

Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
Texas A&M University
December 20, 2006

Voting members attending: Dick Chilcoat, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, and Max Summers.

Non-voting Members Attending: Jim Calvin, Steve Hodge, Shelly Janac, James Massey, Chris Meyer, Raye Milburn, and Dick Williams.

Perry suggested that beginning in January, 2007, CBE meetings be held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. If issues arise between meetings that need a quick response, e-votes can be taken. The Council agreed to the new meeting schedule. Perry said he, Bisor and Sippial would meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month with Facilities Planning and Construction personnel to discuss current construction issues, and when discussing specific projects, would invite the user coordinators of the projects to the meetings.

Perry stated that the search committee for the managing director of FP&C has forwarded two names to the Chancellor for his consideration.

Also, the president's administrative team met with Dr. Eddie Joe Davis, interim president, on Tuesday morning. Dr. Davis asked for a one page document of current issues affecting the CBE. The document has been submitted to Davis and CBE members will be sent a copy.

Recommendations from CFPC

In advance of the meeting, the Council received four recommendations from CFPC: Residence Hall site, new Student Health Center site, Nautical Archaeology Conservation Lab building and Flammable Material Storage Facility.

Sippial noted that the principal investigators of the conservation lab are committed to staying within the \$1 million threshold for new construction so it will not need Board of Regents and Coordinating Board approval.

Cross moved to approve all recommendations, and Sippial seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Wellborn Grade Separation

Sippial said the university is in the process of obtaining cost estimates for the vehicular and pedestrian underpass grade separation at Wellborn Road. The federal government has already committed \$24 million toward the project and the university must provide 20% of the project cost. However, before any work can begin, utilities which are located outside TXDOT's easement will have to be relocated at A&M's expense.

Sippial showed conceptual drawings of grade separations at both the north side (Jones Road) and south side (West Lamar), but stated it has already been determined that the north grade separation is the university's first priority. Sippial will inform CBE of the estimate once received.

Principles of Facilities-Related Decision Making

The principles were sent to APC members last week asking for responses by December 19. All comments received were positive. Perry noted there was a recommendation to involve the other three councils in the next steps and Perry will include that suggestion when the principles are sent through Redman and Prior to Davis for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2007.