Attending:
Diane Anderson, Barbara McKinney, Chris Pyzik, Leonard Ginsberg, Thomas Kent, Evie Asken, Patrick Gorenchan, Susan Kamman, Robert Beam, Pete Strazdas, John Goes

Arts Plaza Charrette:
The Design Charrette on May 19, 2006, involved four teams of volunteers from Michigan architectural firms and schools of architecture plus WMU students and staff. The Charrette was organized to provide fresh ideas on how to deal with some of the critical issues relating to the Miller Plaza area. These issues include problems with the existing fountain and the lack of sanitary sewer connections, significant brick disrepair, possible expansion of the Sprau Tower café, and how to incorporate the changes resulting from the RCVA and the Brown Hall construction. Some of the walkway and accessibility issues with the pedestrian connection between the Plaza and the West Michigan corridor are being addressed as part of the Chemistry Classroom building project.

Brown Hall:
Work has started on asbestos removal. The bid process will begin next week and end July 20.

Kohrman Hall:
The Kohrman Hall bid process started two weeks ago.

Chemistry Classroom Building:
In order to complete the construction before Fall Semester classes, the pace of work has increased significantly, with the largest number of trades people ever to work on a WMU project currently on site.

Ellsworth Hall:
There will be a review meeting on Friday, June 16 with John Beacon and all current and future building occupants. President Bailey has confirmed that the Division of Multicultural Affairs furniture will come from Steelcase, so work on the DMA, the first of the planned relocations, will be able to proceed. Work on some of the Academic Technology and Instructional Services spaces is ongoing: the relocation of the CVIT classroom from Kohrman Hall into Ellsworth is in process.

Bernhard Center Master Plan:
David Dakin, Chris Pyzik, and Evie Asken are working on the Bookstore and One-Stop projects. There will be a meeting on Friday with Gene Carroll of NeumannSmith Architects.

Campus Housing Master Planning:
The WMU campus housing planning will also be discussed on Friday with the NeumannSmith people. Initially, a target goal of 4,000 freshman beds and 5,000 beds total will be used as a basis for analysis and estimating costs.
Kalamazoo Airport Facility and research space:
Bob Beam and Deans Rick Maloney and Tim Greene are evaluating the University’s research space needs, as there has been a proposal from a private company to lease or buy the airport facility. There is a clause in the airport property deed that requires WMU to use the facility for aviation teaching, so it is not possible to locate the Bio-Diesel research facility there after all. Vacant space in the Paper Coater Plant on the Parkview Campus was also considered for Bio-Diesel, but recent activity in the paper industry may indicate a need for that space in the near future. At this time an off-site facility is being considered for Bio-Diesel.

Sprau Tower café:
Chris Pyzik has been working with Judy Gipper on a proposal to expand the Sprau café. The preliminary estimate of $1.2 million is not acceptable at this time. Other options to consider include a scaled-back proposal, dovetailing the food service needs with Miller Auditorium plans for expansion, and exterior or interior vending kiosks.

Classroom issues:
Barb McKinney asked Patrick to verify where the Direct Encounter with the Arts program will be taught after completion of the RCVA. It is not clear whether the currently-used spaces in Knauss, such as the Space Gallery, will be vacated.

The next meeting will be on July 12th at 8:30a.m. in the President’s conference room.