MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles A. Sippial (Chair), Dr. Bill Perry, Dr. Richard Floyd, Dr. Dean Bresciani, Dr. Richard Creger, Dr. David Hyland, (for Ewing), Mr. Jackson Hildebrand, Mr. James Massey.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Les Swick (for Williams, Physical Plant Department), Mr. John Clark (for Godbey, Physical Plant Department), Mr. James Davidson (for Donathen)

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING: Dr. David Prior, Dr. Robin Abrams

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING: Ms. Maria Robinson, Dr. James Calvin

PRESENTERS/GUEST PRESENT:
- Mary Miller  Associate VP for Administration
- Deborah Wright  Finance Division
- John Salsman  TAMU Environmental Health & Safety
- Marty Scholtz  Medical Biochemistry: NMR
- David Giedroc  Biochemistry & Biophysics: NMR
- Dennis Corrington  Recreational Sports Department
- James Welford  Recreational Sports Department
- Jim Culver  Geographic Information Services
- David Morrison  Facilities Coordination

Chairman Sippial called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm and welcomed the members and guest to the meeting.

Technical SubCommittee
Chairman Sippial told the committee that a subcommittee has been established to provide a technical review of the projects conceptually endorsed by the Council for the Built Environment. The CFPC-tsc will report its findings to the CFPC. The subcommittee’s membership will be named soon and should be able to provide input and other review of projects prior to the January 2005 meeting of the CFPC. He indicated that he had asked James Massey, Secretary of the CFPC and Director of the Office of Facilities Coordination to Chair the Technical Subcommittee. This was an information item, no action was taken.

1. Minutes from the meeting of July 26, 2004 were approved as written.

2. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Facility
Bill Perry provided an overview of the status of the plans for the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Complex which has been endorsed by the President and been the focus of a space planning effort lead by various campus constituents and aided by space consultant Ira Fink.
The complex will include the Life Sciences Building, an expansion of the LARR, and a facility to consolidate the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) research capabilities. The CBE endorsed the concept form of the NMR facility on June 3, 2004, which is projected to cost approximately four million dollars. Dr. Mart Sholtz and Dr. Dave Giedroc provided the committee with a description of the facility, a proposed space profile and a siting preference. The building will be approximately 10,000 square feet and will include five NMR instruments (3 of which exist on campus) and a 900 Mhz instrument which will be one of only four in the country and will serve as a regional research asset. The proposed site is located west of the Biochemistry-Biophysics Building on the west campus. This will place the facility in the proximity of the major users of the facility, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. After a brief discussion by the committee, it was ascertained that the design of the building will accommodate any safety related concerns of the large magnetic field created by the instruments within the building. Dr. Perry indicated that with the CFPC’s recommendation to proceed that the CBE would need to verify that 1.) funding will be sufficient to construct the facility, 2.) the utility infrastructure is sufficient to support the building (funding for any deficiencies will need to be identified), 3.) parking generated by those using the facility will be sufficient and of the correct type (visitor), and 4.) the safety requirements of a facility of this sort are included in the final design and management of the facility. Dr. Creger moved to recommend to the CBE that the facility proceed as requested. Dr. Perry seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

3. Lab Animal Research Resource (LARR) Center Expansion

Dr. Perry told the committee that a vivarium is an important component of the university’s Life Sciences initiative, citing that 20 to 40 of the faculty reinvestment hires will use animals as part of their research program. To support this effort the current LARR needs to expand by approximately 22,000 square feet over its current size of 33,000 square feet. Funding identified for this expansion will come from the Life Sciences ($4 million), the TAMU System Health Science Center ($2 million) and from a NIH grant ($1 to $4 million). The NIH grant deadline is in December.

There are three expansion options being considered:

1. West and South: This will potentially impact the planned expansion of the west campus #2 utility plant.
2. South Only: 160 parking spaces, currently used by the College of Veterinary Medicine will be lost and the large utility bank on the south side of the LARR will need to be moved or otherwise accommodated with the design.
3. Northeast Corner: wrap the expansion around the north and eastern sized of the existing building. This option is less optimal given the current interior layout of the building.

Dr. Floyd indicated that a NIH grant consultant was being brought in this week to assist with the grant. After a discussion, the committee, feeling that more information is needed, indicated that the decision on the recommendation on which option should be used should be put on hold until more is known. No action was taken.

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4. **Engineering Building Infill Proposal** – Hyland

Dr. Hyland requested that the committee approve an infill plan to provide the Engineering Program the space it needs. Although the Paulien study indicated a need of over 500,000 square feet an internal study produced a need of 350,000 to 371,000 square feet. As part of the plan to address this need three building sites have been developed to provide the needed space. The sites include:

1. **1B**: Located to the west of the Brown Chemical Engineering Building, between University Drive and the Blocker Building. This option will displace approximately 120 parking places.
2. **2B**: Located north of the Zachry Engineering Center and would be approximately 70,000 square feet and three stories tall. Parking will be an issue with lots 50/51 being full.
3. **3B**: Located south of the Zachry Engineering Center on the site of the current Hydromechanics Laboratory Building.

The construction costs of the three buildings are estimated to be $55.5 million. Dr. Hyland indicated that the Engineering Program intended to raise the monies needed to construct these facilities.

Bill Perry moved that the technical committee should review this proposal to address concerns presented by Chairman Sippial and others. The points to be evaluated include: Utilities, parking, façade/elevation, circulation in/around the building and other related problems. He asked that Dr. Hyland initiate the technical discussion with the Vice President for Administration when the College is ready to proceed. When this evaluation is complete the information will come back to the CFPC. A special meeting or e-Vote on the results could be used to further discuss this proposal and develop a recommendation to the CBE. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hyland and passed unanimously.

5. **Architecture Bridge Cover**

Chairman Sippial, for Dean Reagan, told the committee that a canopy over the bridge connecting the buildings in the Architecture complex had been designed and had the necessary funding to proceed. ADA requirements and other aspects of the project had been reviewed by the Physical Plant architect and are ready to construct. Dr. Perry made a motion for the project to proceed. Dr. Floyd seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the committee.

6. **Penberthy Intramurals Sports Center Building**

Dennis Corrington told the committee that a recent storm had damaged the roof of one of the buildings in the Intramurals Complex on the West Campus. The building is in the future alignment of the Penburthy Boulevard and didn’t want to repair it if it were to be necessary to remove the structure when the roadway was constructed. A master plan of the area indicated that a change in land use and the placement of buildings would stay clear of the future roadway. The master plan showed the need for expansion of the RV parking area. A lake in the area could be created by drilling a water well on the western side of the complex. The water from the well and lake would be used to irrigate the playing fields. In discussion,
the committee voiced the need for the formal designation of the bounds of the land in use by
the Recreational Sports Department on the west campus. Dr. Floyd moved that a
recommendation designating the land use of the department be developed by the soon
to be seated technical sub committee and be brought to the committee as soon as
possible. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sippial and was passed unanimously by the
committee.

7. e-Vote UPDATE: Improvements to the Transportation Center
Chairman Sippial reported that the e-mail vote on the Improvements to the Transportation
Center was unanimous. Given that the project was an equipment and infrastructure upgrade,
the approval of the CBE/CFPC was not needed and any actions taken would be overseen
administratively. This was an information item, no action was taken.

8. Campus Master Plan Update
Mary Miller told the members that the Campus Master Plan has been approved by the
TAMUS Board of Regents. She reported that the membership of the Design Review Board
is being discussed by the President and the Provost. This was an information item, no
action was taken.

9. Council for the Built Environment Update – Perry
Bill Perry, Chair of the Council for the Built Environment provided the committee with an
update. He reported that the Phase I moves are underway and discussions for Phase II space
allocations are being discussed. Additionally, he indicated that another option being
considered to address space needs is the use of our classrooms. Currently the average
weekly hours of use are below the state’s standards and a plan could be developed to capture
some of the existing classrooms to support research and other instructional needs. This was
an information item, no action was taken.

10. Adjourn
    The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm