

City-University Special Project Fund
Report for June 30, 2010 through December 31, 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 project was not completed in 2010. The construction plans should be prepared this spring for summer 2011 construction.

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

Funds are used to continue Manhattan Good Neighbors (MGN) to enhance compliance with city ordinances and quality of life in neighborhoods where both permanent residents and off-campus K-State students reside. MGN has gone through many changes recently with new staff members, name, logo, and mission statement. MGN has also revised its program goals. Many efforts have been focused on creating better relationships with Kansas State Student Governing Association and adding valuable task force members to the team. Additionally, to increase awareness about MGN, a website (www.ksu.edu/leadership/mgn.html) and facebook page were created.

MGN participated in or hosted a number of events during the fall. In September, a group of 37 volunteers came to Bluemont Elementary School to create stepping stones for the playground spelling out MGN's tagline: Educate, Engage, Serve. A total of 74 volunteer hours were invested in the stones project and general clean up of the grounds including raking, trimming bushes, and picking up trash. In October, MGN partnered with Campus Clean Up and expanded the clean up into the four neighborhoods established by MGN. Trash and recyclables were separated by 55 volunteers (110 hours). The MGN staff walked in the homecoming parade with signs and costumes to encourage neighborly behaviors (picking up trash and raking leaves). Four volunteers assisted with a Bluemont Elementary School Clean Up in November. Lastly, in December MGN paired with HandsOn Kansas State to support the fall clean up day during which 18 volunteers (27 hours) hung Christmas decorations for three senior citizens. Next semester MGN plans on adding an educational piece to the program as well as hiring a third staff member.

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

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) removed the remaining wooden offices and labs by October, and in December the building was turned over to KSU. The contract documents describing USDA's access to the building and when the wind tunnels are used is in the process of being finalized. BG Consultants have started on the designs for the dock driveway and door and the road leading into the site from the north. An electrical contractor has been hired to conduct an electrical site analysis to determine the electrical requirements for the balers.

A used New Holland Skid steer loader and a used fork lift have been purchased for the facility. Work is in progress to select a horizontal baler and possibly two smaller vertical balers for cans and bottles. The used balers we were considering were sold before we could purchase one of them.

Once the dock is built and the balers are operational, the University will be working closely with USDA so that balers do not run at the same time as the wind tunnels since they use the same power source.

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, Chalmers Hall, Child Development Center, Durland/Rathbone/Fiedler Hall, Eisenhower Hall, eleven housing and dining resident halls, Leadership Studies, Seaton Hall, Seaton Court, Throckmorton Hall, and Willard Hall. Installation will start in Bluemont Hall in a few weeks. All systems are online and 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 University has identified most of the initial 150 trees to be used. Labeling of the trees has not started at this time. A new opportunity has potentially been identified for the mapping part of the project. The Powercat enhanced phone application that was developed for campus utilizes Google earth to locate different items of interest on campus. There is an interest in making the tree walk available through this application. This application is high tech, paperless, and provides opportunity for a greater range of uses. The hard copy map of the tree walk to leave at tourist areas will mimic the Google earth map. A handheld GPS unit will be purchased to allow accurate mapping of the trees.

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, and the University has identified permanent funding to sustain the position.

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 approved by the City Commission on July 20, 2010. A group with representatives from the City, Kansas Department of Transportation, K-State, Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency, and Riley County, is working to formalize a fixed-route transit plan to begin in October 2011.

Manhattan/K-State Innovation Center (2009 - \$50,000) -

Project complete. No new update.

Visitors Center (2010 - \$50,000) –

Funds were originally intended for installation of necessary infrastructure, such as water and sewer, for the proposed Flint Hills Visitors Center along I-70. 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 Visitors Center. The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a project feasibility study on July 6, 2010. The team of Verner Johnson, Inc. (museum planners and architects) and Economic Stewardship (financial/marketing analysis) was selected for the project. On December 7, 2010, the City Commission authorized a contract with the Chamber of Commerce to use the \$50,000 contribution of City-University funds to match a federal grant for the feasibility study. A final report of the study will be issued sometime next year.

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

The project was completed in August 2010 in advance of the fall semester.