October 21, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin
    President

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Athletic Facilities District Plan Final (Amendment to Campus Master Plan)

At its October 16, 2013 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) reviewed the final Athletics Facilities District Plan presented by Lilia Gonzales, Chair of the Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc). The signed Presidential memo dated March 12, 2013, approved Athletics’ request for the development of an Athletic Facilities District Plan. After completion of the district plan, the request was for its inclusion as an amendment to the Campus Master Plan. On May 15, 2013, the DRsc reviewed the district plan at 100% completion. Based on this review, several more conversations occurred with Athletics and resulted in additional comments for incorporation.

The Athletic Facilities District Plan was designed to provide the framework which guides the department’s facility planning. It will act as a resource and guide for decision-making the development of more efficient facility use between sports, athletes, staff, and coaches, and will provide cohesive branding.

The components of the district plan address athletic facilities on the East athletic campus, West athletic campus, and off campus. The plan responds to connections and growth outlined in the Campus aster Plan, including intramural influences. One item that deviates from the Campus Master Plan is the growth for new facilities in an area original designated as green reserve. The DRsc carefully considered this, but felt that expansion in this area was appropriate and instrumental in the success for Athletics to reach the benchmarks set with the move to the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The plan also addresses items in relation to the ground plane such as building set-back, paving material, landscape improvements, lighting and signage. Components such as these relate back to the design principles set forth in the Campus Master Plan.

The district plan prioritizes program items for expansion and outlines a phased approach for development. The plan also provides a high level of programming for the various identified facilities.
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Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) – recommends approval of the Athletic Facilities District Plan as an amendment to the Campus Master Plan. It is understood subsequent developments within the district will adhere to this plan and proceed through the review and approval process as established by the University.

The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval of the Athletic Facilities District Plan as an amendment to the Campus Master Plan.

Karan L. Watson 10-30-13
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Rodney P. McClendon 10.22.13
Vice President for Administration
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Approve  or  NOT approve

R. Bowen Loftin 10-31-13
President

cc:  Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
     Mr. Eric Hyman
MEMORANDUM

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

    Dr. Rodney McClendon
    Vice President for Administration

FROM: Lilia Gonzales, AIA
       University Architect
       Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE: October 3, 2013

RE: Design Review sub-council (DRsc) Report
    Athletics Facilities District Plan

The signed Presidential memo dated March 12, 2013, approved Athletics’ request for the
development of an Athletic Facilities District Plan. After completion of the district plan, the
request was for its inclusion as an amendment to the Campus Master Plan. The DRsc
reviewed the district plan at 50% completion in February 2013 and provided comments back
to Athletics. On May 15, 2013, the DRsc reviewed the district plan at 100% completion.
Based on this review, several more conversations occurred with Athletics and resulted in
additional comments for incorporation.

The Athletic Facilities District Plan was designed to provide the framework which guides the
department’s facility planning. The district plan strives to provide a connection among the
various athletic departments as well as enhance the experience for all Aggie fans, donors,
alumni and students. It will act as a resource and guide for decision-making in the
development of more efficient facility use between sports, athletes, staff, and coaches, and
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facilities.

Recommendation
The proposed Athletic Facilities District Plan was found to adhere to the principles set forth in
the Campus Master Plan, and the DRsc recommends approval of the Athletic Facilities
District Plan as an amendment to the Campus Master Plan. It is understood that all subsequent developments within the district will adhere to this plan and proceed through the review and approval process as established by the University.

The DRsc commends the Athletic Department for their efforts to develop and polish this plan, and believes the plan will be a valuable tool in the guidance of future facilities for many years to come. Attached is a copy of the Athletic Facilities District Plan.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Cc: Kevin Hurley
    DRsc Members
    Jo Williams