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To: FIU Faculty Senate Environment & Planning Committee

Re: MINUTES for Wednesday, 18SEP2013 Meeting

Dear E&P Committee Members,

The following minutes are submitted for your approval:

In attendance:

Faculty Senate: Delano Gray (Chairperson of the Faculty Senate)

Committee: Roberto Rovira (CARTA / Landscape Architecture), Yon Cai (A&S), Peter Craumer (A&S via video conference from BBC)

Ex-officio: Ryan Vogel (Office of Sustainability / FIU Preserve), Robert Griffith (Facilities)

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1. **Votes:** The committee held a vote for the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as follows:
 - a. *Chair:* Roberto Rovira
 - b. *Vice Chair:* Peter Craumer
 - c. *New Members Confirmed:* David Rifkind, Assoc. Professor (CARTA / Architecture); Xia Jin, Assistant Professor (Engineering / Civil & Environmental Engineering)

2. **Discussion:**
 - a. *MMC Hotel* concept is being explored
 - i. Location: west of new parking garage, in front of PCA
 - ii. President Rosenberg is very interested in implementing soon
 - iii. Hotel Consultant/Specialist hired to study viability
 1. Thomas Blake (hotel consultant) from San Francisco retained by CFO: PKF Consultants (hotel consulting services)
 - a. Hotel and Conference Center noted in current and future Master Plan
 - b. Bob Griffith: was interviewed by PKF
 - c. Sufficient demand for hotel might be an issue: need to have a ongoing stream of visitors for it to be successful
 1. TO DO: Ask CFO for update in future meeting with EPC
 - b. *Parking Garage 6 (PG6)* plans well underway
 - c. *BBC North Miami Access:* access is still an issue
 - i. Bob Griffith: there is an elevated road already (walked by Bob Griffith, Steve Sauls, and Perkins-Will consultant)
 1. More of a bike/pedestrian path
 2. May be able to provide shuttle service as well
 3. Biscayne Landing (mixed use development between Biscayne Blvd. and Oleta River Park, west of FIU's BBC campus) is building 6k beds
 4. Delano Gray & Bob Griffith: issue of safety is still a concern for FIU
 - a. Delano G.: Steve Sauls met with new mayor and mayor is receptive
 - b. No timeline for implementation of new road
 - c. Bob G.: 1st public hearing on Master Plan held in Dec. 15, closing of comments in October 18
 - d. FIU was heard: Facilities was able to get 143rd access re-considered
 5. Bob Griffith: Stuart Grant from FIU Facilities identified "School Board Community Traffic Safety Team" and followed up:

"Vivian Villamil is the chair of the 'School Board Community Traffic Safety Team' that we presented to last Friday [13SEP2013]. I think she works for Miami-Dade County Schools. The committee agreed to have future subcommittee meetings to further investigate sidewalk options but Vivian Villaamil cautioned that the Safe Route to Schools money was not intended for routes between High Schools and Universities.

We need to convince them that the sidewalk we are proposing will also enhance safety for kids walking to David Lawrence K-8 even though the sidewalk does not yet connect all the way down to the 135Th Street Bike and Pedestrian path."

- d. *Pier Dredging For Marine Science:*
 - i. Bob G.: it has been determined that there will not be a need of dredging
- e. *Royal Caribbean Cruises (RLC):*
 - i. Bob Griffith: two parts to RLC facility that would provide opportunities for FIU:
 - 1. Facilities for performance, rehearsal and production to train RLC staff
 - 2. Housing: for our students
 - ii. FIU has master lease and would sublease in 5 to 4 year increments
 - iii. First step was to get BOT approval, which was done:
 - 1. Then it goes to Division of State Lands: planning for November 5th meeting
 - 2. Trustees for Internal Improvement Funds (TIF): governs all state lands
 - 3. Master Plan already reflects the RLC facilities, but still waiting for BOT Master Plan approval
- f. *MAST Academy: does Masterplan reflect it?*
 - i. Bob Griffith: defer to Ken Jessel about specifics; only temporary buildings right now; FIU is providing classrooms for MAST academy; starting with 100 students, phased up to 1200 students (9th graders) as the class of 2020
 - 1. No building plans or Ed Specs yet
 - 2. License agreement has to be established still
 - ii. Peter Craumer: BBC is already full and can't accommodate more students from MAST (Peter forced to teach classes at Wolf Center, for example)
 - iii. Delano Gray: Take a look at Master Plan and see priorities
 - iv. Bob Griffith: Biscayne Landing's 6k beds is 20 years out
 - 1. Biscayne Landing was trying to convince planning advisory and council at public committee meetings, but planning advisory council rejected the plan and fired their planner (rehired another planner)
 - a. Steve Sauls, VP of is actively engage with BBC issues
 - i. TO DO: INVITE Steve Sauls and Ken Jessel to future EPC meetings to discss BBC updates & "University City Prosperity" Tiger Grant
- g. *Recycling on Campus:*
 - i. Inconsistent recycling on campus
 - 1. Adopting campaign to educate/prioritize the issue (like "Breathe Easy")
 - ii. Ask Ruth Hamilton, Executive Director Student Affairs, about recycling program report
 - 1. TO DO: Invite Ruth to EPC meeting
 - 2. Ryan Vogel: There are contractual issues with enforcing and implementing Recycling
 - a. Need to standardize colors (blue=Recycling)
 - i. Pilot test at Betty Chapman plaza in PC: different color lids
 - ii. Need infrastructure for Recycling Program to be successful
 - iii. Office of Sustainability can help with the small scale efforts
- h. *Continuing Services for Landscape Architecture*
 - i. Bermello Ajamil (BA) hired over the summer as Continuing Services for Landscape Architect
 - ii. How does Continuing Services contract work for Bermello Ajamil (BA)
 - 1. Bob Griffith:
 - a. any projects under \$2M can be done by BA
 - b. 1st task is to have panther in BBC (placement: in courtyard space by library)
 - c. FIU has good grounds-keeping and horticulture staff headed by Mark Salemi, although they are not designers
 - d. Hiring Bermello-Ajamil will depend on needs and scope of project
 - e. BA asked to come up with list of capital improvements and

