DRAFT Facilities/Sustainability Committee Minutes from October 20th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

Present: Deanna Horvath, Ernie Jones, Heidi Ulrech, Mary Hargiss, Dyan Miller, Ashley Landicho, Tina Inzerilla, Jonathan McMurtry (Lionakis Architects), Bruce Rich (PB), Ann Kroll (PB), and Mike Ansell (Chair).

Discussion of the charge was postponed to the November meeting because a number of voting members were not present.

Ann Kroll presented an update on Measure B construction (posted to grapevine):

-The Library renovation is on schedule for completion in Winter 2015.
-The Amphitheater project has begun. The grass is being removed and there will be colored concrete installed instead. The aisles will remain the same width.
-Renovation of facilities for the Veteran's Center (1310/20), Ricoh and the mailroom(1700) are ongoing. Building 900 (formerly the Transfer Center) has been converted into a classroom. Building 1000 will be demolished after Ricoh and Veteran's Center have been relocated.
-Work on completing last year's small project list is ongoing.

Prop 39 Energy Grants: Year 1 Grant– Total $581,000 (Chabot +LPC): Roadway and Parking Lot LED have been replaced across campus. Each light replaced represents a change from 172W low pressure sodium to a 75W LED light with better light quality and illumination. Cumulative energy savings are significant. Year 2 Grant- Total $459,000 (Chabot + LPC): Campus walkway and exterior Building LED replacement in planning stages.

Architect Jonathan McMurtry from Lionakis Architects presented an update on planning for Building 100, the new Academic Classroom Building. He presented "massing studies" showing the rough volume and footprint of the new building including an atrium in the center of the building. This will also be presented at Town Hall in November. This two story building will sit where 100, 200, and 300 are now. The most recent plans avoid building on top of numerous underground utility lines. Old oak trees near building 100 will also be preserved in the current plan.

Bike Path Connections were discussed. (maps posted to grapevine). There is a bike path owned by Shea Homes on the south side of the campus, along the loop road, but it is not complete and is not connected to the lower campus. Shea Homes would like to turn the trail over to the City, but the City of Livermore will not accept it until it is complete. There have been several sightings of people, even elderly people, climbing over the fence and walking across the roadway. People have also been lifting their bikes over the fence or going through the bushes and off the curb into the roadway in at the campus entrance. Ideally, it should be connected to both the campus and the local network of bike trails in the Livermore Valley.

-The first proposal was to connect the trail at the center of campus, near the bus loop. This would require cutting a hole in the fence, painting a crosswalk, and installing two stop signs at the intersection (which would help calm speeders on the loop road), and cutting out a curb. This project would be paid for with campus funds. The committee came to a unanimous consensus that we should move forward

with this project. The only discussion was on the exact placement of the crosswalk and if the crosswalk could be raised. Jonathan McMurtry worked on a similar project at Chico State University and found that a raised crosswalk slowed traffic and increased safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

-The second discussion concerned how to complete the west end of the trail and connect it with the existing bike path across Collier Canyon Road. One proposal preferred by Shea Holmes was to use the existing, uncontrolled crosswalks at the entrance of the campus. This would require pedestrians and bikes to cross the loop road twice as cars are arriving at high speeds around a blind corner at the entrance of campus. Then they would proceed along a narrow sidewalk on the bridge across the creek and then cross a new crosswalk across 4 lanes of Collier Canyon Road. The committee agreed that this was a dangerous and impractical solution. Bicyclists are likely to ignore this route and arrive on campus on the dangerous right hand turn instead of taking the three crosswalks. The original solution proposed years ago was to complete the trail with a bike and pedestrian bridge directly across the creek on the south side of the loop road without crossing it. Shea homes is concerned about expense and mitigation, but it appears this is the only viable solution. After crossing the creek, bikes and pedestrians could either proceed along the sidewalk on Collier Canyon Road, or cross Collier Canyon Road.

Deanna Horvath made a motion to endorse the bike/pedestrian bridge option south of the loop road and recommend a stoplight across Collier Canyon Road near the campus entrance to better control the speeding traffic and allow crossing for the many residents across the street. Dyan Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

Doug Horner emailed information to present to the committee about Electric Vehicle Charging stations. There is a settlement that will provide up to $20,000 for 10 charging stations on campus. These for stations will be installed at no charge to LPC. Initially, they will be leased for about $29 per month to users for the first 1.5 to 2 years and then they will be turned over to the campus. Renters will have their own spot reserved with their names on a sign for each station. This is being presented to the committee for information only and will be taken to Board on October 21st.

A quorum was reached and minutes were reviewed and approved from the September 2014 meeting. The vote was unanimous but for one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 2:30pm in 1687.