

**Minutes
Council on Built Environment
August 31, 2005**

Voting members attending: Kem Bennett, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Tom Regan, Chuck Sippial, Joel Wixson.

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

Guests: Charney Rydl, Ron Sasse and Dan Mizer.

Construction of New University Apartments

Sasse gave a brief update on two previously approved University Apartments issues. Regarding the old maintenance building, Physical Plant has requested permission from the Texas Historical Commission to demolish it and is awaiting their response. Approval is required since the building is over 50 years old. Environmental Health and Safety has already removed the majority of the remaining hazardous waste (batteries, paint, cleaning chemicals, etc.). Also, a work request has been submitted to Physical Plant to demolish the College Avenue Apartment complex in summer 2006.

At the June 15 CBE meeting, Sasse presented a proposal to construct, over four phases, 500 new apartment units which would replace the College Avenue, Hensel Terrace, College View and Avenue A apartment complexes. The apartments would be design build, with a brick veneer, and located within the existing University Apartment complex. At that meeting, the Council asked Sasse to share his presentation with the Academic Program Council to receive their feedback. Sasse noted that Rick Giardino's response was the only one received, and he fully supports the project.

Cross moved and Parrott seconded to approve the construction in concept. Sasse noted that Phase 1 is expected to be completed in 2008. Perry reminded the Council that if an RFP is issued for the mixed use development area, one requirement will be that any business or establishment must be compatible and in harmony with the University Apartments area.

The motion carried unanimously. Calvin suggested Harold Strong be informed of the status of the project. Sippial suggested Sasse consider adding David Godbey to the Residence Life planning group.

ETED Memorandum

The Council reviewed a draft memo to Regan, Bennett and Ewing which requests they begin discussions with the Council of Deans on issues relating to the ETED building. Any suggested changes to the memo should be sent to Perry by September 2. Sippial suggested adding wording to indicate that CBE will pay special attention to recommendations which involve infrastructure issues. Issues such as siting of the building, proposed shell space, and whether to include clean rooms should be discussed and recommended by the deans. Regan, Bennett and Ewing will also receive separately possible space configurations for the building, based on an analysis by Massey.

Other Business

- University representatives will be meeting later today to discuss ways to help students attending other schools who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- Perry will send an e-mail to the deans to determine interest in co-leasing space in the Decision One building with the Health Science Center.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20.