Fairfax Campus Advisory Board Meeting Notes – 9/19/2013

Attended: Cliff Keenan, Sue Harsel, Gail Wade, Mike Choffel, Mark O'Meara, Gary Bottorff, Bob Sisson, Paul Liberty, Traci Claar, John Cook, Cathy Wolfe, Dave Rohrer

Board Service/Terms

Chair/Vice Chair – 2 year terms, alternate between Mayor and Braddock District Supervisor Recommend to stagger representative terms. The university will write something up as an amendment procedure and send to Chair/Vice Chair for feedback before submitting to the board.

Construction /Road Improvements

Campus Drive – delays until late March/early April to establish bridges. Should have more precise dates by 10/2 university/community forum. Landscaping will still be done by July. Delay due to Verizon relocating fiber optic cables.

Braddock/Roanoke Work – Night milling 9/23, paving 9/24 to finish extension lanes. Median work will be done during the day 9/24-25. Traffic control loops by 9/25-27. Signal light will be turned back over to VDOT by 9/30, but will require 2-3 week turnover for testing. New lights will allow left turns to move at the same time.

FCAB Future Projects/Work

A discussion regarding what we want FCAB to be/do resulted in a decision that FCAB should stay at a higher level and vet issues, particularly since we only meet two-three times per year, or on an as-needed basis. If needed FCAB would suggest the formation of other more detailed working groups for particular projects/issues where we thought it would be helpful.

The primary focus for 2014 meetings will be the University Master Plan – The university will provide updates and obtain feedback from FCAB. FCAB will coordinate university/community forums for input. Opportunity to look at shared facilities and programs. University will present at January FCAB meeting and we will hold community forums in February/March.

City of Fairfax Night

Mason Men's basketball will be holding a City of Fairfax Night for the November 8, 2013 home opener vs. American University. City reps to FCAB, along with Mayor, Council, and Chiefs of Fire and Police will be invited to attend as guests. Additional discount tickets will be made available to a variety of City groups (youth, church, city staff/employees, etc.), and fundraising opportunities will be available for nonprofits. Businesses will have an opportunity to market on the concourse.

City Report

- 1) Eleven Oaks buses will be relocated next week
- 2) Transition to County Water Jan/Feb 2014 providing a better, more efficient, cheaper water system. Huge savings for businesses/residents. City is getting a state-wide award for communications on the water system change.
- 3) No Complaints about students at the beginning of the school year. One case of overcrowding. University will notify Office of Off Campus Student Programs and services to make sure they are educating students about the "Me+3" rule.
- 4) Chain Bridge Road bridge near Rust Curve will get rebuilt and will be disruptive to commuter traffic.

- 5) City pleased with the Relax in Fairfax New Student BBQ. The University thanked the City for providing space and CUE bus transportation.
- 6) The City has a new website: http://www.fairfaxva.gov/
- 7) New park downtown (by Kitty Pozer/Old Town Hall). Two water features planned for kids. Construction will begin late 2013. Will be available for Friday night concerts, weddings etc. Space for tents. Electrical needs built in.

Other

University Community Forum – October 2, 7:30 at Braddock District Offices/Kings Park Library

Virginia Municipal League has invited Mayor Silverthorne and Director of Community and Local Government Relations, Traci Claar, to present at their October 15 conference on the Relax in Fairfax New Student BBQ and opportunities for getting college students integrated with the community.

Today@ Mason – A calendar of university events can be found at http://today.gmu.edu/ Need to look at ways to spread the word about happenings through the City, County and University. Each entity should consider links to calendars etc.

NEXT AGENDA (date TBD):

University Master Plan Update

World Police and Fire Games Update

2020 Commission – read before next meeting to have discussion

What's been done?

What's recommended?

Does a new group/subcommittee need to be created?

Look at it from tri-entity perspective

Communications Vehicles/calendar websites for all entities (please send to Traci in advance so they can be shared with group)

College Student Rep to FCAB Discussion