

December 9, 2014

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 2014; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Calvin L. Gray

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

C. Robert Timmons, Jr.

Jerry R. Townsend

Jim R. Wilck

Absent: Pattie Cooper-Jones

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Reed (Jerry) Jerome, Facilities Planner, Longwood University; and Thomas Frisbie-Fulton, Campus Architect/Director of Campus Planning and Development, Longwood University.

Chairman Simpson called the special meeting to order.

In Re: Longwood University Master Plan

Thomas Frisbee-Fulton, Director of Campus Planning and Development, Longwood University, stated significant new development is expected over the next 10-25 years. The work includes four phases that are expected to take about 14 months; including Analysis & Discovery, Options for Long Term Physical Development, then the Preferred Plan and Finalization.

Longwood University commenced work on the University Master Plan in the fall of 2013 with planning consultant Cooper, Robertson, and Partners. The primary purpose is to guide the development of Longwood's campus to support 6,000 students by year 2025 with a vision as far as 2039. The new plan will retain the successful aspects of the current Master Plan while enhancing Longwood's sense of community and livability, the beauty of the campus, and the institution's economic, social, and environmental sustainability. The new University Master Plan is expected to be in place by late 2015.

Guiding principles to advance the university to its third century include:

- Keep Longwood “the same but better.”
- Strong residential community
- Longwood should be a “key node” and an “engine of prosperity” for the community
- Sustainable
- A campus community that draws professionals and families
- A destination
- Alumni affection and attraction to the campus
- A beautiful place with strong claims to peoples’ spirits that will survive in the long term
- Aspiring to athletic excellence

Mr. Frisbee-Fulton requested suggestions from the Board members regarding the adequacy of the physical campus; desired concepts for improving the Longwood campus and its community connectivity; wishes for type, size and features of future facilities; and welcomed any other ideas about the physical aspects of Longwood University.

Mr. Frisbee-Fulton then listed a few goals to make Longwood a welcoming and important destination that embodies southern Virginia’s rich cultural, artistic and academic heritage. The Master Plan will include better internal space utilization; work on the athletic and recreation fields; modest housing growth; a new University Center; transportation and parking strategies to reduce students’ reliance on vehicles with more pedestrian and bike paths; shopping within walking distance of the University; infrastructure and biomass, with emphasis on fuels being more locally harvested; operations and safety; and to improve the “Town/Gown” relationship. He added these items may help in keeping the students in the area after graduation.

Supervisor Timmons questioned the University’s energy consumption and if they are able to create energy for their own usage. Mr. Frisbee-Fulton stated there currently is no co-generation nor solar, but they produce steam; there is a team looking into that possibility. Supervisor Timmons stated he can assist if so desired.

Supervisor Timmons then asked where Longwood gets the woodchips. Mr. Jerome stated sawdust is used; land was purchased off Route 460 near the Prince Edward/Nottoway County line for storage. There is currently no capability to process, just to store the sawdust. There is a Capital Project request for a third boiler with an alternate feed system to try using woodchips and grass. Currently there is no space for processing chips. Supervisor Timmons stated that with the amount of logging in the area, there is tremendous waste, and the processing and use of that “scrap” would be beneficial. He added a grinder would be economical to buy and to operate. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed regarding transportation available to the Longwood students. Mr. Jerome stated there are additional routes from FAB during the peak times between Lancer Park and the villages.

Discussion followed on the housing and the amenities available to the students. Mr. Jerome stated construction will begin on a residence hall in the spring for an additional 224 beds; 447 beds were lost when the Cunninghams were torn down and more are needed back on the main campus. Mr. Jerome said another 225 beds are needed, which would bring the total to 2,000 on the main campus; there are fewer now than in 2007. Including graduate students, there are 5,100 students this fall.

Supervisor Gray questioned the number of floors on the new construction. Mr. Jerome stated it will be four floors.

Discussion followed regarding the safety of the students and examples were given of incidents of accidents or near-accidents between pedestrian (college student) traffic and vehicles. Mr. Frisbee-Fulton stated the University is aware and there are three dangerous locations. Kimley-Horn has been contracted to conduct a study and work with the Town of Farmville on improvements with a focus on safety.

Mr. Frisbee-Fulton said it is the intention of the University to continue dialogue and to include all information from these discussions. He said the intent of the University is to create a campus that is open and welcoming to the community, and to be a part of the culture.

Supervisor Jones asked about the nursing program. Mr. Jerome stated the nursing program is booming; its first year, there were 30 students and this year, there are 80 freshmen. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Gray asked where he could see a physical blueprint. Mr. Bartlett stated the Capital Building Plans are on the Longwood University web site; Mr. Jerome stated there is a new section on the web site of projects under construction. There is, in the existing Master Plan, campus maps of where future construction was predicated in 2008, and there will be a similar set of displays in the next Master Plan. Mr. Jerome stated an email address, masterplan@longwood.edu has been created for questions, comments and suggestions.

On motion of Supervisor Timmons, seconded by Supervisor Gray, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Calvin L. Gray	Nay:	None
	Robert M. Jones		
	Charles W. McKay		
	Howard F. Simpson		
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.		
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Jim R. Wilck		
Absent:	Pattie Cooper-Jones		

the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.