

**Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
Texas A&M University
April 25, 2007**

Voting members attending: Sean Eubanks for Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Ralph Davila for Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Chuck Sippial, Max Summers and Joel Wixson.

Non-voting Members Attending: Jim Calvin, Steve Hodge, Kevin Hurley, Shelly Janac and James Massey.

Guests: Ben Crouch, Becky Carr, Linda Lekawski, and Jim Rainer.

Chuck Sippial chaired the meeting in Bill Perry's absence. Since a majority of voting members was not in attendance at the start of the meeting, Jim Calvin gave an update on the LARR addition. The scope of the building has been downsized, but the available funds for the building will still not cover the needs of the unit.

Calvin stated it appears there are three options for the facility: (1) repair the cage wash area with an estimated cost of \$5 million. This would require shutting down the cage wash area for 6-8 months and finding alternate cage wash services; (2) identify an additional \$3.5 million to meet the projected cost of the current planned addition. This assumes that the current commitments from ILSB, CBE, and HSC remain intact. This solution would create improved services and provide relief for the near-term foreseeable future (approximately six years); (3) acquire funds to build a new Laboratory Animal Research Resource, or at least the first phase of a new facility. The cost of a new facility is estimated to be \$16-20 million. Calvin noted that while there will be cage washes at TIGM and the ILSB, they will be designed for rodents only.

Summers suggested that the Vice President for Research develop a master plan for animal facilities on campus, which could be a component of the Academic Master Plan that is to be developed among the deans.

Building Concept for the Student Health Center

Lekawski reminded the Council that the president has approved the site for the new Student Health Center and she is now asking for building concept approval. Current planning for the building will allow for 60,000 SF of usable space, which is estimated to cost between \$231 and \$245 per square foot. Lekawski said there is approximately \$3 million in plant funds available and the remainder would be funded through fees.

Currently only Student Health Services plans to use the building. The building would be designed to provide better doctor/patient confidentiality, have ample space for ambulance and patient parking, provide space for employee training, sports medicine and women's care.

Summers moved and Bisor seconded to approve the building concept. All members were in favor of the motion.

Agronomy Field Lab

CFPC has recommended approval of a facility north of F&B Road to house the Soil Testing Laboratory and Plant Diagnostic Laboratory. These two units will be moving out of space that can be used for Faculty Reinvestment purposes.

Bisor moved to approve and Parrott seconded. All members were in favor of the motion. The recommendation will now be sent to the president for his approval.

Space Moves

SWAT met this morning to discuss the following possible space moves and recommendations:

- Pavilion. If Student Business Services and Student Financial Aid move to the GSC, a service center would remain on the first floor. VP Research units could occupy the second floor and Architecture could have approximately 6,400 SF of space on the first floor.
- Bell Building. Possible move of PPRI from TAES annex to join the remainder of PPRI. Due to associated costs with fire and life safety and accessibility, SWAT does not recommend that classrooms be created in Bell. CBE will commit \$200,000 toward renovations. Vacated HLKN space in Read should remain in Education's inventory until there is a written request to transfer it to the university.
- Cain. Cain A wing is scheduled to be completed in July 2007 and the kitchen in B wing is scheduled for a December 2007 completion.
- 1111 Research Parkway. Employee Services is in the process of moving to GSC. Environmental Health and Safety would like to move from Research Parkway into a separate facility to be located near the recently discussed 2,600 SF support staff building on F&B Road. VP Research has agreed to pay \$50,000 toward this facility. Vacated EHSD space would be used for Research Park use.
- YMCA. Sippial and Perry will meet with Ben Crouch, user coordinator, to discuss space allocation within the YMCA Building.
- Grove modular buildings. Sippial stated if Residence Life cannot sell the buildings, he would be willing to negotiate a purchase price to move the buildings off campus.
- Faculty Arrivals. Liberal Arts needs to house 4-5 faculty members by August 1. Hart Hall could be a temporary possibility but space has been promised to Residence Life. Parrott will talk to Ron Sasse about temporary use.

Other Business

Sippial stated the Campus District Planners will be on campus Monday, April 30 for further discussion on ETED siting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9.