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Marilia Antunez

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- Yes
- No

## 3. Date of Meeting

11/16/2023



## 4. Committee Members in Attendance or Absent With Notice

Marilia Antunez  
Becky Handley  
Malik Elbuluk  
Stephen Myers  
Eric Brisker  
Natalie Gardner  
Craig Menzemer

## 5. Committee Members Absent Without Notice

Malaki Fleming  
Melissa Olson (replacing Jake Kos)  
Lisa Sabol

## 6. Based on your goals for the year, outline what decision were made or action items discussed during this month's meeting that moved goal(s) forward

Because only four members attended the November PEC meeting, we did not have a forum. Stephen Myers provided updates.

## 7. Provide Meeting Minutes/Monthly Report here (do not attach minutes as a document in #8 below).

## Approvals:

Approval of the agenda– NA, no forum (four members attended)

Approval of meeting minutes for October 19, 2023: PEC Minutes 10-19-2023.docx– NA, no forum (four members attended)

## Other Agenda Items:

Old business – Very brief update, Nov. 3rd subcommittee meeting on safety aspects– postponed

Guest speaker: Eric Green, Director of Environmental & Occupational Health and Safety– postponed

Steve motioned to reschedule Eric Green's presentation for either January or February 2024. Seconded by Eric Green. Motion approved.

Steve will schedule the December 2023 and January 2024 PEC meetings.

## General updates from Stephen (Steve) Myers:

We are in the process of working on the next capital bill and I should be able to talk about that much more at the next one. It follows up very close to the last one that we did. But it's one of the first times where we really do align very well with what our earlier plans were in the six-year plan which I shared last time.

Yes, Polsky is the quote unquote, the Knight Center. We've talked about it to some in this meeting. We've got 20 million from the Knight Foundation. Right now, we are still in a programming phase for that, but the total projects are about \$40 million, I know they're still looking to raise some additional funds. It's definitely art focused. But construction won't begin probably until January of 2025. Like I said, we're in programming or what we call enhanced programming, where we're having the architects work with us to develop what that program should be, what that's going to look like. And then, we have to figure out what that can fit in the budget and completed sometime in 2027. We'll probably have phased opening. \$29 million of construction needs to go into an occupied building. We expect almost two years' worth of construction time.

Harvey pointed out that 2025 is the city of Akron's bicentennial year.

The committee had a meeting with the architects for the renovation of Buchtel Common. We have a schematic design package, somatic design plan now.

I'm reviewing that, and I hope to have them fix it up for you guys and the administration. Timing for the construction for that project: We originally going to try to do 2 construction seasons or two actual fast construction 2 phases. But at this point, it looks like we're just because of the bidding climate. We're going to squeeze that all into one single, larger package. Probably start later summer next year, when we have our second version of the capital bill and the second amount of capital funding to make that whole submit it out. Whole construction will start late summer, which means that the Commons will be tored down. The output the center of the Commons won't. But the outside parts of the Commons, like the east and the west side, will probably start construction in late summer, and go into the fall of next year during the school year, unfortunately. But the bulk of the center out in front of the main, College St. turnaround area, will take place the following summer.

Harvey asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the decks. It is not done through Steve's office. There are major things they will consult me [Steve], but they are responsible for the work in the decks. I think that it's the concessionaire is one is responsible for that work. We, the university, is responsible for like basics like snow plowing and stuff like that, because we're already out. But capital work and maintenance is the concessionaires responsibility. I think with their first larger project is that they're going to be demolish the Exchange Street parking deck (the older deck), next spring.

On Exchange St, the odd corner for their hookah materials, is no longer there. That space has been cleaned up. So, we're looking at getting some lighting down there.

For the elevators, we do have four elevators that are gonna be kind of designed or renovated. But we are interviewing architects/engineers for that project.

## 8. If you have a document that provides supporting materials for this month's work, upload here. This attachment should not be the monthly minutes (minutes should be submitted in #7 above).

(Non-anonymous question)

9. Are there any new topic submissions or other information/feedback you would like to share from the committee?

NA