

Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
April 13, 2005

Attending: Carol Cantrell for Kem Bennett, Russell Cross, Shelly Janac, Clint Magill, James Massey, Raye Milburn, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Nancy Sawtelle, Charles Sippial, Max Summers, Dick Williams, Tom Regan, and Joel Wixson.

Guests: Mary Miller, Les Swick and Andrea Wiene.

The Council discussed last Friday's meeting with President Gates. Since some of the recommendations presented to Gates differed from what had been previously shared, the University community will need to be made aware of the changes. Perry stated he would visit with Redman and Floyd for further discussion about the budget. Still to be determined is whether the deans can use lease space for some of their needs. Perry will visit with the deans about this issue.

Gates did not approve of using Legett for faculty reinvestment space but did approve of the General Services Complex 2 concept. Sippial has given Tim Donathen an early notice about the GSC-2 concept. Before definite plans are made, the concept needs to be vetted with the University community and the Phase 2 budget finalized.

Summers expressed concern that the Council is considering spending a significant amount of money to renovate old buildings. He suggested instead the University consider constructing two \$25 million buildings in the academic corridor, which could house both faculty offices and labs. Knowing the length of time to construct buildings in the academic corridor, he asked if special permission could be given to the University to help expedite the building process, in light of the faculty reinvestment program initiatives. Perry asked Sippial to visit with Tim Donathen about the quickest timeline for getting Board of Regents approval for a construction project, and once approved, how soon Coordinating Board approval might be received. Regan suggested reviewing a list of all System buildings constructed in the last three years and seeing how long it took for similar construction at other System campuses. Based on that information, the Council could possibly use one of those buildings as a case study. Gates could also use examples on how quickly private industry is able to complete construction projects.

Perry will draft a Phase 2 discussion document for review at next week's Council meeting in the hopes of providing a final recommendation and budget to President Gates in two weeks.

President Gates met recently with Athletics to discuss appropriate areas for commercial advertising at athletic events. The President has determined no external advertising is allowed east of the railroad, and in facilities west of the railroad tracks where athletic events occur, outside commercial advertising has to be approved by CBE. Any Athletics department

commercial advertising inside an athletic facility will continue to be approved by Athletics. Faculty Senate was consulted and agrees on this plan.

The Council reviewed a map of athletic facilities on west campus and the areas where CBE must give approval. Regan noted that as part of the approval process, it would be helpful to have a digital image of what the proposed advertisement will look like on the outside of the facility, the size of the advertisement, type of material to be used, duration of the approval and who is responsible for maintaining the advertisement. Procedures will be drafted so the Athletics department is aware of the Council's expectations for the proposals. Sippial will also get information for CBE regarding College Station's rules and restrictions on commercial signage.

Perry will update Penny King on the Council's discussion and will also visit with Porter Garner at The Association of Former Students and Ed Davis at the Texas A&M Foundation to make them aware of this change.

Andrea Wienen from the Physical Plant presented updated information on the Deferred Maintenance Program for 2006. Based upon the deans' submissions of their deferred maintenance needs, the Physical Plant reviewed each project using the Coordinating Board definition for deferred maintenance. Projects that were not deferred maintenance, according to the definition, were either considered capital renewal projects or maintenance projects, both of which are funded from a different source than deferred maintenance. Each project was assessed using several factors and was given a score to help prioritize the projects. Sippial will report on deferred maintenance at the April 27 APC meeting.

The set aside funding issue was deferred to a future meeting.

Each Council member received a copy of System Project Status reports as prepared by Tim Donathen's office. Donathen has stated he will send the reports to Perry on a regular basis, which in turn will be forwarded to the Council for their information.

Several comments have been received from the University Apartment residents regarding the sidewalk and fence concepts. Perry asked the Council to review these comments, which will be discussed in greater detail at the next CBE meeting.

Perry briefly reviewed the SWAT agenda items and the Council was reminded of the "Going Green" web conference to be held next Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19.

Under other business, Sippial noted that if GSC-2 is constructed, it will impact utility needs and may increase the need for F&B Road to be widened. Regarding the grade separations at Jones and Lamar streets, Sippial stated that TxDOT is waiting on a decision from the federal agency.

Engineering is being asked to share their faculty arrival spreadsheet for other colleges to consider as a format.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 1:30.