

**Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
Texas A&M University
June 14, 2006**

Voting Members Attending: Sean Eubanks for Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Joe Dillard for Dick Chilcoat, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, Max Summers and Nic Taunton.

Non-Voting Members attending: Jim Calvin, James Massey, Chris Meyer, Raye Milburn, Mary Miller and Dick Williams.

Guests: Kathy Hubbard, Diane Oswald, Becky Carr and Doug Palmer.

Brick Pavers in Education Plaza

Carr stated that College of Education would like to implement a donor brick program as part of their development efforts. They would like to use 390 square feet of grass around the existing Education Plaza, which represents less than one-fourth of the overall space surrounding the Shaping the Future sculpture. The college estimates that the pavers will generate \$85,000 over a five year period.

Cross moved and Parrott seconded to approve the project in concept. Sippial asked that the motion be amended so that if the Campus Facilities Planning Committee recommends approval no further approval by CBE will be needed and the project can commence at Physical Plant. All members were in favor of the motion, with none abstaining.

University Apartments Siting

Parrott stated that Dr. Bresciani and others recently met with a subcommittee of the Board of Regents and were asked to look at other sites for the University Apartments. Instead of rebuilding in the current apartment area, other sites considered for Phase 1 (500 units) are the nearby Horticulture Gardens area, Physical Plant's service area (which includes greenhouse, landscaping and recycling services), and the 17 acres adjacent to those two areas. Hensel Park would remain intact and could become an enhanced aspect of the apartment area.

The mixed use development project is still being considered and discussions are ongoing with University representatives and several members of the Board of Regents. Perry stated the development would continue to adhere to the three principles established early in the process: be part of an open and transparent process of procurement, bring benefit to the university's programs, faculty, staff and students, and bring benefit to community relationships.

Parrott moved and Sippial seconded that the areas of the Horticulture Garden, Physical Plant and 17 adjacent acres be approved in concept for use by the University Apartments, with the Campus Facilities Planning Committee subcommittee providing cost estimates for infrastructure that may be needed in the area, as well as replacement costs of the services that may be relocated, along with appropriate relocation sites. It was noted that the mixed use development project, not

University Apartments, should fund the demolition and relocation of the costs if the services are relocated.

All members were in favor of the motion, with none abstaining.

NMR Finish Out

Agriculture would like to amend their previous proposal for the NMR facility and now proposes to authorize Facilities Planning and Construction to add three floors, instead of two, with \$2M in financing arranged through System Treasury Services, which would be repaid by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The offer is contingent upon the University providing funds to finish out the second and third floors, estimated to be \$1,180,000.

Perry stated the University has identified \$600,000, which would allow for finish out of the second floor labs and shell space on the third floor. If the additional funds needed are identified before construction is finished, the additional finish out would not have to be reapproved by the Board since the scope of project would be within 10% of the total project cost. Perry noted there may also be contingency funds available from the project to help toward all or a portion of the third floor project.

Perry moved and Sippial seconded that the Council provide \$600,000 toward completion of the second floor lab space, and the Council would try to identify funds to finish out shelled lab space on the third floor. During the discussion phase of the motion, Bisor stated that the University will begin immediately to try to identify the remaining \$600,000 needed, as Council members expressed concern about having to shut down the facility once it is fully operational in order to complete the shelled space. Perry stated contingency funds in Phase 1 and 2 would also be reviewed for possible use. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2006.