

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS
FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION AND MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 19, 2016 – The members of the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee (“FCMP”) of The University of Houston System Board of Regents convened at 1:11 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at the University of Houston-Victoria, University North, Multi-Purpose Room, 3007 N. Ben Wilson Street, Victoria, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Chair
Spencer D. Armour III, Vice Chair
Beth Madison, Member
Paula M. Mendoza, Regent
Tilman J. Fertitta, Ex Officio

Non-Member(s) Present

Durga D. Agrawal, Regent
Gerald W. McElvy, Regent
Peter K. Taaffe, Regent
Roger F. Welder, Regent

Member(s) Absent

Garrett H. Hughey, Student Regent, Non-voting

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Chair of the Committee, Welcome W. Wilson, Jr. called the meeting to order and moved to approve the first order of business the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes – Item B

On motion of Regent Madison, seconded by Regent Armour, and by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, the following minutes from the meeting listed below was approved.

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Following the approval of the minutes, Regent Wilson, Jr. stated the committee would be presented three (3) approval items for their consideration and he asked Mr. Jim McShan, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance to introduce the first action item for their consideration as noted below.

2. Approval is requested for the annual update to the University of Houston Master Plan – University of Houston – Item C, FCMP-C.

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Mr. McShan began by mentioning that the university worked with DesignLAB in the College of Architecture on updating the Master Plan. They did an excellent job and we hope to have more opportunities for the University to work with them going forward. Mr. McShan introduced Mr. Patrick Peters, Professor and Director of the Graduate Design/Build Studio to present this item. Below is a brief summary of his remarks.

Mr. Peters stated it was a pleasure to be attending this meeting and he was present on behalf of Dean Patricia Oliver, who is head of the College of Architecture and Design at the University of Houston and provided the highlights of the Master Plan Phase Two. Mr. Peters mentioned that whereas Phase One of the Master Plan was an examination of numerous desperate assessments of our existing campus facilities and infrastructure in search of opportunities to integrate improvement projects toward a more efficient and cohesive outcome, Phase Two (of the three-phase process) offers proposals for integration currently underway that can support the university's primary initiatives of arts, athletics, energy, health, student success through strategic improvements to the physical campus to foster identity, pride, and a sense of belonging to the UH Cougar community.

Mr. Peters stated that from the analysis of the existing campus edges, it was being proposed that we reinforce and define the sense of arrival at, and the definition of, the campus perimeter through landscape edges that are constituted primarily through trees that welcome, beautify and nurture and rather than use walls that shut people out. Of course, METRO, through its southeast line light rail transit project, has already provided the University with a good supply of walls on the south and west. On these edges, the University would soften the impact of those walls with landscape elements while creating consistency throughout the campus edges by a tree planting and impactful pedestrian enhancements. From analysis of the existing campus traffic and pathways it was being proposed that a set of primary north / south and east / west arteries for linking our community through the campus and for providing safe passage of pedestrians, bicyclists and use of utility carts with reduced conflicts between them while providing signature pedestrian pathways to also provide much needed fire truck access to the campus.

In addition, Mr. Peters mentioned the TIGER 6 Trail provided through a \$15,000,000 transportation investment generating economic recovery grant for regional bike and pedestrian connections will increase the connectivity of UH and ERP (Energy Research Park).

Mr. Peters also talked about making connections between the existing, enhanced and new athletic and student center facilities on campus, they are building long term bridges to the Houston community and strengthening bonds within our campus community, e.g., by recognizing and clarifying the well-traveled path of students from housing to TDECU stadium.

Mr. Peters moved on to discuss the analysis from using the Facilities Condition Index Number, which is a ratio of maintenance to replacement cost for each building on campus,

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the facilities team has assessed whether resources should next be prudently spent. Several buildings on campus have been identified as a likely subject for significant capital renewal, and while there are other factors that must be weighed as well, such as hope to accommodate displaced departments and individuals with short-term swing space, they have identified through a study of the history of the UH Campus Plans that a significant re-investment in Stephen P. Farish Hall makes little sense given that its position and design compromise the cultural origin point of the UH campus. They see the completion of the CORE project and the eventual relocation of the College of Education and the demolition of Farish Hall, eventually, as the opportunity to realize in the end, a Centennial Court. This is an aspirational project for the renewal of the social and ceremonial heart of the campus supported by gifts that mark our 100th anniversary in 2027.

In addition, Mr. Peters addressed the Energy Research Park (ERP) and its changing conditions; the eminent completion of the TIGER 6 Trail that had been mentioned previously; making UH the first university campus in Houston to front onto the extensive Bayou Greenway's Trail project which will be a significant achievement for UH and ERP, helping to create a singular social unit of the two. Landscape edges, perimeter security, short-term parking relief for the main campus, enhanced pedestrian, bicycle and cart corridors, future building placement, possible addition of two properties, among other ideas were discussed by Mr. Peters all in support of ERP's special focus mission of innovation and research. A brief discussion followed.

Regent Wilson, Jr. mentioned that UH was very fortunate to have the Architecture school within our System with so much talent and depth to be able to provide such a detailed analysis. Regent Wilson, Jr. also asked that further research be done regarding different options to connect both UH and ERP.

On motion of Regent Beth Madison, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, Item C, Approval is requested for the annual update to the University of Houston Master Plan was approved.

3. Approval is requested for the annual update to the University of Houston-Victoria Master Plan – University of Houston-Victoria, Item D – FCMP-D.

Mr. McShan invited Dr. Raymond Vic Morgan, Jr., President of the University of Houston-Victoria to present this item.

Dr. Morgan began his presentation by discussing future growth in enrollment at UHV and how the addition of different programs and buildings would affect these numbers. He also discussed immediate construction projects, such as the Student Center, Learning Commons, a new housing facility, and the completion of the third floor in the North Building that have already been approved by the Board. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) building would be presented for approval later in this meeting, and a pedestrian walkway on Ben Wilson Street that will be presented formally at the August 25, 2016 meeting.

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Dr. Morgan stated that the campus is currently at capacity and he mentioned that by this Fall housing on campus will be at an excess of 100% and new classrooms will be added in the North Building. Dr. Morgan explained that within the next six (6) years they are looking at possible land and building acquisitions, as well as adding a second housing facility and dining hall.

Dr. Morgan mentioned the possible acquisition of Town Plaza, which is a vacated mall located approximately a mile from the campus that could potentially be used to house the kinesiology program, physics and chemistry laboratories, the Dalke Press, and even storage. In addition, he also mentioned a housing option located to the east of the campus. These two projects would be brought forward to the Board for approval at future meetings.

Dr. Morgan moved on to discuss the Game Changer-Ben Wilson Street project, in which UHV has been working with the City of Victoria to develop a plan to create a corridor to provide safe passage for students crossing Ben Wilson Street, as well as give UHV a more unified look as a campus. The City of Victoria voted twice on the concept of this project and a contract will soon be developed. The City of Victoria is preparing to give Ben Wilson Street to UHV which would in turn be remodeled to fit the needs of the campus. A formal proposal will be presented to the Board for approval in the near future.

Dr. Morgan also discussed the challenges that UHV faces such as the need for a Student Recreational Center as well as an Athletic Complex. UHV has been working diligently on finding options to help fulfill these needs. Dr. Morgan stated that adding an athletics facility would make a very significant impact on enrollment at UHV as mentioned earlier in his presentation.

A brief discussion followed.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, Item D, Approval is requested for the annual update to the University of Houston-Victoria Master Plan was approved.

4. Approval is requested for the site and program for a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Building Project at the University of Houston-Victoria – University of Houston-Victoria, Item E – FCMP-E.

Mr. Jim McShan discussed the location of what would be the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Building, which would be situated across from the North Building subject to Board approval. This structure would be a total of 63,000 square feet, and would be funded by Capital Construction Bonds approved by the Governor. The projected cost of this building would be approximately \$28 million. Design would start in September 2016; construction would begin in May 2017; with a target completion date of July 2019.

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On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, Item E, Approval is requested for the site and program for a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Building Project at the University of Houston-Victoria was approved.

Following the approval of these items, Regent Wilson, Jr. called for a motion to place all three (3) action items presented to the committee on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval.

On motion of Regent Armour, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, the items listed below will be placed on the Board's Consent Docket Agenda for final Board approval at the Board of Regents meeting being held later today, May 19, 2016 as follows:

1. Approval is requested for the annual update to the University of Houston Master Plan – University of Houston
2. Approval is requested for the annual update to the University of Houston-Victoria Master Plan – University of Houston-Victoria; and
3. Approval is requested for the site and program for a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Building Project at the University of Houston-Victoria – University of Houston-Victoria.

It was noted that no Executive Session would be held.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

All documentation submitted to the Committee in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Committee, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

Others Present:

Renu Khator
Jim McShan
Paula Myrick Short
Dona Cornell
Eloise Dunn Stuhr
Richard Walker

Raymond Bartlett
Lisa Shumate
Dan Maxwell
Emily Messa
Dan Yackley
Ed Hugetz

David Oliver
Abner Fletcher
Sabrina Hassumani
Chris Stanich
Wayne Beran
Jonathan Snow

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Others Present (cont'd)

Jason Smith
Elwyn Lee
Don Guyton
Michael Olivas
Raymond "Vic" Morgan
William Staples
Mike Johnson
Lisa Holdeman
Brian Thomas
Jesse Pisors
Gerry Mathisen

Deidra Garcia
Caesar Moore
Shannon Harrison
Jane Ottinger
Brett Collier
Beth Mason
Nancy Moffett
Iggy Harrison
Matthew Castillo
Joe Brueggeman
Brenda Robles

Phil Booth
Dick Phillips
Don Smith
Mark Clarke
Mike Emery
Ashlee Ross
Katie Brown
Jon Aldrich
Ben Aldrich
Maggie Greggo