

Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
Texas A&M University
April 26, 2006

Voting Members Attending: Sean Eubanks for Kem Bennett, Ralph Davila for Russell Cross, Bobby Bisor, Dick Chilcoat, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, Max Summers and Joel Wixson.

Non-Voting Members attending: Jim Calvin, Shelly Janac, James Massey, Chris Meyer, Raye Milburn, Mary Miller, Joe Powell, Nancy Sawtelle, and Dick Williams.

Guests: Christine Stanley and Tim Donathen.

Phase 2 Update

Perry sent a memorandum to APC on April 25 regarding the Faculty Reinvestment Phase 2 update and shared a copy with the Council. He noted that the deans of Agriculture and Liberal Arts do not believe the Bell Building is a good option for their units. Among the ideas being considered is vacating Henderson Hall and moving the occupants to Cain South Wing (which will be vacated once the General Services Complex is complete), and backfilling Henderson with Dean of Faculties, Faculty Senate, Honors and Women's Center from Academic, and Center for Teaching Excellence from Blocker. Also under consideration is renovating the Cain C wing basement.

Other Business

- Christine Stanley stated a faculty member in Liberal Arts needs to be granted an ADA accommodation. Three buildings on campus have been identified that might be appropriate for use: Bolton, Anthropology, and Military Science. Stanley is asking CBE's assistance in identifying other possible areas where the faculty member could be housed provided the options above prove unsatisfactory. Massey stated Environmental Health and Safety has already been alerted and he is working with Ben Crouch in Liberal Arts to reach a solution. Massey will update SWAT on the situation and will raise the issue with CBE again if necessary.
- At the May 10 meeting, Professor Jody Naderi from Landscape Architecture will discuss "green" roofs, roofs with vegetation which can help reduce energy use and are a component of LEED certification. Sippial noted that a green roof was considered for the Mitchell Building, and there is the possibility of green roofs for ETED, Life Sciences Building, and other new construction.
- Under pending items, Perry noted that Veterinary Medicine would like to increase the scope of their Veterinary Research Building addition, however funding is an issue. Since the project is in the design phase, Veterinary Medicine would need to identify funds soon.
- Perry recently met with the user coordinators of the NMR facility and FP&C representatives to review the preliminary design of the NMR. The project scope has increased from 10,000 to 28,000 square feet, but Perry noted that the cost will have to stay within the \$5 million budgeted.