



Campus Planning Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: July 15, 2020

Members Present: Jerry Anthony, Liz Crooks, Kristi Finger, Craig Just, Barbara Mooney

Others: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Joe Bilotta, Don Guckert, Flavia Hauss,
Rod Lehnertz, Adele Vanarsdale, Chet Wieland

BANNER REQUEST – DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

A request to install three vertical banners reading Black Lives Matter between the columns of the Old Capitol for the duration of approximately one year was presented.

Committee members were reminded of the current banner policy and the role of the Campus Planning Committee in maintaining the built campus environment.

Questions and comments during discussion included:

- Has the Charter Committee on Diversity had an opportunity to review?
- The proposal was shared with the Freedom Riders' organization and no comment having been received at the time of the presentation.
- This being a gesture only and whether it is a part of a larger campus movement.
- Time, manner, and place of this installation need to be considered. Proposal not consistent with some of the time, place, manner guidelines in the Operations Manual.
- This is a political message.
- It would be precedent setting – what if someone wanted to place banners on Old Capitol stating say “M.A.G.A” – we would not be able to refuse permits based on content.
- It becomes a University message if placed on the Old Capitol.
- Embrace a comprehensive, substantive, and far reaching restructuring of UI operations and not engage in just virtue signaling
- BLM is also an organization and not just a message.
- Programmatic messages are acceptable – tie it to an exhibit and broadcast more broadly.
- What about other banner space across campus – is this siloed messaging?
- Longevity of the message and the emotions behind them coming down.
- Is there a different way of showing BLM sentiment?
- The Old Capitol as an iconic photo spot.

CPC members were very supportive of the sentiment behind the banners request. But given the iconic status of the requested location, the political nature of the message (including the fact that BLM is a political organization) and the significant precedent that approving this request would set, CPC would only be supportive of the proposal as part of an exhibit in the Old Capitol museum on the themes of racial and social justice (with a few changes to the size and shape of the banners to make them compliant with UI banner policy's size/shape rules, and a shorter duration of display). CPC would also like the Committee on DEI to consider if the message on the proposed banners is too narrow.

WIRELESS ACCESS HUBBARD PARK

To accommodate anticipated increased activity at Hubbard Park beginning with the Fall Semester, CIMT has approved the addition of six or seven wireless access points (poles) around the parameter of the park. The poles are approximately 10 feet tall and 4-inch square and can be painted to best blend with the environment they are placed.

Discussion included how long-term solutions could be incorporated into the short-term installation, such as infrastructure; new technologies such as iPavement; and power distribution at Hubbard Park.

COVID AND CAMPUS PLANNING

A quick summary of activities on campus regarding efforts being taken to ready campus facilities for the return of students and the beginning of classed.