

**Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
Texas A&M University
February 28, 2007**

Voting members attending: Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Joe Dillard for Dick Chilcoat, Wayne Williams for Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Bill Perry, Chuck Sippial, Max Summers and Joel Wixson.

Non-voting Members Attending: Carol Cantrell, Charley Clark, Kevin Hurley, Shelly Janac, James Massey, Chris Meyer, Joe Powell, Tom Regan, Nancy Sawtelle, and Dick Williams.

Guests: Ed Davis, Becky Carr, Dean Endler, Rod Weis, Doug Williams, Mike Huddleston, and Gali Zilberstein.

Design Manual for the Invisible Campus

Interim President Ed Davis attended the first part of the meeting to hear Dean Regan's presentation on the Design Manual for the Invisible Campus.

Possible Relocation of Student Financial Aid and Student Business Services to GSC

Bisor stated that conversations have been progressing between the Student Senate and other student groups and representatives of Student Financial Aid (SFA) and Student Business Services (SBS) regarding the units' possible relocation to the GSC. The students have expressed concern about access to the GSC due to construction, and the need for additional bus routes to the area. Joe Pettibon and Bob Piwonka will continue discussions with the students. Wixson noted that although the students' initial impression was that the move could create accessibility issues, they are open for discussion.

Dulie Bell and Pavilion

Perry stated if SFA and SBS relocate to the GSC, it will free up approximately 20,000 SF in the Pavilion. Possibilities for use of vacated space in the Pavilion include Assessment (1,200 SF) and Sponsored Contracts and Contract Compliance (5,000 to 6,000 SF). Regan has formally requested that available space in the Pavilion be allocated to Architecture due its close proximity to the Architecture complex and their need to house tenure-track faculty.

The Research Foundation has indicated it will vacate their space in the Dulie Bell building, which could provide approximately 23,000 SF for either Architecture or Education to use. Perry said CBE would make recommendations on space assignments for the Pavilion, if SFA and SBS move out, and for Dulie Bell building, once a facilities assessment is completed.

Motorcycle Parking in the Corps Area

Doug Williams and Rod Weis from Transportation Services stated there is a need for additional motorcycle parking, especially around the Corps area. Four alternatives were proposed: (1) conversion of a grassy area adjacent to lot 26, which is closest to the problem area but would cause loss of green space and the loss of one 30-minute space; (2) conversion of a non-inventoried parking area behind the fence on Mosher Lane from vehicles to motorcycles. The cost to replace the asphalt with concrete would be costly and construction could damage a tree in the area; (3) conversion of 10 parking spaces on the west end of lot 8 which would cause

relocation of three permit holders and the removal of an additional seven (vacant) vehicle spaces; and (4) conversion of 15 spaces in the center of Lot 40a, which would necessitate the elimination of 15 spaces in the lot and would be costly due to demolition and construction costs.

Sippial moved and Parrott seconded that sites 1 and 2 be approved with Transportation Services deciding which one area should be converted based on the cost analysis and the ability to landscape the area to help alleviate potential noise. All members were in favor of the motion except one.

Brick Requirement for Indoor Tennis Court Building

At its February 27 meeting, the Design Review Board reviewed a presentation by Kevin Hurley regarding the indoor tennis facility. Hurley was seeking guidance on appropriate materials for the outside of the building. The DRB recommends that Athletics use a brick exterior to fit the campus master plan guidelines.

Sidewalks Around GSC

A staff member has inquired about constructing sidewalks around the General Services Complex. Sippial stated that funds have been budgeted for sidewalks in the area once Agronomy Road renovation is completed. Sippial will correspond with the staff member.

Other Business

- The Council received a copy of Dr. Davis' response to Legislative inquiry on deferred maintenance.
- Science is requesting the University fund one-half of the amount needed for the Cyclotron expansion. Perry noted if and when funds become available for building projects, there will be a process for making all the deans aware.
- Agriculture has requested funds to finish out the shelled space in the NMR and that it be included in the CBE budget request. Perry stated that CBE budget will include the prioritized list of non-funded PUF projects.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 1:30.