

City-University Special Project Fund
Report for April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Campus Sidewalk, Bicycle and Lighting Improvements (2010 - \$104,300) -

The 2010 funds are to provide lighting and sidewalk improvements north of Waters Hall and to install bicycle racks in strategic locations throughout campus. The construction plans should be prepared this fall for spring construction.

Good Neighbors Program (2010 - \$10,000) -

Funds are used to continue the Good Neighbors Program to enhance compliance with city ordinances and quality of life in neighborhoods where both permanent residents and off-campus K-State students reside. In April the group organized a Neighborhood Market for K-State clubs to sell different items in Aggieville at Triangle Park. Manhattan residents who live nearby had an opportunity to mingle and purchase student goods. Vendors included the KSU Pottery Guild, Metalsmithing Society, the Milling Science Club, Students for Environmental Action, a student selling handmade jewelry and the Good Neighbors Program. The event received good feedback from buyers and vendors, and there was strong public participation.

On May 14-15, the Good Neighbors Program teamed up with United Way of Riley County and Students in Action for the 1st Annual "Give It Up for Good" furniture collection and distribution event. This event replaces the former Furniture Amnesty Day that the Good Neighbors Program has coordinated for several years. Donated items were sold to raise money for local charities, and any items that did not sell were discarded. Approximately \$1,200 was raised for charity, and nine volunteers contributed 63 hours to support the event.

Due to the increase in projects and a need to extend outreach efforts, two additional student coordinator positions were created. The program now has a Student Program Coordinator and two Assistant Student Program Coordinators.

Recycling/Sorting Center (2010 - \$150,000) -

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is in the process of issuing a contract to remove the wooden offices in their section of the building. The work should be completed by the middle of September and the space will be turned over to K-State Facilities. USDA will keep the wind tunnels at the west end and on the north building until their new facility is built. Planning for the loading dock will begin soon, once the building is turned over to the University. A baler will be purchased this fall once the University takes position of the building.

Emergency, Prevention, Coordination, and Communication (2010 - \$100,000) –

Each building will have Alertus™ Beacons installed over the ethernet system. Each beacon has flashing lights surrounding a scrolling message, an alert alarm, and voice messaging. The system will be controlled through the KSU Police Department dispatch (911 Center). Each classroom with a student occupancy of fifty or greater will receive one unit, and at least two units will be installed in each hallway.

The installation of the Alertus™ Beacons have been completed in Ackert Hall, Durland/Rathbone/Fiedler Hall, Eisenhower Hall, Leadership Studies, Seaton Hall, Seaton Court, and Throckmorton Hall. Currently, installation in Chalmers Hall is in the finishing stage. All systems are operating properly.

Campus Tree Walk Inventory (2010 - \$5,000) –

Funds are to be used to label 130 specimens of trees on the campus tree walk and to develop and print maps and brochures highlighting the campus tree walk. The landscape advisory committee plans to hire students to assist in the identifying and labeling process to occur this fall.

University Gardens Project (2009-10 - \$76,000) -

On October 13, 2009, the City Commission authorized reallocating previously approved funds from construction of the feature fountain and plaza of the Phase II Gardens to the Director's position for one year. All of the funds have been expended for the Director's salary and benefits. The Director's position is funded for Fiscal Year 2011, and the University is looking for base funding to support the position into the future.

2001 Transit Plan Update (2010 - \$7,500) -

Funds were used as a 1/3 local match to a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation to update the City's 2001 Transit Implementation Plan for a fixed-route public transit system. The City provided the remaining 2/3 local match. The final plan update report was presented to the City Commission on July 20, 2010. The Commission directed City Administration to form an implementation working group with representatives from the City, K-State, Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency, and Riley County, to formalize a fixed-route transit plan to begin in the fall of 2011.

NISTAC (2009 - \$50,000) -

Project complete. No new update.

Visitor's Center (2010 - \$50,000) –

Funds are to be used to install necessary infrastructure, such as water and sewer, for the proposed Visitor's Center at the intersection of I-70 and K-177. The City may, with approval of the City Commission, gift funds to another government or non-profit entity for other purposes associated with the development of the Visitor's Center. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a project feasibility study was sent to interested firms on July 6, 2010. Proposals are due back on August 13, 2010.

Crosswalk at Sunset Avenue and College Heights Road (2010 - \$12,500) -

This project was temporarily postponed due to the Tecumseh-Quivera stormwater project that was planned in the area. The City Public Works Department did not want to install the crosswalk signal only to have to potentially disrupt it in order to complete the stormwater project. It now appears that the Tecumseh-Quivera project will be delayed to 2012 or possibly later. Therefore, the crosswalk will be completed by August 15, 2010, in advance of the fall semester.