

Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
February 23, 2005

Attending: Jim Calvin, Kem Bennett, Wayne Williams for Russell Cross, Rick Floyd, Shelly Janac, James Massey, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Mark Clayton for Tom Regan, Nancy Sawtelle, Charles Sippial, Max Summers, Dick Williams and Raye Milburn.

Guests: Tim Donathen, Joe Newton, and Ed Fry.

Joe Newton stated a donor has expressed interest in constructing a building to provide additional space for the Physics department and to provide offices and facilities for distinguished visitors to the department. The addition is envisioned as being five floors, and approximately 25,000 to 30,000 gross square feet. It could be connected to the Cain Building by a breezeway. In addition to offices, it would include an auditorium and two seminar rooms. Newton noted the additional office space would help alleviate space problems for new faculty reinvestment hires in physics and astronomy. It is estimated the cost would be about \$9 million, and would include a \$500,000 endowment for building maintenance. Newton noted the building would not house labs, only offices and related facilities.

Sippial moved and Summers seconded the approval in concept for a Physics building addition and to refer the proposal to the Campus Facilities Planning Committee for further review. All Council members were in favor of the motion.

As a follow up to last week's meeting regarding installation of a fence around the University Apartments area, Sippial, Massey and Chris Meyer met to discuss alternatives and shared the following options with Perry:

- Install a wrought iron fence as presented at last week's meeting
- Install a chain link fence with a bush screen on the street side of the fence
- In lieu of constructing a fence, block off Moore street and extend the sidewalk on the north side of University Drive to College Main. On the south side of University Drive, remove the portion of the sidewalk that infers that a crossing exists and add signage on both sides of University Drive that pedestrian crossing is now allowed.

Perry suggested to Sippial and Dean Bresciani that the alternatives be discussed with the residents of University Apartments at an evening CBE meeting at the University Apartments Community Center. This would allow the residents to hear the alternatives and provide feedback. The CBE agreed with this suggestion and Perry asked Parrott to determine the best way to let the residents know about the meeting and to work with Crockett on a date. He noted handouts could be provided at the meeting which state the suggested options and clearly indicate a decision has not been made. Calvin suggested stating at the meeting the University's long-term plan for the area. Perry noted that the meeting will be at a time when both Parrott and Bresciani can attend so they can address that issue and answer related questions.

In response to the NEO e-mail regarding the CBE proposal and today's open forum, Perry said the more recent e-mails he has received have been regarding the relocation of Measurement and Research Services (MARS) to the General Services Complex and the loss of convenience for test scanning. He has also heard from former, current and future residents of Leggett Hall. The open forum presentation has been posted to the CBE website and the Council members were provided with a hard copy. Perry noted on page 9 of the presentation that it has been changed to reflect that Agriculture's entry may be revised to 48,000 ASF need, based on a memo he received this morning from Dean Murano. Perry asked Wayne Williams to let Dr. Murano know the change had been made to the presentation.

Perry stated that Tim Donathen will provide monthly reports to the Council on the Life Sciences Complex, NMR facility and LARR facility. Donathen noted that the LARR facility is on hold for now until the status of matching grant funds are known and the proposal for the NMR facility will go to the July Board of Regents meetings. Regarding the Life Sciences Complex, the A/E interviews will occur in July and he expects the proposal to go to the September Board meeting.

At 2:00 p.m., the Council adjourned to Rudder Theatre for the open forum presentation.