Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2003

In Attendance:  Marj Aelion, Bruce Coull, Jim Demarest, Mike Koman, George Lampl, Shealy McCoy, Scott Reynolds  
Guests:  Charlie Jeffcoat  
Staff and Students:  Gayle Crutchlow, Matt Rota, Scott Weidner

Next Meeting:   TBA – September, 2003

Short Items:

Scott Weidner reported on the progress of the Bicycle committee. They have been working hard to get a report ready to present to Dr. Sorensen. The bike rack survey is now posted on the EAC website, and the bike report has been written, but will need to go through some editing before it is ready to present to Dr. Sorensen. Bruce suggested that the report first be edited by he and Trish, and then sent to Jim Demarest and Charlie Jeffcoat for further review. Marj suggested that the committee also contact Derrick Huggins of Parking services and let him know of their need for bike rack money before the end of the year, since he might not have any to spare after the next round of budget cuts. (Note: We have since learned that Mr. Huggins responded to earlier versions of the bike rack survey by spending approximately $4,000 on bike racks--the maximum he can squeeze from his budget.)

Mike Koman discussed Move Out 2003, appropriately titled “Give It Up.” Every residential hall on campus has collection bins on every floor for electronics, toiletries, clothes, etc. Certain buildings have pick-ups for furniture, cinder blocks, etc. Laura’s office plays a role in this as well by transporting the collectibles to certain charities. At this point, carpet and furniture are still going to the landfill, but the kids aren’t putting this stuff in the trash receptacle, and that is saving the Housing Department a lot of wasted time and effort. Mike also reported that the girls’ dorms are already filling up the clothes collection bins on their floors. Overall, the process is running very smoothly and it continues to improve with each passing year. Most exciting is the fact that student’s are looking and asking for the collection bins at the end of the year and taking possession of the program.

Updating the Campus Master Plan:

Charlie Jeffcoat, University Architect and Director of Facilities Services and Construction, was able to present the 2003 Campus Master plan update to the EAC members present.

In 1994 the company hired to evaluate the Campus Master plan determined that there was a great need for parking central to the campus hub, the Russell House. That led to Bull Street parking garage being built. At that time there was also an expansion to the West and South around Waterfront Park. In 1997, the proposal for East Quad Housing and the
Strom Thurmond Wellness Center were put in. In 2001, the Carolina Center, the Greek Village, and West Quad Housing were added to the Master plan.

Progress to date:

- The National Advocacy Center, completed March 1998 ($30 Million)
- Campus Environment has been improved by renovating areas such as the path from Blossom Street to the library, adding the Bull Street Parking garage, and turning the parking lots in front of Thomas Cooper into green space.
- McMaster College Renovation/Addition, completed August 1999 ($10 Million)
- Sloan College Renovation
- Graduate Science Research Facility, completed January, 2000 ($35 Million)
- 1600 Hampton Street Acquisition, July 2002 ($19.6 Million)
- Calcott Building Renovation
- McCutchen House Addition
- Strom Thurmond Wellness Center
- Carolina Center ($56 Million)
- South and East Quad Residence Halls
- Maxcy College and Capstone Dormitory Renovations
- Greek Housing

The total for construction expenditures for all of the projects to date is $280.4 Million.

Other improvements have come in the way of street-scaping, such as the recent work done to Sumter Street. Additional street-scaping is desired on Assembly Street, Green Street, and a few other select locations, but those projects are still just a vision.

Future projects that USC would like to see happen include:

- Moving the Law School to the Art Museum site ($60 Million)
- Building a recital hall near the Koger Center ($20 Million)
- Adding a rare books room to the Thomas Cooper Library ($10 Million)
- Renovating Petigru and LeConte
- Street scaping on Hamilton and Barnwell Streets
- Moving or renovating the School of Public Health
- Renovating the Jones Physical Science Building
- Continuation of deferred maintenance

Future EAC Issues:

A discussion of the Greek Village and the fact that it is its own entity came up regarding waste management and recycling. Currently there are no contracts in place with USC to handle their trash disposal. As far as anyone knows, they are not recycling at all. George was going to study their lease and get back to Bruce about whether or not they can be forced to use USC facilities in order to dispose of their waste. Bruce and George are
going to look into ways that we could get the Greeks to recycle on their out of their own good will. This will be a good project to work on throughout the fall semester.

Additions to the EAC committee:

- Mike Matthews will replace Michael Amiridis for the Chemical Engineering Department
- Charlie Jeffcoat will replace Ed Bass of Construction Services
- Mike Scheffres has already replaced Liz Bohlke for University Dining Services
- Christopher Preston in Philosophy will replace Susan Cutter in Geography

Submitted by Gayle Crutchlow