May 4, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin  
President

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Campus Pasture Use

At its April 10, 2012 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from the Director of the CVM Facilities to use approximately 75 acres of pasture at the Riverside Campus for grazing horses.

Design Review Sub-Council recommended approval and noted that a long-term civil engineering research project located within the pasture area should be avoided.

Facilities Utilization Review Sub-Council recommended approval and noted the boundaries need to be adjusted to accommodate the civil engineering research project and that prior to any deep surface penetrations for building foundations or construction of other structures, consultation with the appropriate University expertise is required.

The CBE motion passed unanimously to request the President’s approval for the Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences’ Campus Pasture Use request with the above-stated conditions.

Karan L. Watson  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Date

Rodney C. McClendon  
Vice President for Administration  
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Date

R. Bowen Loftin  
President

Date

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council on the Built Environment  
Dr. Eleanor Green, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
March 1, 2012

To: Dr. Karan L. Watson  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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Rodney P. McClendon  
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Through: Dr. Eleanor M. Green  
The Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine

Through: John Scroggs  
Chief of Staff

From: Sam Wigington  
Director of CVM Facilities

Subject: Use of Pasture at Riverside Campus

We request the use of approximately 75 acres of pasture located at Riverside Campus. The pasture is located south of 5th Street, east of Hwy 47, and north of Goodson Bend Road. Access to this pasture is gained via Ordinance Road. The land will be cleared appropriately for grazing horses and the fences will be repaired at our expense.

We would like to move forward with the process of going before the Council on Built Environment and proceed through the organizational steps that will move us closer to use of this pasture.

Please advise us if there needs to be any further action on our behalf in order for us to present to the Council of Built Environment.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  

Dr. Rodney McClendon  
Vice President for Administration  

FROM: Prof. David Woodcock  
Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE: April 3, 2012

RE: Design Review Sub-Council Report  
Request for Use of Pasture at Riverside Campus

On March 21, 2012 the Design Review sub-council (DRsc) reviewed a request from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences for land allocation at Riverside Campus. The area of request is a 75 acre pasture, located south of 5th Street, east of Highway 47, and north of Goodson Bend Road. The pasture is directly to the left from the Highway 47 entrance. The college would like to clear the pasture, rebuild fences, and use it for its research animals.

This area was formerly an Army Corps of Engineers landfill, and the DRsc feels that reclaiming the area as a surface pasture would be a good use of the space. A long-term Civil Engineering research project is located within part of the requested area, and this will need to be avoided. There are no other objections to the use of this pasture land, and the DRsc recommends approval subject to the previous comment.

cc: Sam Wigington  
Design Review Sub-Council Members  
Jo Williams
MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Karan Watson  
Chair, Council for the Built Environment  

Dr. Rodney McClendon  
Chair, Council for the Built Environment  

Subject: Proposed Land Use: Pasture at the Riverside Campus

RECOMMENDATION

The Council for the Built Environment’s (CBE) Facilities Utilization Review sub-committee (FURsc) recommends that the CBE support the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences’ request to assign pasture land adjacent to the entry road of the Riverside Campus.

SCOPE and ANALYSIS

The FURsc met this morning to consider the request by the College of Veterinary Medicine to assign a requested 75-80 acres, located generally south of the Riverside Campus’ entry road. The College intends to clear the land and utilize it to support the horses associated with their teaching and research programs. The FURsc concurred with their need, but offered the following caveats to their recommendation to support the request:

- Adjust the actual boundaries of the assignment to accommodate the current users of the land
  - The Texas Transportation Institute and Department of Mechanical Engineering have long-term research projects in the area of the proposed pasture assignment.
- No deep surface penetrations, for building foundations or other like structures, occur on the site, without consultation with the appropriate University expertise.
  - A landfill was created in the vicinity of this land use request by the U.S. Government as the former airbase use was decommissioned. The U.S. Corps of Engineers has not formally ‘closed’ the landfill; until such clearance is provided, the cap of the landfill should not be unduly penetrated. Fence post placements should not be problem.

We are pleased to offer this recommendation and welcome further inquiries related to this analysis.

Sincerely,

James Massey  
Chairman, CBE-Facilities Utilization Review sub-council  
Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities

Attachments

CC: CBE-FURsc members