape
- There is a potential to look at rearranging Bollinger Fields
- Tennis courts next to Simpson Field were resurfaced in 2005, they currently need paint & fill
- UWEC has 17 sports up and running
- The 1st two weeks of the Fall semester are work outs, which leave the Simpson Fields in rough shape
- Students have to get to Hobbs’s Arena, Carson Park & Bollinger in their own personal vehicle (or bike, bus, etc.)
- Soccer has storage for equipment but limited for others
- Carson facility is beautiful, fiber optics up to field
- Zorn Arena (poor layout) visiting locker rooms can only fit 8 guys. Players/Refs/Spectators all mix in the hallways. Holds 2100 standing room only
- Would like to bring all athletics to the McPhee area
- Hmong New Year – Cultural Festival, this is the largest event held on campus
- Homecoming – University sponsors busses or shuttles to/from Carson Park
- Hobbs’s hold up to 1200 people
- The student athletics participation is unique at a D3 level. Good community involvement. Would like to see more students.
- Don’t have funding to transport students to games
- CVTC – willing to sell northern portion of property to the university
- There is a field part of State Office Building that’s used at times
- Athletics could not fund the purchase of land at CVTC
- 350 intramural teams playing until midnight
- Crest and Hilltop:
  - Crest - was designed as an academic building not at strength and conditioning center. It does not function well.
  - Hilltop – the food service roof is leaking, do not program the Hilltop Center Library with fitness.
- Use river a lot and would like better access to the river
- Putnam Park is off limits to athletic programming. Snow shoeing is used in Putnam Park
- Towers open space used a lot for informal recreation
- The area behind Sutherland Hall is used for camp fires & open stage music
- Expand the ropes course. A huge struggle for indoor space
- Currently have to hire trainers for all events because of multiple venues. Could have fewer centralized trainers if venues we centralized.
- The (8 lane) swimming pool in McPhee is in bad shape. There is a diving well.

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- We need more flexibility in our schedule due to the geographic nature of campus
  - Nursing:
    - Having the clinics on Water St is a good thing because of its location to serve students and the interaction with Clinics on Water Street
    - Upper campus is to close to Sacred Heart and CVTC which also has a nursing program
    - UWEC Nursing program is different than Sacred Heart’s Nursing training; don’t want to align with one hospital system
    - Like to be in the academic core
  - Parking is an issue, especially when cold.
  - The hill is a challenge (10 min. between classes M.W. and F. and Thurs. 15 min. between classes)
  - Nursing is using all space they are sharing community space. They have clinic in the building, but very limited simulation labs are as small as can be.
  - Nursing parking is cramped. Location: good for Campus users, not good for external users
  - Business School is comfortable with location but have cramped quarters; from 1700 – 2300 students (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. main student use. MBA program and night.)
  - Schneider Building: handicapped access is not accommodating.
  - Arts & Science: Music and Theater is quite a distance. Kjer has problems with space
  - City & Campus are interested in a joint center
  - Geitner Theater & a black box are the most pressing need
  - Crew for woman could be the next new sport. Need to have a facility near the river
  - A new academic building may be isolated on upper campus
- Tutoring Center (student services) possibly on upper campus
- Continuing education combined in one location possibly on upper campus
- Occupational and Physical Therapy near McPhee would be logical
- Need more on campus housing, currently 3900 students live on campus
- Image and Identity: We have no Gateway. – Where is the front door?
- Need a centralizing mall and to rediscover the river
- Honors College could be located on Upper Campus
- One word to describe what you want campus to be:
  - Elite
  - Quality
  - Premier
  - Residential
  - Welcoming
  - Peaceful
  - Liberal Arts Community
  - Accessible

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- Currently working on Clairemont Study; will wrap up study in November (working document)
- Water Street (Historic District): Looking at rezoning – currently looking to grow to 4-stories.
- 3rd Ward Neighborhood and Westside Neighborhood each have a Neighborhood Plan
- Carson Park and Bollinger Field have a joint City/University partnership
- Clear Vision Process – (on City Website)
- City views campus as scenic and nice although parking is an issue
- Would like to enhance student housing – 3rd Ward is more owner occupied and Historic Randall Park has a lot of rental.
- Neighborhood Plan expects higher density housing on Market Street (south of Water Street)
- Ownership has gone to 1 or 2 people along Water Street
- The University is hidden in the neighborhood
- City deeded Putnum to UW in 1957.
- Hendrickson was planned to extend to 6th Street across the river – crossing Putnam Park and the river was too difficult
- Putnam Drive is a public street
- Stein Blvd. into hospital is a private drive
- Garfield could go away from the City’s point of view. Same with University Drive
- Stein Boulevard - potential extension into campus
- Joint ramp between UWEC and CVTC is a possibility
- CVTC owns footbridge over Clairemont
- A lot of people cross at Stein Boulevard and Clairemont
- Fence around Helicopter Landing for safety, students were crossing pad.
- City wants to provide 10 min. bus service for all students
- Transit stop at Campus School – this is critical
- Fire Protection water pressure used to be an issue, but no longer
- City Bike Trail: Improvement to Putnam Park – potential trail into prairie restoration off of University Drive.
- Putnam Drive is a one-way street
- Parking: 3rd Ward parking has been an issue. Predatory parking
- Downtown destination for students:
  - Just Local Food
  - Acoustic Café
- Water Street is part of Downtown
- University Professors live in the 3rd Ward
Landmarks Commission is very concerned about 3rd Ward. They are looking to reinstitute Landmark statutes.

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- Dean of Students is located in Schofield Hall but most student housing is not close to Schofield Hall
- Health Center, Counseling and Dean of Students would like to be together
- Chuck Major – Director of Housing
- Possibility of a new Residence Hall with a Public/Private Partnership
- Thomas & Putnam Halls could go away. A good site for a new building
- Having Students up the hill creates a barrier for student services
- Like the idea of a multi-story building with residential and classrooms combined
- Housing across the river is a possibility
- Chancellors Hall was originally slated to be on the Water Street Lot
- Potential new upper campus residence hall with a commons area –300 to 500 apartment style beds
- A need for a Residence Hall Study still exists. There was no funding for the Residence Hall Housing Study in the current master planning efforts; a conservative fee for a housing study would be approx. $75,000. UWEC should program a study with UW - System
- UWEC is currently housing CVTC Students, there’s a desire for UWEC to house their own students
- CVTC site could be for Live Learn
- The last 8 to 10 years students have been in hotels:
  - America’s Best Value, south of Clairemont - houses 50 students
  - Plaza, west of campus and Sacred Heart - houses 150 students
  - 40 Freshman are in hotels this year
- Freshman and Sophomores required to live on campus although it’s not enforced for Sophomores
- Possible Residence Hall (Suite Style) behind Governor’s Hall
- Assume two new residential halls 250 beds each. Choose (3) residence hall sites in master plan
- 4000 out of 10,000 students live on campus. (3799 meal contracts) $400.00 a head per semester
- CVTC has their own food service
- Look at Food Commons/Dining

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- Footbridge is not functional – conflicts with peds/bikes/trucksters
- CCI (Clean Commute Initiative) – Look at bus service in the master plan, current transit stops do not seem logical. Faculty and Staff use bus minimally
- Every 2 years UWEC will do a Carbon Footprint update. Kate Wilson will send a link to JJR
- Bike Parking – covered and locked parking would be ideal
- Garfield Ave/Hill is an issue. State Street is dangerous for pedestrians.
- Redesign Footbridge and Garfield as a mall
- Original Garfield plan was in 2001
- Aldo Leopold Outdoor Classroom should replace Putnam Lot (attached)
- Need outdoor classrooms – should talk to Jim Bollinger (former Assistant Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Management)
- The Little Niagara has been put on low priority
- Ecology uses Putnam Park all the time
- Physical Plant is a committee to the Senate
- Pedestrian and Bike accessibility needs to be better. Movable racks are an issue and need covered spots. One big covered bike parking lot would be good
- See buildings web page; future plans need to consider pedagogy
- Putnam Park is a sacred place
- Summer 1988 in Putnam Park (personal memories were expressed)
- Would like to see a car free lower campus
- 250 person band practice next to Hass; must continue to provide space
- Look at Tyler Hall example at UW Oshkosh

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PLAN FOR AREA A Park Entrance

MULTI-USE GREEN SPACE - INDIVIDUAL BENCHES
SMALL GROUP TABLES - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
STATE NATURAL AREA ENTRANCE

ALDO LEOPOLD OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
and PUTNAM PARK ENTRANCE

KEY COMPONENTS

- PARKING LOT IS IN PUTNAM PARK
- PUTNAM PARK IS A STATE NATURAL AREA
- PROPOSED TO REPLACE PARKING LOT WITH
  A MULTI-USE PARK ENTRANCE
- MULTI-USE GREEN SPACE - INDIVIDUALS,
  SMALL GROUPS, OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
- OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CREATES MANY
  CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
- PARK'S SETTING IS A SIGNATURE SPACE - A
  LOCATION WITH THE HIGHEST
  CAPITAL VALUE ON CAMPUS
- PARK WOULD IMPROVE CAMPUS RIVERFRONT
- TRADE-OFF BETWEEN PARK AND PARKING
- ACTUAL PARK LAYOUT OF PATHS, BENCHES
  AND TABLES DESIGNED BY RANDY PALMER
  AND OTHER STAFF WITH DESIGN EXPERTISE
- UWEC will take a leadership role in
  managing significant Green Space in
  Eau Claire Community
- WHY ALDO LEOPOLD? He was a World Class
  Environmental Educator and a leading advocate
  and example of the Wisconsin Idea.

PROCEDURAL -
PHYSICAL PLANT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Senate - CURRICULAR SHARED GOVERNANCE ISSUE
WI STATUTE - CHANCELLOR’S DECISION
Also Shared Plan and incorporated feedback from
Student Senate, Third Ward Neighborhood
Association, the Lower Chippewa River Alliance
and WI DNR

- REMOVAL OF PARKING LOT SURFACE - Low cost
- SEEDING GRASS
- PATH CONSTRUCTION
- DEVELOP FUNDING STRATEGY
  WITH UWEC FOUNDATION
- BENCHES & PADS (4-6 BENCHES)
- TABLES - 2 CLUSTERS OF 3 TABLES

Color PDFs Available at http://www.uwec.edu/hartnesg/putnamplan10-18-2009.pdf

10/18/2009
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- Send wetland information to Facilities Manager
- Garfield is a concern – we should limit the vehicles that go up (especially cars)
- UWEC is moving to electric Cushman’s
- Shipping/Receiving:
  - Things are supposed to be delivered to central stores on upper campus except for Davies cafeteria
  - Two forklifts would be nice (one on upper, one on lower campus)
  - Lower campus needs a delivery area
  - Animal bedding is delivered to Science Hall for sanitary purposes
  - Haas has its own loading area
- Trucksters (currently 46 on campus) are not allowed on City Streets
- The new Electric Cushman’s can drive on City Streets (meet minimal design requirements)
- Would like to see Putnam Park maintained better – remove invasives
- Would like to improve the Little Niagara
- The slope between Chippewa River and Garfield Ave. could be improved
- Look at R.O.W. boundary where Hendrickson extension was planned to go – City owned R.O.W.
- Perched wetlands potential in Putnam Park?
- Would like a naturalized campus
- Make Garfield Ave near Hibbard more mall like
- UWEC needs more consistency and design guidelines throughout campus
- City is responsible for sewer interception on campus
- Footbridge:
  - Footbridge is used by Cushman’s
  - 5 year old footbridge study - needs maintenance
  - Wind screen on footbridge has not been studied
  - Would have to sister the piers to widen the footbridge
- Garfield – Sidewalks are too small – people walk in streets during class change
- Conveyance vehicle (up and down the hill) this is for injuries, the vehicle is not ADA accessible
- Trolling occurs in the parking lots (drive 2mph around parking lots until a space is available)
- There is always available parking in Water St. and Towers lot
- Thomas and Putnam Halls are in bad shape
- Kjer Theater is heavily used
- McPhee was built to replace Zorn, but does not
- Zorn Arena needs a replacement before demolition
- Parking pushes into the neighborhood for events, this has increased over the years
- Alternative energy potential should be explored
- Heating Plant upgrades desired

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- The front door of the University should have “One Stop Shopping” from tickets to financial aid
- Community outreach would like a non-traditional campus to serve adults
- New meeting center should be in close proximity to hotels, parking and entertainment
- Continuing Education looks for other off-campus buildings to use but this is difficult
- State Office Building is a possibility for Continuing Education
- Admissions would like to be at the front door
- UWEC is unfriendly to its constituents. An Alumni/Admissions house would be nice
- Our buildings are very utilitarian, 100 – 200 person reception space would be ideal
- New Davies is great for students but not a community draw, although student use is most important
- Parking for Continuing Education is an issue
- We do not have classroom space for adults – classroom furniture
- Flexibility in space has been working well for the Business School
- Foundation is located on the second floor of Schofield Hall and difficult to find for new comers
- Foundation has a major event in fall (Circle of Excellence) 100 – 150 people attending
- 5-6 events for the College of Business, very difficult to book – Alt: Holiday Inn/Comm. Centers
- UWEC uses CVTC for adult software training
- Hard to showcase campus
- Over the last 37 years a free music concert in Zorn Arena has been put on by the Foundation as a gift to the community
- Alumni Events happen at: Carson Park, On Campus, Council Fire, most held off-campus, Alumni is on the 2nd floor of Schofield and Weddings
- 55,000 people come to Haas for events each year
- The Foundation being able to serve the audience is more important than being located next door to the Chancellor
- Upper campus and Lower campus have very different personalities
- Governors Lot was originally green space
- Want people engaged – we do not project what we are
- Incorporate the park-like nature of lower campus on upper campus (park-like and intimate)
- UWEC needs more quality housing for the non-traditional student
- Engage the adult users/warm and welcoming, encourage the community to come on campus
- Campus signage needs updating
- The footbridge is designed for students in everyday attire, not for adults in a dress and heels
- Garfield is an issue – the hill needs to be a connector not a divider
- Garfield backs up to the river, this needs to change
- Parking is an issue everywhere
- ROTC needs a home

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- Our terrain is an issue from an accessible standpoint
- UWEC needs greener campus facilities such as covered bike parking and showers
- Carbon Footprint Study is available through UWEC
- 2008 Sustainability student fee generates $200,000 yr to help finance projects related to sustainability
- 10 years ago a parking structure was considered, the University could not justify cost in their analysis
- Tickets/Permit Fees and Meters are a source of revenue for the University
- Transit fee is applied to students tuition
- UWEC needs a parking study which includes TDM measures (assume loss of parking during construction projects)
- CCI would like to reduce parking numbers. Maybe offer incentives to use alternate transportation
- Looks like campus will have a net loss of parking spaces after Davies construction
- Possibility to move resident parking off-site but have to be sure to not lose students
- Regional Transportation:
  - Jefferson Bus Line – Downtown
  - Greyhound Bus Line – Outside the city limits and not accessible by city bus
- Greyhound used to come to campus but no longer does
- Moped parking is an issue; campus needs a policy in place for mopeds. We must provide a place for mopeds before we enforce any rules or policies. Moped use is increasing
- Mopeds are driving in places where they should not be
- Need for covered/locked bike parking
- Towers Hall and the Library have covered parking (under building not stand alone structures)
- Possibility of vertical bike parking as seen in Grant Park, Chicago
- Walking/Biking conflicts on either end of Footbridge
- Campus Mall should be free of bikes
- Tram (or funicular) up and down Garfield – should be able to hold bikes and wheelchairs. This could be an attraction
- Everything on campus should be accessible
- Hibbard Park (small lot) handicapped - we have a lot of handicapped parking.
- Conveyance vehicle – used by Residence Hall Students with temporary disability (M – F or on call)
- City Bus – UWEC needs a central transit hub with shelters
- The area around Hibbard Hall could be better lit at night
- Staircase through Putnam Park is a bit dark at night

Attached:
Kristin Blake submitted the attached CCI recommendations

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tried to do some initial organization of some thoughts that we've mentioned in the past, along with the recent mails. I'm not on campus so I don't have access to all of my CCI notes, so feel free to add additional thoughts I may have forgotten. I also tried to identify which projects could theoretically be done in the short term, long term, and longer term :).

Short term (0-3 years)

- Clearly identified crosswalks in places around campus that make sense with current pedestrian traffic flow. The university should purchase signs for the road during high traffic times reminding vehicular traffic that pedestrians have the right of way. Ideal locations would be at Park and Summit, State and Roosevelt and State and State and Lincoln.
- Continue to paint crosswalks/steeps with paint that contains abrasives to make walking to/from campus safer during rainy/snowy conditions
- Make bus and bike access central and well marked. Everyone should know where to catch the bus and where they can go for long term/short term/covered/uncovered bike parking and storage

Preferred parking in university lots for those who rideshare/car pool to campus

- Better identification of bike and pedestrian paths through and around campus. Identify the routes that would be safest for both audiences and clearly mark them.

Accessible indoor bike storage for current students wishing to bring bikes to campus but would like to keep them inside.

- Short term bike storage for commuters coming to campus during the day wishing to bring their bikes inside.
- Additional showers for commuters or easier access to those showers that already exist on lower and upper campus.

Mid Range (3-5 years)

- Covered bike racks, on lower and upper campus. Perhaps in front of Schofield, the new student center, Towers and McPhee. Make them accessible and attractive.
- Covered bus shelter on lower and upper campus. Grants available help with cost through the Federal Transit Authority.

Long Term (5-10 years)

- Pedestrian only lower campus. Close off Garfield Ave. after the Schofield turnaround and make it into a pedestrian mall. Reroute vehicular traffic up the hill.
- Redesigned footbridge to accommodate an increase in bike traffic and make it safer for pedestrian and bicyclists alike.
- Bike lanes on all streets that university controls (University Dr. and Garfield?)
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- UWEC needs to consider a parking structure
- Should make it a more pedestrian friendly campus
- Parking is too cheap, if students had to pay more they may consider alternative transportation
- Large amount of traditional and non-traditional students
- Students drive their personal vehicles to/from Intramural Fields often
- More City bus stops on and around campus would be helpful
- A lot of off campus students live near Carson Park
- Students like the freedom to live on their own
- Once students live off campus they rarely get to upper campus (exceptions: McPhee and Crest)
- All housing off-campus is a 12 month lease; on-campus has 9 month lease which is nice
- City should expand routes for bus service over to the shopping mall and Wal-Mart for work
- A grocery store on lower campus would be nice (something similar to Just Local Foods)
- Some students like the separation of upper and lower (academic vs. living)
- Additional academic space on Water Street is preferred over academic space on upper campus
- One Residence Hall on lower campus would be OK
- 2 to Tango holds dance classes on tennis court next to Towers Hall
- The City provides transportation from campus to Carson Park for football games
- Hockey Games are well attended
- On-campus programming:
  - Virgin Bourbon Street
  - Tunnel of Oppression
  - RHA (Resident Hall Association)
  - NHA (National Hall Association)
  - UAC (University Activities Commission)
- Council Fire Room is used for events but there’s nothing large enough to host large events
- Counseling is in Bridgman Hall
- Students feel generally safe on campus
• Lighting for bike parking could be improved
• Why did you select UWEC?
  o Likes the small campus feel
  o beautiful campus
  o small classroom and close with Professors
  o It has a nice Liberal Arts setting
  o The UWEC spelled out in shrubs
  o more welcoming than other schools visited
  o great size/number of students
• UWEC needs to improve/update technology
• Footbridge is somewhat an entry to lower campus
• The Visitor Center is strange
• Putnam Park is used a lot; the Putnam Lot should be turned into green space. There is a potential for a staircase behind Putnam Hall toward Garfield Ave.
• There is a long waiting list for student health service
• Health services on Water Street could be a possibility
• Coal Fire Power Plant – the source of coal is from mountain top removal

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- Clear Vision Eau Claire (see city website)
- We now need to think of this as an urban campus
- Where is the heart of the Campus?
- Park and Roosevelt is the front door but others say different
- The University has created many entrances into campus
- Fine Arts Building is the front door (traditional entry along Water Street)
- Part of the City bike trails are on old railroad beds
- UWEC signage needs to better guide residents/students
- CVTC – UWEC connection is not very good
- UWEC in conjunction with CVTC could be a real educational mecca
- Should not increase traffic on Garfield Ave. though the neighborhood
- Parking in neighborhood is growing to the east (all the way up to Rust Street)
- Water Street lot is never full - $95 a year for Water Street lot
- South Clairemont Neighborhood was built post World War II
- Hibbard Building and Park Street general maintenance is an issue
- The 3rd Ward Neighborhood is more concerned about UWEC taking more property from neighborhood
- Night lighting is a city wide issue but more so on University property
- Going vertical is not an issue with the 3rd Ward Neighborhood
- Buffington House – C1 Zoning
- Music school is a huge benefit to the community
- Randall Park neighborhood and the 3rd Ward Neighborhood each have websites
- Randall Park Neighborhood fought increased density housing on Water Street
- See the 2005 City Master Plan – located on the City website
- Currently there are no absentee landlord policies in place
- The Randall Park Neighborhood has down-zoned to R1-R2
- New housing near Water Street is good, although there is a concern current rentals would become “crack houses”
- Address the people that come to campus for the first time
- Foundation/Alumni Center at State and Garfield could be acceptable to the neighborhood
- Landlords are concerned they will lose their rental property if UWEC creates more on-campus housing
- Hibbard Lot could work well for a Visitors Center, Alumni, and/or Foundation House
- Parking ramp over Water Street lot is not seen as an issue by the neighborhood if there is a need

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DISCUSSION:

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss engineering issues on the UWEC campus for consideration in development of the Campus Master Plan. Wolmutt stated JJR team was in the early stages of Master Plan development. Three alternative concepts would be developed for consideration by February with the preferred plan to follow several months after. The team includes Architects, Planners, LA’s, and Civil Engineers. Civil Engineer’s role is to identify technical/engineering issues that may impact feasibility of Master Plan.

Permit –Regulatory Issues:

Gensko provided an overview of campus development from the City’s engineering perspective. The City funds stormwater management and DNR stormwater permit compliance requirements through a stormwater utility. UWEC is a major customer and pays fees to the utility through ERU’s (Equivalent Runoff Units based on amount of impervious area). In return for UWEC fees, the City services include performing permit compliance activities such as sediment loading calculations and information/education activities for the campus. The City and UWEC are currently co-permittees under the DNR NPDES Stormwater Permit. The City prepares and submits annual reports to DNR based on information the City receives from UWEC (through Terry). DNR has allowed NR 151 sediment reduction requirements to be addressed regionally through the permit. This means the City and UWEC’s sediment loading is calculated jointly, rather than individually. Currently, the joint TSS reduction is at roughly 40%, in compliance with mandated 2013 reduction goals.

As a result of this relationship, the City’s primary objective (from a stormwater management standpoint) in review of the Master Plan is that new buildings, lots, etc. be developed with provision for Best Management Practices (BMP’s) that meet the DNR NR 151 Redevelopment Standards, effective at the time of development (these are currently 40%, but may increase in the future). While it is likely that individual projects that occur over the planning period will increase impervious areas, the overall trend may be a reduction in impervious area due to the likelihood that much of the University’s growth will be vertical, rather than lateral due to limited available space. City and DNR staff agreed that replacement of surface parking with rooftop may be considered a “BMP” since rooftop runoff is generally cleaner than parking lot runoff.

The City will likely not require compliance with the stormwater detention quantity component of their ordinance (100-year post construction volume) for work on campus due to its proximity to the river. Campus staff does not wish to see extensive surface detention systems due to space limitations. City staff will provide documentation of this upon request from Campus staff.

DNR staff stated that Little Niagara Creek is considered a Navigable Stream. This means new construction projects on the banks of the stream will require Chapter 30 permits.
Floodplain/Flooding Issues:

The lower campus includes lands currently shown in the Little Niagara Creek floodplain and in the Chippewa River floodplain. Campus staff believes the Little Niagara floodplain limits are based on backwater from high Chippewa River stages. A flood control gate was installed on the Little Niagara to prevent the River from backing into the creek. Campus staff closes the gate when the river rises and creek flows are discharged to the river by pumping. This structure has reduced lower campus flooding significantly.

Campus is considering relocating the Children’s Center to a site partially in the floodplain. The flood fringe portion of the site would be filled to accommodate the building and the floodway portion avoided. The City would be responsible for reviewing this and enforcing floodplain management requirements. Gensko stated that FEMA has recently issued revised floodplain maps for the Chippewa River. These should be reviewed by translating FEMA flood elevations to City contour mapping to provide accurate floodplain limits as a basis for planning.

Flooding has occurred on the upper campus at a City storm sewer outfall near University Drive. The City’s Mondovi Road storm sewer project, planned next summer, will divert a portion of the tributary area from this system and may help reduce flooding. Campus also has experienced nuisance flooding near Towers Hall and other low areas associated with the Upper Campus Storm Sewer System. Recent City changes to the storm sewer system to the south may also help alleviate flooding to this system. Campus has requested funding to analyze this system in greater detail, but has been denied DSF funding in the past.

Other Utilities/Issues:

In general, Campus staff believes with modifications that have occurred, utilities appear to be functioning adequately. Sanitary sewer backups appear to have been generally resolved by flood reduction projects. However, the system has not been extensively “tested” since the 1993 flood event. Water pressure is generally sufficient since resolution of prior operational issues.

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