

Building & Grounds Committee

3/5/26 Meeting Minutes

Members In Attendance:

Aeric Gunnels – Human Ecology
Robert Scarbrough – Director, Facilities – Maintenance & Repairs
Conrad Murray Proxy for Elisabeth Humphrey – College of Engineering
Bobbi Severt – Exercise Science
Torri Cheney – Facilities, Custodial Services
Fred Nichols – Director, University Police
Ed Beason – Director, Student Affairs
Scott McCrary – Manager, Facilities – Grounds
Steven Click – Civil & Environmental Engineering
Leigh Waggoner – Accounting
Joshua Edmonds – Manager, Residential Life
Emma Parson – Student
Dan Warren – VP of Facilities & Business Services
Committee Executive Officer
Michele Chumley – *Committee Administrative Services*

Absent Members: *Link to meeting recording emailed to absent members*

Leigh Ann Ray – Health Services
Tammy Boles – Environmental Sciences
Corey Heineman – Student
Hope Boynton – Student

1. Meeting was called to order, and a quorum was perceived at 11:00 AM by Vice-Chair Joshua Edmonds.
2. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds, entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Torri Cheney and seconded by Ed Beason. With no objections, motion passed.
3. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds, entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes from 1/22/26. Motion was made by Ed Beason and seconded by Fred Nichols. With no objections, motion passed.
4. Vice-Chair Joshua Edmonds had no opening comments.
5. Old Business
 - a. AIEB bike rack(s): *Dan Warren is working on a meeting with Elisabeth Humphrey and the Dean* to discuss location and size needed, thinking of the North Side entrance off Stadium Drive but will need their buy in first.
 - b. Foundation alley lighting: Bob Scarbrough confirmed the lighting is installed/complete.

- c. Pavers Contractor: *Bob Scarbrough stated we need to discuss this further to see if we need a separate contract for maintenance and will meet with Shana Rich.* Dan shared the continued need for maintaining the pavers near the crossover to Henderson Hall parking lot.
 - d. Accessibility Update: Dan Warren shared that at Jere Whitson there was a door opener installed away from the ADA entrance (North Side). *They are now investigating installing the door opener on that North Side with a new unit as relocating the existing one will not work.*
 - e. Bell Hall Hand Washing Hot Water: Bob Scarbrough confirmed the water heater was replaced and is working well.
 - f. No Miscellaneous Old Business
- 6. Miscellaneous New Business:
 - a. No Miscellaneous New Business.
- 7. Status of Landscape Projects: Scott McCrary
 - a. Scott shared that Spring is here and soon we will start seeing well over 4,000 tulips planted in Fall.
 - b. Scott shared that thanks to DeLayne Miller in Sustainability, through the Tree Grant project, 55 trees have been planted in the past two weeks. They will help with the Landscape Master Plan. They were 15+ feet tall. Most were planted at Lab Science replacing struggling trees due to soil issues, but they added enhancements to the soil with the new trees. There were also magnolias planted at The Burn. During Spring Break additional trees will be planted at Capital Quad.
 - c. Scott informed everyone that they are working on cleaning out beds, mulching, edging, weeding, and spreading grass seeds.
- 8. Status of Facilities Projects – Robert Scarbrough
 - a. Bell Hall auditorium: utility line (hot water) ruptured underground; Bob shared that they switched to the chilled water lines to get heat in the building, and they *should get it repaired/replaced over Spring Break.*
 - b. Matt-Dan digging steam lines: Bob shared that there has been good progress and are about half done. They are hoping to wrap up in the next 3-4 days (fixing sidewalks, ground, etc.).
 - c. Memorial Gym: Bob shared that the issue behind Memorial Gym is bigger than they thought. There is a sinkhole and they have had a contractor come to shore up the walls for safety. They are waiting for a price to fix the broken pipes they discovered.
 - d. Bob shared that there is a sinkhole in the parking lot across from the baseball field. Bob said it looks like a separation and a couple of pipes underground. *They have not started on that area yet.*
- 9. Such Other Matters
 - a. Dan Warren shared that this summer is going to be intense for sidewalks and parking lots on campus:
 - 1. East Side of Whitney adding sidewalks

2. In May they will be closing the parking lot between Southwest Hall & STEM for the beginning of the ACME Building construction.
 3. Wings Up Way will be closed in that area between STEM and the construction site.
 4. Installing additional sidewalks on Wings Up Way by The Burn.
 5. Installing Sidewalks on the south side of 10th (just north of the Facilities Building) to parallel the north side of 10th sidewalks (near Child Development Lab)
 6. The north side of 10th sidewalks will be closed at some point due to the construction of the JJ Oakley Residence Hall
 7. Child Development Lab parking lot will be repaired and repaved
 8. Behind the Volpe Library: Lighting Project under way where multiple light poles will be installed followed by a parking lot modification currently under design that will include installing sidewalks on Stadium Drive
 - b.* Fred Nichols asked if there will be fencing up to keep the students out of the construction site when Wings UP Way is closed (See a. 3. Above). Dan Warren confirmed there will be chain link fence with two gates (entrance and exit) with locks that the contractor will open and close. Dan stated the plan is to have the students walk around (see a. 1., a. 4., and a. 5. above).
 - c.* Dan Warren shared that he attended a meeting on the 19th of last month with TDOT on the widening of Willow. TDOT is looking to purchase 51 tracts in the right of way from TECH (Purple) Bridge to TECH on Willow, which may impact some places like Pizza Hut due to size. Dan shared that TECH is donating our tracts to enable us to ask for what we need.
 - d.* Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds reminded the committee members that this is the last meeting of the fiscal year. He thanked Michele Chumley for keeping things organized this year.
10. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds, entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Ed Beason and seconded by Fred Nichols. Without objection, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.