

**Minutes
Council on the Built Environment
Texas A&M University
June 27, 2007**

Voting members attending: Deena Wallace for Kem Bennett, Bobby Bisor, Dick Chilcoat, Russell Cross, Clint Magill, David Parrott, Conner Prochaska for Joel Wixson, and Chuck Sippial.

Non-voting Members Attending: Lallah Howard, Kevin Hurley, James Massey, Chris Meyer, Raye Milburn, and Nancy Sawtelle.

Guests: Tom Shehan, Charlie Todd and Becky Carr.

TEEX Riverside Improvements

Tom Shehan gave a presentation on the need for a 300 meter rifle range on land currently assigned to TEEX on the Riverside campus. The rifle range, which would be located adjacent to the firing range, would be utilized by the Corps, University Police and other security entities. A site feasibility study was conducted by Meggitt Defense Systems and their report deemed the area appropriate for the needs of the range. The range will be 12 lanes bordered by an 8 to 10 foot berm, with overhead baffling to prevent overshoot from the fixed points. Shehan stated that due to the baffling, increased noise would not be an issue, and would actually be less than the noise level from the nearby firing range.

Bisor asked about a master plan for the Riverside campus. Sippial stated in 1988 the Board of Regents approved a master plan for the area but it is now outdated. He added, however, that this would be a good time to review the history of the master plan and check with the agencies located at Riverside regarding their future use plans. Massey will begin discussions with the agencies and check with Contracts Administration to determine if there are current interagency agreements for the land use at Riverside.

Shehan also requested approval to expand the current driving track by connecting new roads to the west of the track. The expansion is needed to meet additional driving exercise requirements. A barbed wire type fence currently surrounds the outer perimeter of the plot of land where the track is located. Occasionally University cattle are able to cross the fence line, but that is due to gates being left open and not because of the type of fencing.

Parrott moved and Chilcoat seconded to approve both projects in concept. The motion passed unanimously. The request will now be considered by the CFPC technical subcommittee.

Performance Studies and Psychology Space Needs

Psychology needs to identify space for reinvestment faculty and while Hart Hall would be ideal for their needs, Sippial reminded the Council that President Gates approved the use of Hart Hall by Residence Life. Any change in the use of Hart would require a CBE recommendation and approval by the president. Sippial stated that other options would continue to be pursued and

noted there might be a possibility of using portions of the former print shop space, which is currently used for Life Sciences Building lab mockups.

MP-1 Report

The Council reviewed the current MP-1 report. Massey stated this is the first year each System agency has submitted their own MP-1 list, therefore items such as NMR, Centeq purchase and the Agriculture Program headquarters building will be on TAES' report, and not the University's. He added that any building project which could be expected to be forwarded to the Coordinating Board in the next twelve months must be listed on the MP-1 report. Comments on the report should be sent to Massey as soon as possible since the report is due to the Coordinating Board by Monday, July 2.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11.