Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council for the Built Environment
August 13, 2013, 1:30-3:00

I. Attendance

A. Voting Members
   1. Present: Jose Bermudez; Pierce Cantrell; Bill Dugas; Valerian Miranda; Joe Newton; Bhimu Patil; Holly Scott*; Janice Walpert; Joe Weber*.

B. Non-voting Members
   1. Present: N. K. Anand; Paul Hardin; Tom Swanner;
   2. Absent: Jose Solis; Taylor Smith

*office/organization representation for the Vice Presidents, Agencies, CPI, USC, GSC and SGA have voting and non-voting members; in meetings where the voting member is absent, the non-voting member assumes voting status.

C. Ex-officio Members
   1. Present: Karan Watson; B. J. Crain; James Massey; Tom Reber; Ralph Davila; Lilia Gonzales; Kevin Hurley; Matt Fry; Deborah Wright; David Morrison;
   2. Absent: Rodney McClendon; Bob Casagrande
   3. Guests: Merna Jacobsen; Shelly Janac; Marty Scholtz

II. Call to Order: Co-Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

A. The July Minutes were accepted as submitted
B. No updates or announcements

Action Item: upload the July Minutes to the CBE website.
Responsible Party: CBE Administrative Coordinator

III. Presentations by Sub-Councils

A. Cricket Field Request (FURsc, TRsc)
The Department of Recreational Sports on behalf of the Student Cricket Club Team requested approval to construct a new Cricket Field and Pitch on the land generally east of the current Rugby Fields. The club’s current field will be lost with the construction of the Campus Point Project. The dimensions of the new field are approximately 120 x 110 yards; the only permanent feature is the pitch, measuring 22 x 10 yards. Parking needs are minimal and can be accommodated by the use of existing parking lots adjacent to the site. Games are typically played on the weekend. The cost for the development of the field is estimated to be $8,000 which will be funded by a combination of sources from the Club and the Departments of Residence Life and Recreational Sports. Contingent upon the action/approval by the University, the club plans to have the field ready for play in the fall 2013 semester.

1. Facilities Utilization Review Sub-Council
   FURsc recommends that the CBE support the request. The requested site is currently not in use and for all the reasons presented it is the best fit for the use.
2. Technical Review Sub-Council
   TRsc supports the proposed construction and recommends approval, provided the following concerns are addressed and funded:

   Transportation Services – is supportive of the new Cricket Pitch area. The parking area that will serve the new pitch is lot 50. This is a permitted area requiring a lot 50 permit during the day, M-F and is open to any valid A&M permit after 5 PM. On the weekends there is no permit required, beginning at 5 PM Friday. There are additional restrictions on home football game weekends—the back (eastern most) portion of the lot must be vacated at 6 PM on Fridays of football weekends. The lot 50/51/47 area is open to any valid A&M permit on football game days but it does fill up completely.

3. In discussion of the CBE, there was concern that the ball might travel into the street. It was determined the set back is sufficient to make the potential for this to be unlikely if not impossible. The CBE voted unanimously to support the request.

Action/Recommendation: Memo will be sent to the President recommending approval of the request with the above caveat on parking.
Responsible Parties: Co-Chairs Watson and McClendon

B. Re-examination of potential sites for the Liberty Bell Relocation (DRsc, TRsc)
1. Design Review Sub-Council
   Following review of this request in 2012 and again in the summer of 2013, a number of potential sites were explored. Having weighed numerous options, both indoor and outdoor, it is the recommendation of the DRSc that the Liberty Bell replica remain in the Academic Building with some alternations and improvements.
   a. lower the bell
   b. add lighting
   c. add a descriptive plaque in the area

   It is further suggested that a condition assessment be done to ensure no adverse effect on the bell or its wood casing occur in moving the bell to a lower position.

2. Technical Review Sub-Council - will re-evaluate any technical issues arising from the lower positioning of the bell in the rotunda.
3. The CBE voted unanimously to support keeping the Liberty Bell replica in the rotunda of the Academic Building.

Action/Recommendation: CBE voted unanimously to send a memo to the President recommending approval to have the liberty bell remain in the Academic Rotunda provided the above caveats are accepted.

The TRsc will examine any issues resulting from the lowering of the bell’s position.

The DRsc will oversee the introduction of a commemorative plaque to be displayed in the rotunda.

Responsible Parties: Co-Chairs Watson and McClendon; TRsc Chair Reber; DRsc Chair Gonzales
IV. Miscellaneous

A. OPAS Update – President Loftin asked the Sub-Council’s to re-evaluate; sent back with additional information provided by requesting party. President wished to ensure this additional information was vetted appropriately.

Action Item: Assigned Sub-Councils review new material and issue update to their reports.

B. Co-Chair Watson asked Maintenance Sub-Council Chair Ralph Davila to offer a presentation next month on how the budget for deferred maintenance is allocated and work assigned. She requested that the issue of prioritization be addressed; there is concern that the priorities established are respected and communication of any changes be approved.

C. Co-Chair Watson expressed appreciation to the CBE Members whose term expires August 31: Dr. Jose Bermudez, Council of Deans; Dr. Bhimu Patil, Council of Principal Investigators; Dr. Valerian Miranda, Faculty Senate; and Ms. Janice Walpert, University Staff Council.

V. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.