

Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
February 15, 2006

Voting Members Attending: Theresa Maldonado for Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Dick Chilcoat, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, 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: Melanie Ihrig, James Davidson, and Cathleen Crabb.

LARR Expansion

Perry reminded the Council that the LARR funding was originally \$4 million from the University and \$1 million from the Health Science Center (or 20% of the project). A \$4 million NIH grant was not successful and the LARR facility was scaled down from the original plan. The current building estimate is \$7.8 million. Calvin stated in the original \$10M plan to enlarge the current LARR facility the building expansion was going to be too close to the utility plant, which was also expanding in the LARR's direction. In the meantime, the TIGM facility was approved which would have a transgenic facility, so that feature of the LARR expansion was no longer needed. It was determined then that the most needed features of an expanded LARR would be larger cage washing areas and an ABSL 3 lab, which is especially needed by the Health Science Center.

Ihrig noted that the proposed expansion of the LARR fits within the allocation of space without interfering with the utility plant expansion and there is enough room for emergency vehicles to get in between the two buildings. Architects will address possible vibration issues from the physical plant and will determine ways to minimize the impact on the animals. The expansion of the LARR facility will not affect parking and does not extend toward utility lines.

Perry noted there is a \$2.8M difference between the cost estimate and what has been set aside for the funding. Health Science Center will contribute 20% to the cost which leaves \$2.24 million remaining, which could come from CBE contingency fund.

Sippial moved to use \$2.24 million from CBE contingency for the LARR project, with HSC providing the other 20% that is needed. Cross seconded the motion. Perry noted that contingency funds are also built into the \$7.8 million cost estimate for the project.

A vote was taken on the motion with all members in favor and none abstaining. Janac will inform Tony Heger of the Council's decision.

Renovation of Corps Dorms

Parrott asked that this topic be postponed to a future meeting. While Student Affairs is in favor of this action, he would like to gather more information before discussing with the Council.

Signage Policies and Guidelines

Sippial noted that at last week's meeting he had distributed the University of Wisconsin's wayfinding and signage policy and asked the Council if there were any comments. Chilcoat stated he thought it was a good policy and proposed that the University implement a similar policy. Parrott asked Sippial to include a representative from disability services when he assembles a signage committee.

Perry asked Sippial to discuss the committee at the next Vice President's meeting so they and the Provost are aware. In the meantime, Perry stated that a policy for Athletic signage should be developed while the overall University policy is being discussed.

Deferred Maintenance Program

Perry reminded the Council that President Gates has charged the Council to assess the advisability of engaging the services of a consultant to develop a comprehensive deferred maintenance project list to include streets, parking and other auxiliary facilities. A deferred maintenance committee of the CBE was formed, and from within that group a task force was formed, which has submitted a recommendation to the Council.

Knowing that any recommendation will involve funds, Perry stated that the committee's recommendations should be vetted with the Finance Council before being forwarded to the President and Provost.

Williams noted that the task force determined that it would be less expensive for a consultant to perform a conditions assessment based on 182 major buildings. These buildings do not include new buildings, buildings which have less than 20,000 SF, or those which are scheduled for demolition. He added that the report includes only building facilities, and does not include parking or infrastructure. Perry asked the Council's opinion on whether the report should be forwarded as is, with an addendum that the other issues would be reviewed and responded to separately, or if the complete report should wait until all issues are included.

Sippial moved that the Council accept the report and recommended action of the task force. Cross seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion with none abstaining. Perry stated the transmittal memo to Gates will acknowledge that not all issues are addressed and those will be submitted separately.

Other Business

- Regarding the ETED siting, Perry noted the cost to build two buildings to architecturally mimic the Williams Building is being assessed to compare to the cost of moving utilities at the other possible sites. Before a site is finally recommended to Gates, the CFPC technical subcommittee and CFPC will review all three sites.