1983-84 Annual Report of the Physical Environment Committee

The Physical Environment Committee met 12 times from August, 1983 through July, 1984 and took the following actions:

1. Received a report on the partial closing of Baker Field House for health and safety reasons.

2. Received a report on problems associated with the deterioration of the Kenilworth Building.

3. Elected Professor David Glasser to serve as Vice-Chair of the PEC.

4. Received the report of the Downer Woods Task Force. Approved a motion that the Downer Woods area, exclusive of the conservancy area, be available for consideration for use, including as a site for buildings, with the stipulation that any construction in that area will be done in such a way as to preserve the land and to avoid adverse impact on the conservancy area.

5. Approved a landscaping proposal for the campus corners presented by Mr. Wade Kumlien of System Facilities Management.

6. Approved a design concept presented by Mr. Tichy for installing handicap railings on the west end of the Maryland Avenue pedestrian bridge.

7. Continued discussion of the sequencing and siting of future buildings on campus. Tentative sites were identified for each major project and the following actions were taken: a) Hartford Avenue is to be designated a special-use street, open only to mass transit and pedestrians; b) Hartford Avenue will be developed as a linear mall from Downer Avenue to Maryland Avenue.

8. Approved the appointment of Associate Professor Robert Magill, Professor Fred Olson, and Specialist Susan Fields for two-year terms on the Parking and Transit Subcommittee.

9. Received reports on the establishment of the Klotsche Addition and the Mitchell Hall Remodeling Building Program Committees.

10. Approved a recommendation from the Names of Buildings Subcommittee to name the main gallery in the University Art Museum, The Frederick Layton Gallery.
11. Approved a recommendation from the Parking and Transit Subcommittee for changes in the fees and fares for UBUS and UPARK.

12. Approved recommendations from the Parking and Transit Subcommittee for resolving pedestrian/vehicle conflicts in the following areas: the driveway east of Englemann Hall; the sidewalk and stairs north of Lapham; and the driveway between the Library and Hartford Avenue School.

13. Endorsed the concept of the Union addition that was presented by the Union Plaza Building Program Subcommittee.

14. Discussed the remodeling in the basement of Mitchell Hall.

15. Approved a plan for resolving the pedestrian/vehicle conflict in the Kunkle Center/Pedestrian Bridge environs, which involved closing the west entrance to the Union. As the latter was subsequently disapproved by the Union Policy Board, the PEC recommended that a three-member subcommittee, consisting of one member from the Union Policy Board, one from the PEC, and one from the Parking and Transit Subcommittee, be appointed by the Chair of PEC to study and make recommendation concerning the pedestrian/vehicle conflict in the area of the Kunkle Center.

16. Approved a proposal to erect a flagpole, temporarily, between Mitchell Hall and Kenwood Boulevard.


18. Received a report on the plans for the Library addition.


20. After much discussion, approved the erection of bleachers on the north-side of the Englemann Soccer Field.

21. Approved the recommendations by the Parking and Transit Subcommittee to limit on-campus meter enforcement to the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and to limit North lot permits for Sandburg residents to those who had a permit in Semester II, 1983-84.

22. Approved a plan to remodel the alcove area in the southwest corridor of Mitchell Hall.

23. Approved a recommendation of the Parking and Transit Subcommittee to establish a pilot program by which departments can reserve visitor parking space in specific locations on campus.

24. Accepted a proposal presented by Mr. Carl Schulze for the redesign of the fountain between the Golda Meir Library and Curtin Hall.
25. Accepted a proposal presented by Mr. Don Melkus for landscaping the area between the Physics Building and the EMS Building.

26. The concept of installing a clock in the Plaza area was approved, in principle.

27. Following consultation with the Security Committee, the UWM Police Department, and the Lake East Community Council, the PEC approved removal of the cyclone fence on Downer and Edgewood Avenues, with the proviso that the situation be reviewed in one year.

28. Received and discussed a campus design plan from Professor Frederick Jules of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

29. Established a PEC Subcommittee, headed by Judith Nestoff, to work together with community groups in developing long-range plans for the areas surrounding the campus.

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