

Minutes
Council on Built Environment
August 24, 2005

Voting members attending: Theresa Maldonado for Kem Bennett, Ralph Davila for Russell Cross, Rick Floyd, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, and Max Summers.

Non-voting members attending: Shelly Janac, James Massey, Chris Meyer, Raye Milburn, Nancy Sawtelle and Dick Williams

Guests: Tom Shehan and Cullen Grissom.

TEEX Riverside Campus Improvements

Massey noted that in April the Council granted pre-approval on three projects: Runway Driving Range, Tactical Training Area and improvements to the Firing Range. Since then, the CFPC technical committee, as well as the full CFPC, have reviewed the projects. One concern regarding the firing range was containment of fired rounds. TEEX will extend the length of the eight foot tall ballistic wall and will place restrictions on range firing during periods when Physical Plant personnel need access to the wastewater treatment facility. TEEX will also continue to mandate their practice of having a qualified Range Master on site during the operations of the range.

CFPC recommends approval of the projects with the provision that CBE and/or SWAT request further review of the proximity of the proposed pavilion/storage area to the adjacent runway (currently proposed to be 500 feet from runway), as Aerospace Engineering uses the runway to conduct robotic aircraft experiments. CFPC believes both TEEX's and Aerospace's needs can be met with appropriate scheduling.

Floyd asked if TEEX has separate insurance for the firing range area. Since the University owns the land, the University would also be liable for any accidents.

Summers moved and Magill seconded to allow SWAT to review the three remaining concerns of insurance liability, proximity of runway to storage area and scheduling of runway and bring a recommendation to a future meeting. All voting members were in favor of the motion.

Williams will check with Happ on federal standards regarding distances from active runways to other structures, and Floyd will contact Scott Kelly regarding liability issues.

Update on Physics Building

Floyd stated he, Joe Newton and Ed Fry met recently with Eddie Gose, Office of General Counsel, as well as the prospective donor and his representatives. The donor is providing \$10 million for the construction of the new Physics Building, with the University providing \$2 million for furnishings. The donor has chosen Linbeck Construction as the contractor and Michael Graves as the architect. There is also agreement for a second Physics building which the donor will fund, likely by a pledge over five years. The University will provide a match to construct a contemplated 100,000 gross square foot facility. The donor understands the University has a master plan which needs to be followed and the University will need to inspect the building to ensure specifications are met.

In order to accommodate both buildings, Engineering supports Science's use of Lot 5 and in return, Engineering will get an amount of space from Physics (equivalent to what had been slated for Engineering in renovated Graphic Services space) when faculty and staff vacate the Engineering Physics Building. That move will occur in the 2005-06 academic year. Until the new Physics building is completed, Physics could possibly move into the Centeq Building (for which the University has committed \$4 million as part of a purchase), use the Graphics space, or space in Metro Centre. Other options may develop. Physics understands their work quarters will be suboptimal while the buildings are constructed.

Decision One Building

Milburn noted the Health Science Center is currently in negotiations to lease space in the Decision One Building, which is located next to the Physician's Centre, and will need a co-tenant willing to sublease a portion of the space. The building has approximately 50,000 square feet of space, of which half the HSC plans to use for their nursing program. The remaining space will be co-leased. Milburn mentioned this in case the University may have a need for the space. This opportunity will be communicated to the deans.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10.