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Charles Schwab

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Slug bug

The Reiman Gardens conservatory display was changed out earlier this month, switching to a "Ladybug Breakfast" theme that highlights organic insect control with an unusual bug centerpiece. The gardens' horticulture staff found the discarded shell of a Volkswagen Beetle half-buried behind the Jerry Carney and Sons auto shop in Ames. The shop donated it for the project, and it was cleaned up and sent to Sign Pro in Ames for the vehicle wrap and custom Cyclone vanity plate, "L8D BUG." The display runs through November. The conservatory is open daily during the gardens' extended summer hours (9 a.m.-6 p.m.); admission is free for members and ISU students, \$8 for the public (\$7 seniors, \$4 youth). *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Council turns down Campustown developer request

by Diana Pounds

The Ames City Council declined Tuesday night to extend an agreement with the developer that has been working on plans to revitalize Campustown.

Citing doubts that the city, university and Kansas-City based LANE4 Property Group could eventually arrive at an agreement on the proposed plan, the council opted to turn down the developer's proposed 60-day extension. Council members indicated they were receptive to continued discussions with LANE4, but wanted to invite others, including area residents and developers, to take a role in Campustown improvements.

The council's action came after Ames city manager Steve Schainker and ISU vice president for business and finance Warren Madden revealed several obstacles to moving forward on LANE4's proposed plans.

University concerns

Two key obstacles for Iowa State officials were a required university commitment to a 20-year lease on a new building and the lack of assurance that Campustown development would continue beyond that first building.

The new 60,000-square-foot building is proposed for the southeast corner of Welch Avenue and Lincoln Way. The first floor of the four-story structure was to be leased by a national drug/grocery chain, according to LANE4. The developer's proposal calls for Iowa State to lease all the office space on the upper three floors at \$16 per square foot, a rate that Madden said is higher than many rental spaces in this area and Des Moines.

LANE4 would not commit to any additional redevelopment, though developers hoped the initial building might spur a second phase, west of Welch Avenue, to include a suite hotel, restaurant and retail space. Madden indicated the university needs commitment.

"Our desire, if we're going to be a player, is that this is more than just one office building in Campustown," he said.

A related unresolved issue in second-phase development is LANE4's request that Iowa State close its hotel at the Memorial Union.

Council concerns

Council members expressed concerns about financing the work, including adding parking and making

improvements to city water and sewer lines.

The first phase plan includes a \$3.1 million gap in funding, Schainker said. "Where will that come from? I don't know."

Another council issue is possible difficulties in acquiring the land for potential phase 2 development. Schainker pointed out that purchase options have not been secured for the proposed project and that the city might have to consider eminent domain to obtain land.

Discussion

"Given the economic situation, which is out of our control, out of the university's control, out of LANE4's control, probably the most feasible solution is to put this project on hold until the economy gets better," council member Riad Mahayni said.

"I don't want the project to go away," said council member Jami Larson, "but I think it's time to start hearing other ideas."

Good vision, unfortunate timing

Madden applauded LANE4 for its overall plan and vision, as well as its strong working relationship with the city and university. He acknowledged that the timing is unfortunate.

"Everyone had good intentions, and for economic reasons, it hasn't all come together," he said.

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Schedule changes over the Independence Day weekend

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Following are scheduling notes on specific campus facilities or services.

- **CyRide:** Use the Saturday schedule on July 4
- **ISU Dining:** Most locations closed July 2-4 (**exceptions:** MU Market and Cafe, Union Drive Marketplace, West Side Market, Panda Express and Subway in the MU food court)
- **Parks Library:** closed July 2-4
- **Recreation Services** facilities (Beyer Hall, Forker Building, Lied Recreation Center): closed July 4
- **Reiman Gardens:** Open 9 a.m. through the conclusion of the Ames Jaycees fireworks show (approximately 10 p.m.)
- **The Underground** (in the Memorial Union): closed July 2-4, reopens at noon July 5
- **University Book Store:** Closed July 2-4
- **University Museums** (Brunnier Art Museum, Christian Petersen Museum, Farm House): closed July 2-4

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Charles Schwab sandwiches his summer work day between enjoyable, stress-relieving commutes.
Photo by Bob Elbert.

Blissful commute

by Diana Pounds

Summertime, and commutin' is easy. That is, if you're riding a Segway along Stange Road, blue sky above, and a light breeze wafting off Veenker golf course. In fair weather, Charles Schwab, professor of agriculture and biosystems engineering, usually starts and ends the workday with a 2-mile commute on his Segway.

It was the green factor (the vehicle is 100 percent electric) that piqued Schwab's interest in getting a Segway. It was the fun factor that sealed the deal.

Schwab said he pondered getting a Segway for a couple of years, working to justify the purchase based on gas savings and its eco-friendliness.

"My wife turned on the light bulb," he said. "She pointed out it's not always about saving money. It's also about having fun going to and from work."

Schwab took the plunge and, several months into Segway travel, says he loves the ride and finds it reduces his stress level.

"I also love bikes," he said. "But I don't ride to work. No matter what I do, I always seem to get grease

on my pants."

So while the weather holds, Schwab plans to roll up gas-free miles on the Segway, gliding between home and campus at an easy-going 12 mph.

"I know it's faster than a golf cart," he said, "because I've caught one before."

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The search committee is co-chaired by College of Business dean Labh Hira and ISU alumnus Roger Underwood. Also on the committee are: two regents, a faculty representative from each college; presidents of the Faculty Senate, Professional and Scientific Council, Government of the Student Body and Graduate and Professional Student Senate; and two representatives each from the alumni association and ISU Foundation. Additionally, two members of the regents staff will serve as nonvoting members of the committee.

Presidential Search Committee

Co-chairpersons

- Labh Hira, Raisbeck Endowed Dean of the College of Business
- ISU alumnus Roger Underwood, president, Riverwood Management

Board of Regents

- Katie Mulholland
- Bruce Rastetter

Faculty, staff, employee and student groups

- Faculty Senate president: Steve Freeman
- Professional and Scientific Council president: Dan Burden
- Government of the Student Body president: Dakota Hoben
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate president: Erica Smith

Faculty

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: John Lawrence, associate dean for extension and outreach programs, director of Agriculture and Natural Resources Education and professor of economics
- College of Design: Lynn Paxson, professor of architecture
- College of Engineering: Robert C. Brown, Anson Marston Distinguished Professor in Engineering, Gary and Donna Hoover Chair in Mechanical Engineering and director of the Bioeconomy Institute
- College of Human Sciences: Ann Thompson, University Professor of Curriculum and Instruction,

First meeting of the search committee

Wednesday, June 29
2:30-4:30 p.m.
Rm. 2200, Krieger
Board Rm.
Gerdin Business
Building

director of the Center for Technology in Learning and Teaching

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Patricia Thiel, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, senior scientist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory and John Corbett Professorship in Chemistry
- College of Veterinary Medicine: Anumantha Kanthasamy, Clarence Hartley Covault Distinguished Professor in Veterinary Medicine, W.E. Lloyd Endowed Chair in Neurotoxicology and director of the Iowa Center for Advanced Neurotoxicology

Alumni Association

- Jon Fleming: Staff internist and gastroenterologist at McFarland Clinic, Ames
- Deborah Turner: Medical director of gynecologic oncology at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines

ISU Foundation

- Cara Heiden: Co-president of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Des Moines
- Rudolf (Rudy) Herrmann: Retired president/CEO of Dover Resources, Inc., Tulsa, Okla.

Ex-Officio/non-voting members

- Executive director of the Board of Regents: Bob Donley
- Chief academic officer of the Board of Regents: Diana Gonzalez

Core qualities sought

The board reviewed and approved a list of **core qualities** sought in the next leader of Iowa State and at the same time, invited the search committee to offer modifications to that list.

Agreement with search firm

Parker Executive Search, Atlanta, will assist in the presidential search. The letter of understanding ratified by the board spells out the search firm's work, which includes assisting the board and search committee in developing specifications for the position; setting a search timeline; selecting advertising venues; identifying, recruiting and assessing qualified candidates; scheduling interviews; and conducting reference and background checks on finalists.

The letter of agreement points out that the search firm will recommend qualified candidates, but does not have a vote in the final selection process.

The search firm's fee is \$95,000, plus search expenses. If the board terminates the search firm's service within the first three months, the fee is prorated on a per diem basis over 90 days.

The letter also stipulates that if a selected candidate leaves Iowa State during his or her first 12 months, the firm will work to replace that individual without additional fee, although out-of-pocket expenses will be charged.