

HMSC Management Committee Meeting
10 November, 2005, 9:00am
Guin Library Seminar Room

Minutes

Attending: George Boehlert (HMSC), Mark Camara (USDA-ARS) Carol Delancey (MMP), Pete Eldridge (EPA), Dawn Grafe (USFWS), Dave Fox (ODFW), Ken Hall (HMSC); Mattias Johansson (HsO), Hollis Lundeen (NOAA-NWFSC), Vincent Martorello (OSU Facilities Services), Bruce Mate (MMP), Patty McIntosh (OSU Facilities Services), Patrick O'Connor (OCCC) Jay Rasmussen (OSG), Al Stoner (NOAA-AFSC), Gil Sylvia (COMES), Janet Webster (Guin Library); Pete Zerr (Ship Operations)

Not represented: CIMRS, NOAA-PMEL Vents

New Business

Master Planning at HMSC

After introductions, George Boehlert discussed the overall objectives of master planning for the HMSC campus. Some basics, which were provided to meeting participants as a starting point for discussions, are attached. He introduced OSU Facilities Services staff that handled the master planning process for main campus in Corvallis, who will also be facilitating the process for HMSC: Vincent Martorello, OSU Campus Planning Manager, and Patty McIntosh, Senior Space Planner and project manager for HMSC Master Plan.

Vincent Martorello started with a statement of the purpose of this meeting, which was to bring the HMSC management committee up to date on the results of preliminary meetings and a campus site analysis conducted during Spring 2005. He explained role of OSU Facilities Services staff is to serve as facilitators in the process that will produce a plan for guiding HMSC space and land use over the next 15 years in a framework that encompasses the needs of OSU and its partners and informs external stakeholders in a manner that aligns with the OSU and HMSC Strategic Plans.

Patty McIntosh reviewed a list of “guiding principles” of the master planning process, identified during earlier discussions with HMSC staff (see Powerpoint presentation at <http://octopus.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/ftp/MasterPlan/HMSCSITEEVAL1105.htm>). Comments about differing interpretations of certain guiding principles were discussed, with acknowledgement that additional feedback from HMSC stakeholders would help clarify how the principles would ultimately guide the development of policies and implementation plans.

Results of the site analysis completed on May 22, 2005 by OSU campus planning staff and an architect from CH2M Hill, Inc. of Corvallis were presented to the group. The site analysis focused on observations of existing functions of the site/land use, transportation, adjacent properties, pedestrian connections (including estuary trail), and signage. Patty McIntosh emphasized that the site analysis findings were a starting point for discussion. Dave Fox asked

whether tidally submerged lands used for research and education activities should be included in the master planning process. It was suggested that those uses be acknowledged in the plan. Jay Rasmussen and Janet Webster suggested there may be some value in reviewing the recommendations regarding signage, gateway concepts, transportation, and other issues that were discussed as part of the Visitor Center redesign process in 1995.

The site analysis prompted discussion of many topics, including questions about how to handle issues such as: planning for earthquake/tsunami hazards; question of whether existing functions could be relocated; how close is HMSC to its maximum build-out space potential; cost feasibility considerations versus thinking out of the box; etc. The plan will be designed in a framework to provide flexibility, rather than designating specific sites for specific uses. Patty offered to make copies of the OSU master plan available to anyone interested in seeing an example of how such issues were handled in that plan.

The projected time frame for completing the HMSC master plan is 6-9 months. Next step is for Patty and Vincent to meet with representatives of stakeholder groups to get more information about current functions and growth projections. Ken Hall will be coordinating the next visits by master planning staff for these meetings, to take place before the end of the year.

HMSC Master Planning – Starting Point for Discussions

28 August 2005

Objective of Master Planning: Develop a plan identifying a broad vision for space use at the HMSC over the next 15 years in a framework that encompasses the needs of OSU and its partners and informs external stakeholders in a manner that aligns with the OSU and HMSC Strategic Plan.

Guiding Principles

- Preserve high value natural features
- Support the vision, mission, and strategic plan goals of HMSC
- Aesthetics -- minimal visual impact on environment
- Developments are marine and water-related
- Campus is pedestrian-friendly and easy to navigate
- Maximize sustainability (“green buildings and design”)
- Supports accessibility, public use
- Cutting edge facilities (labs, instrumentation, etc.) to promote a modern image.
- Maximizes human safety and tsunami awareness
- Planning is bold and creative to encourage innovative ideas
- Flexibility in design for multi-use facilities
- Transparency and open sharing of information, goals, and plans

Outcomes

- Enables implementation of OSU and HMSC Strategic Plans
- Clear documentation of existing and future plans.
 - OSU elements and affiliated educational organizations
 - Agencies
- GIS/mapping capability campus, infrastructure, and facilities
- Guidelines for future development in framework format.
- Improved infrastructure planning
- Facilitates communication and enhances partnerships
- Improved communication with stakeholders (city, county, Port, public)
- New vision for “look and feel” of the facility.
- Greater involvement in development of surrounding community.

The Process

- Identify plans and timeline
- Gather historical data/plans/agreements/leases and other information
- Develop visualization products of the campus to excite and enlist participants
- Process encourages involvement by staff and stakeholders
 - OSU elements, including students
 - Agencies
 - OCCC, OCA
 - City, County, Port of Newport