

**Minutes**  
**Council on Built Environment**  
**January 11, 2006**

Voting members attending: Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Ralph Davila for Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, Max Summers and Tom Regan.

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

Guest: Arturo Alonzo.

Proposed TEEEX Addition

In September, the Council approved a preproposal from TEEEX for an 18,000 SF addition to their existing Emergency Operations Training facility. The Campus Facilities Planning Committee reviewed the request at their October 31, 2005 meeting and recommends approval of the addition. The Council voted in favor of the recommendation.

Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building

Calvin presented architect renderings on two possible schemes (A and B) for the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building. Both schemes show possible future phases of life sciences activities, which the architects refer to as a Life Sciences corridor district plan.

The current phase of each scheme includes 210,000 SF of space, although all future phases together would have a total of 540,000 SF. Each current scheme includes three floors, with a 300 seat auditorium on the first floor.

Four hundred parking spaces will be lost to the building although only 100 parking spaces are planned directly adjacent to the facility. As part of a future phase, the architects suggest construction of a 325 space parking deck. Parrott expressed concern about losing a significant amount of parking spaces in the area since it will impact the students in the current, and future, residence halls.

Regan noted the building design is evolving and the architects will come back with several variations on the schemes. He added that once the design for the front of the building is chosen, the back of the building will be designed in a complementary way.

Calvin said an internal public relations team is being assembled and includes representatives from both the undergraduate and graduate students, as well as Transportation Services.

Perry asked the Council to send their comments on the building and layout to Calvin, so he can share them with the architects. The architects plan to have a completed district plan presentation by the end of the month, which they will present to CBE at its January 25 meeting.

Design Review Board

The Council reviewed the proposed members of the Design Review Board. Some have not responded yet regarding their requested service, although Regan has talked to a few of them and they have indicated their willingness to serve.

Regan presented a concept for the flow of information and input from the Design Review Board to Facilities Planning and Construction. After a proposal receives a favorable recommendation from CBE, and is approved by the President, the FP&C is notified so the project can be submitted to the Board of Regents and architect selection can occur. It is at this time the Design Review Board begins their formal input on the project. However, the Campus Planner and Chair of the DRB, as an ex-officio member of the CBE, will have already had an opportunity to provide input and guidance on the project.

Summers moved and Bisor seconded that the Council endorse the flow chart with some adjustments for tracking of projects by the Design Review Board.

Perry asked Morrison to design a flow chart using Regan's description and send to Regan for his review. Perry said he would inform Tim Donathan of the proposed plan. It was noted that an exception to the policy would need to be requested to allow additional persons to serve on the architect selection committee.

A vote was taken on the motion with all members in favor, and none abstaining.

#### Fish Pond

Sippial stated due to the Ross Street renovation, the Fish Pond will need to be moved in a couple of years from its current location to the front of Sbisal. Members of the Traditions Council were apprised of this action a couple of years ago, however Sippial asked Parrott to make sure the current student leadership is aware. It was noted that this is not the first time the Fish Pond has been relocated.

Perry suggested he and Parrott talk to Porter Garner and/or Marty Holmes at The Association of Former Students so they are aware of the proposed move. It may be desirable to have an article in the Texas Aggie as a means of informing former students.