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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Gerald Schaffer
Vice President for Administrative Affairs

FROM: Donald Graetz, Professor and Chair
University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee

REF: October 3, 1996 LVL Committee Meeting Minutes

The LVL Committee convened at 1031A McCarty Hall on Thursday, October 3, 1996. Members present were Don Graetz, Semmy Ju, Al Stanley (for Fred Gratto), Jon Johnson, Heather McAuslane, and Charlotte Porter. Attending for presentation purposes were Dr. Tom Walker and Mr. Chandler Rozear.

Old Business

1. BAUGHMAN PROJECT: Mr. Ju advised us that Mr. Fay Jones would no longer be the architect, but that plans were going forward to select a new architect. Concerns were expressed by committee members regarding the appropriateness of any kind of building activity on or near Lake Alice. After additional discussion, the following recommendation was approved: The LVL Committee supports the recommendation of the University Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee on the Baughman Center site, but requests a presentation of site analysis when the selected consultant begins the design of the Baughman Center project.

New Business

1. NATURAL AREA TEACHING LABORATORY: Dr. Tom Walker presented details concerning the establishment of the Natural Area Teaching Laboratory (NATL). NATL is a 40-acre tract in the southwest corner of campus dedicated to teaching students and the public about ecology and biotic diversity. The NATL Advisory Committee requested approval of a fence along the south and east borders of the site to delineate the area and to prevent easy entry by vagrants. The fence was to consist of woven wire plus two strands of barbed wire. Discussion centered around safety concerns with the barbed wire. It was decided to table this request until the next LVL meeting. At that time, Dr. Walker will give the committee a tour of NATL and the fence will be discussed further.

Dr. Walker also requested a LVL Committee recommendation on the relationship between the LVL Committee and the NATL Advisory Committee in the management of NATL. To provide the necessary interaction between these two committees, the LVL Committee recommends that the chairman of the NATL Advisory Committee be made an ex officio member of LVL and report NATL activities to the LVL Committee as appropriate.

2. UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION request for consideration of A): Swimming/Diving Facility and B): Brick perimeter wall along the north edge of the existing football practice fields. This item was presented for informational purposes at this time. The UAA will present site plans to the committee when the plans have been completed.
3. The Committee recommends approval of a request from Mr. Brazton Linton for removal of an oak tree at the entrance of Bldg. 106 on Mowry Road. The tree has serious heart rot extending into the crown and presents a hazard to the building and vehicles parking near the building. University tree replacement policy must be followed.
4. The Committee recommends approval of a request from Mr. Chandler Rozear for tree removal at the Baby Gator Nursery site. Removal of four trees (21 inch sweet gum, 10 inch oak, 8 inch Florida cherry, and an 8 inch pine) was requested in order to enclose an existing porch and to improve drainage characteristics on the site. The area is already heavily wooded and there will be no adverse visual effects. University tree replacement policy must be followed.
5. Dr. Ramon Murray advised the Chair that he will be on leave until next summer. If appropriate, the Chair requests that a replacement member be named.
6. The next LVL meeting will be held on November 14, 1996 at 10:00 AM in Rm 1014 of the Entomology Building.



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Dr. Donald Graetz
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Dear Dr. Graetz:

Thank you for the October 3, 1996 minutes of the University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee meeting.

I concur with the committee's recommendation to support the recommendation of the University Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee on the Baughman Center site at Lake Alice. When the architect completes the design and site analysis for the Baughman Center, it will be presented to the committee for final recommendation.

I approve the committee's recommendation to appoint Dr. Tom Walker as an ex officio member of the Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (LVL). This will allow an effective liaison between the Natural Area Teaching Laboratory Committee and the LVL.

I approve the committee's recommendation to remove an oak tree at the entrance of Building 106 on Mowry Road. The tree has serious rot extending to the crown and presents a hazard to the building and vehicles. The University tree replacement policy will be followed in replacing the tree.

I approve the committee's recommendation to remove four trees that include a 21 inch sweet gum, a 10 inch oak, a 8 inch Florida cherry and a 8 inch pine at the Baby Gator Nursery site. The University tree replacement policy will be followed.

I will discuss a replacement for Dr. Ramon Murray with the Provost's office since he will be on leave until next summer.

Thank you and the committee for your recommendations concerning these important issues.

Sincerely,

Gerald Schaffer
Vice President for
Administrative Affairs

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