SB30-13/14: The Ryman Mall

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Resolution Regarding The Ryman Mall
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Whereas, the Ryman Mall is the clay brick pathway traveling from Arthur Avenue to the Grizzly Statue between the Lommasson Building and Knowles Hall on The University of Montana (UM) campus;

Whereas, the Ryman Mall provides the entrance to UM for many people;

Whereas, the mall is a piece of the heritage of UM’s campus and is important in preserving campus atmosphere;

Whereas, the clay bricks currently paving the Mall were obtained in 1966 from Higgins Street in Missoula, and are an important historical link between the campus and the community;

Whereas, the University has deemed the bricks of the Mall not fully Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible, which requires that bricks have no variations greater than a quarter of an inch;

Whereas, in order to make the Mall more accessible, the University has recently installed a test panel of concrete stamped to look like brick in the Mall;

Whereas, many people feel that this cement test panel detracts from the aesthetic, and historic design of campus;

Whereas, a toxic sealer was applied to the cement that affected the health and comfort of students on campus;

Whereas, concrete accounts for 5-10% of global Greenhouse Gas emissions annually;

Whereas, in the interests of the UM’s Action Plan, and it’s students, it is in best to explore options that do not involve toxins or Greenhouse Gases being released;

Whereas, by relaying the bricks closer together and on a level plane, as seen on top of Urey Lecture Hall, UM could preserve a part of the historical heritage of Missoula, and ensure its aesthetic appeal, while at the same time providing for an accessible campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM requests that the University install a test panel of relayed, level bricks to ensure accessibility and a historic, green campus;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests that this be completed with all deliberate speed in order to ensure optimal time to test the section;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests that UM’s administration keep ASUM informed on the discussions regarding this issue;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Barbara Denman, USA Program Coordinator; Royce Engstrom, President of The University of Montana; and Mike Reid, Vice President for Administration and Finance.

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