Buildings and Grounds Committee
Report by the Committee Chair
Wednesday, March 25
Auditorium of the Albert & Shirley Small Special Collections Library

- The Building and Grounds Committee had a productive meeting yesterday morning.

**Action Items**

- There were several action items on the agenda.

- **First**, the Committee approved the naming of Alderman Road Residence Hall Building #6 that will be coming online this fall as the Gibbons House to honor the contributions of William and Isabella Gibbons to the University and the community. The Gibbons were enslaved laborers who lived and worked in several households in the Academical Village. After emancipation, Mr. Gibbons became a minister in Charlottesville and Washington DC, and Mrs. Gibbons was a teacher at the Charlottesville Freedman’s primary school.

- **Second**, Ms. Sheehy reviewed with the Committee plans for installing an underground electrical duct bank to replace overhead power lines that are the primary cause of many power interruptions at the University.
  
  o The proposed project is a partnership between UVa and Dominion Virginia Power, and will interconnect the Dominion transmission substation with our distribution substations. The installation of underground lines will eliminate most, if not all, of the power disruptions at the University.

  o The estimated cost to UVa for the project is $10-15 million. Dominion’s share is estimated at approximately $4 million.

  o There was discussion about the cost-benefit analysis of the project, UVa’s estimated share of the cost, and the overall benefits to the University. The Committee requested that the Administration provide additional information at the June meeting, including the proposed route.
which will be finalized and will allow for a more precise estimate of UVa’s share of the project cost.

- The Committee then approved continued planning, including hiring an engineer, but deferred approval of the project until receiving additional information in June.

- Third, the Committee approved Hord Coplan Macht of Alexandria as the architect for the renovation of the Outpatient Surgery Center.

**Schematic Design Reviews**

- Mr. Neuman reviewed the schematic designs for two projects:
  
  - First, was the design for the Gilmer/Chemistry renovation which is principally an interior renovation, but includes a new exterior glazing and masonry system on the north and south sides of Gilmer Hall. Since this part of the design was well along the committee voted to approve the design and advance the project to design completion.

  - Second, was the design for the Hospital ED, Interventional Program, and Bed Tower Expansion. This project has been endorsed by the Medical Center Operating Board. Design work continues and will come before the committee in June for approval.

**Report from the Vice President**

- Ms. Sheehy referred the Committee’s attention to the annual deferred maintenance report included as an appendix in the written materials.

- The University has made progress in the last decade towards its goals in this area:

  - Maintenance reinvestment rate increased from 1.2% to 1.9%. Goal is 2%.

  - Facilities Condition Index decreased from 10.6% to 5.4%. Goal is 5%.
Discussion with the Committee

- The Committee then continued the discussion about the University/Emmet/Ivy intersection and associated entry corridors.

- Included in the discussion were observations about the School of Architecture’s recently completed Vortex competition, a week-long event during which students worked together and developed proposals to reimagine the Ivy Road Corridor. Several exhibits and models prepared by our students as part of the Vortex are on display in the corridor outside this room. I encourage you to take time to review their impressive work.

- Mr. Neuman also provided an analysis of four potential options to redevelop the land owned by the University and the UVa Foundation at the northwest corner of the Ivy-Emmet intersection.

- Recognizing the importance of this issue, the Committee approved undertaking a long-term concentrated planning process for the future redevelopment of the land owned by UVa and the UVa Foundation along Ivy Road for uses to benefit the University, including the potential for residential, academic, commercial, and hospitality functions.

- With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.