Minutes of the
CAMPUS FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE Meeting
Held
January 20, 2004
310 Williams Administration Building – 2:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Charles A. Sippial (Chair), Dr. David Prior, Dr. Bill Perry, Dr. Rick Floyd, Dr. Richard Creger, Dr. Robin Abrams, Dr. James Calvin (for Ewing), Dr. Jan Winniford, Mr. James Massey

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kelly Templin (City of College Station), Ms. Linda Huff (City of Bryan), Mr. Richard Williams (Physical Plant Department), Mr. David Godbey (Physical Plant Department), Ms. Maria Robinson, Mr. Jim Culver (GIS).

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING: Dr. David Hyland,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING: Mr. Tim Donathen, Mr. Chris Meyer (Environmental Health and Safety)

PRESENTERS/GUEST PRESENT:
Mary Miller  Associate Vice President for Administration
Steve Beachy  City of College Station, Parks and Recreation
Bob Brown  Wildlife & Fisheries Science
Arturo Alonzo  Texas Engineering Extension Service
Tom Shehan  Texas Engineering Extension Service
Pierce Cantrell  Assistant Provost, Information Technology
Ramesh Kannappan  Information Technology - EIS
Tim Rhea  TAMU Aggie Band
Rod Weis  TAMU Transportation Services
Bob Rudder  TAMU Facilities Coordination
David Morrison  TAMU Facilities Coordination

Chairman Sippial called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm and welcomed the members and guest to the meeting.

1. Minutes from the meeting of October 20, 2003 were approved as written by a vote after a motion and a second by Drs. Creger and Calvin.

2. Land Use Designation: Freeman Arena Area Update – Sippial & Massey
Chairman Sippial reported to the Committee that the designation of the 85 acres in the vicinity of the Freeman arena has been approved by the CFPC by electronic vote. The recommendation to assign approximately 20.5 acres to the Department of Health & Kinesiology’s Challenge Works Program and 65.0 acres to the Animal Science Department in support of its equine programs has been forwarded to the CBE. This was an informational item and no action was taken.

Dr. Winniford introduced Mr. Tim Rhea, Director of the TAMU Aggie Band. Mr. Rhea told the committee of the need to build a new band hall. The current building was built in 1970
for a 250 member band. The current membership of the band is 600 which results in a very loud practice session. There is also a need for additional storage of instruments. The Band is proposing to capture the space currently in Parking Area 25 for the new building. Funds for the building will be raised as the priority project for the division of Student Affairs. The specific scope of the project (size and final cost estimates) will be developed as the project develops.

The committee discussed the proposed use of PA25 for the building. Mr. Sippial indicated that if the parking area is used, then funds will need to be available to replace the parking displaced by this action. Ms. Miller reminded the committee that the Campus Master Plan indicates that Duncan Field is not a viable site as it is to remain green space. Dr. Perry told the committee that he thought that a new building would enhance the campus appearance in the area.

Dr. Floyd moved to recommend approval of the request for the new band hall. The motion included advocacy of consistency with the pending Campus Master Plan, the razing of the existing band hall and replacing the hall on the current site. The motion was seconded by Dr. Winniford and was approved unanimously by the committee.

4. **Land Use Designation: Riverside Campus, TEEX: Circuit Training Trail** - Alonzo

Dr. Alonzo asked the committee to support a proposal to construct a 800 meter training trail/track and a metal locker and storage building at the Riverside Campus to support the training program of TEEX’s Public Safety Division. The Police Academy has been training officers since 1947 and is need of these facilities to support the physical training of its cadets. The 100’ x 50’ metal building will be constructed adjacent to building 7751 and the track in the open field generally south of the building. The total cost of the project is approximately $400,000 (this will be confirmed with the final layout and site). Alternate sites were explored, but the existing utilities at the prime site would make the secondary site(s) less viable due to location and cost. Ms. Abrams asked whether other TAMU/S employees could use the track. Dr. Alonzo indicated that any employee will be able to use the facility.

The members of the committee after discussing the proposal indicated concerns over the current and long-term use of the land, the compatibility with adjacent uses, and the fact that the facility could be removed if a higher need developed. The committee asked that the project be returned for consideration at its April meeting after options for an alternative site can be studied. No action was taken.

5. **Land Use: University Services Building & Veterans Park** - Beachy

Mr. Beachy told the committee that there is interest in developing a cooperative use of the lands owned by the university at the University Services Building and by the City of College Station at Veterans Park. The City will be developing a trail generally at the perimeter of the Park and the topography and proximity of the university’s land is an attractive addition to the site. Interest to develop this relationship has been expressed by the university’s departments of Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Recreation, Park and Tourism Science and the Rangeland Ecology & Management. The Athletic Department has also shown interest in developing a running area for its Cross Country team. Mr. Beachy presented letters of support from each of the university departments showing interest in this proposal. Dr. Bob Brown told the committee that instructional and research projects are currently underway in the university owned nature trail. The outdoor classroom is an important facet of the department’s teaching program. He said that the addition of the Veterans Park land would greatly enhance this
opportunity for the university’s students and faculty. It would also provide an additional venue for community and university visitors.

Chairman Sippial voiced concern over developing such a relationship on land which the University may some day decide to sell. While no decision to do so is being considered, he advocated that should such a relationship with the City be struck, that it be clear to all parties that the University may decide to sell this property in the future.

After further discussion related to questions of where the specific connections to the Park would be placed and specific questions related to the language of the inter-local agreement, the committee asked Mr. Beachy to return to the April meeting of the CFPC with more information regarding the connections and a draft agreement. No action was taken.

6. **Space Requirements: Enterprise Information Systems** – Cantrell/ Kannappan

Mr. Cantrell introduced Mr. Kannappan who briefed the committee on the need for space to support the new Student and Human Resource Computing System or Enterprise Information System (EIS). Seventy-Two Hundred square feet of space is needed for by November 1st to support this function. He indicated that his first preference was space on-campus, followed by modular building space and lease spaces. There is also a need for a backup computer room to support any disaster support actions, should the prime computer be taken off-line. This need is approximately 3,750 square feet and its location should be about 10 miles from the primary computer room. Dr. Perry indicated that he though that the cost of modulars should be weighed against the cost of a lease, indicating that the former may be more cost effective. A Riverside Campus location was discussed, indicating that although band-width is currently lacking, the need to further develop the campus for other purposes will ultimately provide the infrastructure to support a remote computer room at the campus. Dr. Perry suggested that a planning process for these spaces be undertaken and presented to APC. He asked Dr. Cantrell to attend so that questions regarding funding and related points could be answered. The logistics of the site could also be discussed. The committee concurred with Dr. Perry and no action was taken.

7. **Campus Master Plan Update** – Miller

Ms. Mary Miller told the committee that the Master Plan project was projected to be presented to the Board of Regents in March. There will be community forum conducted prior to the final draft being compiled. This was an informational item, no action was taken.

8. **Council on the Built Environment (CBE)** – Perry

Dr. Perry told the committee that the CBE is continuing to meet weekly. There will be a series of meetings to discuss the CBE’s plans with the Deans. Generally the CBE is advocating the use of the campus core to build the academic and research efforts of the university. Support units would be moved to the periphery of the campus to facilitate the loading of faculty and related research at the center of the campus. Cost is being meshed with the logistical plan to assure the efficient use of available resources. This was an informational item, no action was taken.

7. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm