

**Minutes
Council on Built Environment
July 27, 2005**

Voting members attending: Carol Cantrell for Kem Bennett, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, Bill Perry, Tom Regan, Wynn Rosser for David Parrott, Chuck Sippial, Max Summers and Joel Wixson.

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

Guest: John Salzman, Bill Byrne, Kevin Hurley, Wally Groff, Milton Overton, Taeg Nishimoto, Elsa Murano, and Ralph Davila.

Indoor Practice Facility

Byrne gave a presentation on the proposed indoor practice facility which would be used for football, track, soccer and other athletic teams and other athletic events by using roll out turf fields. The facility is actually two buildings which are connected with the highest point being about 75 feet high, which equates to the fifth level of Kyle Field concourse. The length is 120 yards and width 75 yards. The structure would have a Teflon coated fabric on the outside with partial brick veneer, and would be in a color that blends in with the surrounding brick facilities. There will not be offices, concessions or locker rooms in the facility.

Byrne stated the facility will cost about \$20 million, and the Athletic Department has received \$14 million in pledges. The budget for the facility includes heating and air conditioning.

Regan moved to approve the proposal in concept and Cross seconded. Sippial noted since the facility as proposed does not meet the requirements of a permanent facility, a thorough review will be conducted by CFPC and, unless there is an exception to the policy, would have to be handled by FP&C.

When asked about parking, Hurley stated that 550 spaces of parking would be lost from around the tennis courts area.

There being no further discussion, a vote with taken on the concept with all members voting for the motion, and none abstaining.

Agriculture Program Headquarters Building

The Campus Facilities Planning Committee (CFPC) met on July 18 and recommends either site A, which is located on John Kimbrough Road, or Site C, in the Olsen quadrangle, across from Wellborn Road for the Agriculture Program Headquarters Building. Murano stated Agriculture prefers site A. She has met with the Development Strategy Group and the DSG has requested Agriculture prepare a feasibility study for raising the \$60 million needed for the facility.

Murano addressed the question of the building being located a distance from main campus. She noted that there are several Agriculture departments located near the proposed site and stated there are more Agriculture departments on west campus than on main campus.

Regan moved and Sippial seconded that the proposed Agriculture Program Headquarters building be located at site A, with the design of the building to be determined during the design planning process. A vote was taken on the motion and all members were in favor. Regan added that when future buildings are constructed around the Olsen Quad area, road infrastructure should not be the responsibility of the unit requesting the space.

Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine (TIGM)

TIGM is a non-profit partnership between Lexicon Genetics, the Health Science Center and TAMU and is funded by a grant from the Texas Enterprise Fund. TIGM's research will include mouse cell lines and genomes, and as part of the agreement, TAMU must construct a facility in College Station to house its mouse cell line library.

Calvin stated that two locations in the Research Park would be feasible—an 11 acre parcel to the southeast of the Caldwell Watson Building, or a location in Research Park II, north of Stotzer. This second location, however, would be more expensive to develop since it currently has no roads or utilities leading to the site.

Perry stated the Council needs to endorse the concept in general of having a building located on campus, although the Research Park would decide on the placement of the building. He added however, that one location could have a potential conflict with the proposed George W. Bush Presidential Library.

Sippial moved and Cross seconded to approve the facility in concept and to locate it in Research Park area, with site consistent with the proposed Bush Library. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.