Aesthetics Committee Meeting
November 8th 2013
11:30am Palanakila 117

Members Present:
Paul Nash, Ryan Koo, Toni Martin, Lillian Cunningham, Kevin Ishida, Mariko Kershaw,
Deacon Hanson, Joe Ciotti, Charles Whitten, Floyd McCoy

Guests: KYA Consultants: Glenn Yokotake, Alisa Carson, and Joann Griffith

Agenda:

1. Approve October minutes
2. KYA Consultants

   1. Minutes were approved at the end of the meeting.
   2. KYA Consultants went over the design process and answered questions from the committee. The consultants also took suggestion from the committee about some of the design issues. Parking, fencing, lighting, drop off of students, walkways, and future buildings.

1. Updating the Master plan requires ongoing consultation and negotiation with a variety of groups including State Historic Preservation, the Hospital, and other neighbors etc. Boundary issues are especially tough and varied.

2. The hospital has a serious plan to build a non-forensic residential facility in the section below where Bishop Hall is now located. This plan is probably unstoppable despite objection from Historic Preservation and desire of the campus to take over that area.

3. The section below the road where the Law Library Microfilm Consortium is storing books is still in contention. Historic Preservation folks are interested in saving that building, too, as a mid-century architectural relic.

4. Iolani Bldg is OK for us to continue to use until we work out how to deal with the maintenance area, which the hospital still uses. Plans are incomplete.

5. Relations with the hospital are apparently better than they were in past, but issues like boundary markers are still to be worked out. Suggestion by committee: a natural boundary fence such as one made of bamboo.

6. Individual homeowners below the level of the Palanakila parking lot and beyond the maintenance area are apparently using college land for gardens and other purposes. May require individual contracts. Part of this area could be a site for future parking, perhaps a multi-story building, which has its top on, and the same level as the campus with parking below.
7. Forest area downhill of Hale A'o is now partly fenced, in an attempt to keep out homeless campers, but incomplete fence makes effort only minimally successful. **Suggestion by committee:** Area needs plan for future use such as for parking or residences for international students.

8. An urgent need is a plan for more parking. Consultants have been carefully monitoring parking at all times of day and weeks. Parking is much influenced by class scheduling as well as by perceived student and faculty needs. Historic Preservation folks prefer no parking around buildings. Where to put more parking?

9. Outdoor lighting will be changed by Johnson Controls next semester to LED lights. Consultants warned that LED lights make sharp contrast between lighted areas and dark areas, making the dark areas seem darker. **Committee suggested** being careful to maintain dark night skies for aesthetic reasons and for night sky viewing. Lights should shine downward. Lighting should be appropriate, safe, and not excessive.

10. Walkways will be part of the plan. **Suggestions by committee:** allowing easy access around the campus without breaking up grassy areas, and providing access to theater from parking lot without going through Palanakila lobby.

11. Plan for trees will be included. **Committee suggestion:** old trees will not last indefinitely, need a plan including what kind of trees and where to plant trees now to maintain looks and shade for campus in future.

12. **Committee suggests** historic aspects of architecture need to be maintained including arches, lanais, and tiled roofs. Consultants questioned whether despite their beauty tile roofs are ultimately appropriate for our wet area.

Meeting ended at 12:50 pm.

Recorded by Lillian Cunningham

Paul Nash
Aesthetics Chair