

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Meeting of October 29, 1975

Committee members present:

Spider Burbank (chairman), Chuck Albertson, Pete Taylor, Anne Alderson, Bill Knauss, Frank Motley, Susan Hansen, Jeanne Hahn, Oscar Soule.

Others:

Jani Stonington, Neal Cassady

EAC's function in campus decision-making

In light of the previous week's meeting with Dean Clabaugh and Jerry Schillinger and the continuing hassle over the loop entrance landscaping proposal, the EAC met to discuss exactly what role the Committee played in the decision-making process concerning on-campus projects that might affect the natural environment. Due to the protracted nature of this discussion, an exact reconstruction of what was said is not possible; however, some of the major points expressed can be summarized:

---Oscar stated that after studying COG and other pertinent documents, he was of the opinion that the EAC did not have the authority to initiate or veto projects that fell under the jurisdiction of the Office of Facilities, or that the EAC could prioritize the projects proposed by Facilities; he stressed the advisory role of the Committee.

---Spider saw the EAC's response to the loop entrance landscaping proposal as a logical extension of the Committee's powers. He suggested, though, that perhaps the EAC should respond to this and similar proposals with a "white paper" on landscaping.

---Chuck also felt that the action taken on the landscaping proposal was a valid exercise of the EAC's advisory capacity, and reiterated his view that "cosmetic" landscaping projects (such as the loop area) should be put off until some community input on landscaping is heard, i.e. through the new Master Plan. He further suggested that the Facilities funds earmarked for landscaping could be better spent on assisting the Master Planning Interim Team.

---Sue thought that the EAC should agree on some sort of policy of its own regarding projects of this sort, and decide future proposals on a case-by-case basis.

---Pete saw the Committee's function as being similar to that of an outside consultant, advising on a rather unique basis.

---Frank offered his opinion that the landscaping already existing provided a nice transition between the concrete of the core area and the surrounding natural environment. He also felt, as did several other EAC members, that the Committee was making a big deal out of an essentially minor matter.

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After some more discussion of these ideas, a compromise of sorts was reached. Taking a suggestion from Facilities Engineer R.A. Strecker's memo, the EAC decided to hold off comment on the loop entrance landscaping proposal until the design drawings came back from the consultant. Spider said he would draft a memo and policy statement to that effect and, after circulating them among EAC members for their approval, forward these documents to Clabaugh and Schillinger.

Communications Lab landscaping

Bill Knauss informed the EAC that the consulting architect hired to plan landscaping for the Communications Lab wished to discuss some aspects of the project with the Committee at an early opportunity. The EAC agreed to invite him to the November 12 meeting.

The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m. in room 3319 of the Library (location subject to change).

Minutes prepared by Chuck Albertson from a handful of cryptic notes and a hazy memory; anyone who feels grossly misrepresented, please speak up.

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