November 18, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin  
   President, Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Manukainiu Memorial at Bright Football Complex

At its November 12, 2013, meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from the TAMU Athletic Department requesting the purchase of a granite pillar in honor of Polo Manukainiu to be installed in front of the Bright Football Complex next to the Brandon Fails memorial. Polo, a 19 year-old freshman lineman from Euless, Texas, was killed in an automobile accident this past summer. The memorial consists of a plaque on top of a granite pillar, and will be identical to the two other existing memorials in this area. Funding for this project will be from the A&M Athletic Department.

Recommendations from the Sub-Councils:
Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) – unanimously voted to recommend approval of the request for installation of a memorial in front of the Bright Football Complex in honor of Polo Manukainiu as presented, with the following caveats:

- Per the approved Athletic Facilities District Plan and its implementation, it will be necessary to remove these memorials to allow for future construction. At that time, it is recommended that Athletics consider changing the design of the memorials to something that will not be as visually cumulative over time, such as granite pavers laid flat into the plaza area.
- Before the next request of this nature is brought to the CBE, it is recommended that Athletics develop a long term plan or strategy for the administration of student memorials, to apply to all student athletes.

Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) – supports the creation of the memorial and recommends approval, provided the following concerns are addressed and funded:
Utilities & Energy Services (UES): Athletics will confirm in advance with UES that the memorial not be placed over any existing utility infrastructure, in order to avoid the possible need to disturb or relocate the memorial if underground repairs are required. Facilities Services: Memorial installation should be coordinated with utility locations to minimize interference and cost.
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The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval, with noted caveats, to install a memorial granite pillar for Polo Manukainiu in front of the Bright Football Complex.

Karan L. Watson 11-18-13
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Concur or not concur with CBE’s recommendation:

R. Bowen Loftin 4/20/13
President

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

Date: September 23, 2013

To: Rodney McClendon, CBE
    Dr. Karan Watson, CBE

Through: Eric Hyman

From: Kevin Hurley

Subject: Memorial at Bright Football Complex

The Texas A&M Athletic Department is requesting the purchase of a granite pillar (see attached photos) to be installed in front of the Bright Football Complex next to the Brandon Fails memorial (see attached photo). This pillar will be in honor of another Aggie football player, Polo Manukainiu.

Polo, a 19 year-old freshman lineman from Euless, Texas, was killed in an automobile accident this past summer.

Funding for this project will be from the A&M Athletic Department.

Thank you.

KH/sll
Attachments
MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: November 7, 2013

RE: Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) Report
    Addition of Memorial at Bright Football Complex

On October 23, 2013 the Design Review sub-council (DRsc) reviewed a request for the addition of a memorial to be installed in front of the Bright Football Complex in honor of Polo Manukainiu who was killed in an automobile accident this past summer. The memorial consists of a plaque on top of a granite pillar, and will be identical to the two other existing memorials in this area. Exact wording of the plaque is not yet determined, but will be similar in nature to the other memorials.

As this will be the third memorial in this location, DRsc members expressed concerns about the size of the memorials creating a visual of the number of student football athletes to have passed away, which could create a negative impression. DRsc members also expressed concerns over the absence of a policy that would address the circumstances that decide which students could receive memorials, where they would be located, and in what format.

DRsc members unanimously voted to recommend approval of the request for installation of a memorial in front of the Bright Football Complex in honor of Polo Manukainiu as presented, with the following caveats:

- Per the approved Athletic Facilities District Plan and its implementation, it will be necessary to remove these memorials to allow for future construction. At that time, it is recommended that Athletics consider changing the design of the memorials to something that will not be as visually cumulative over time, such as a granite pavers laid flat into the plaza area.

- Before the next request of this nature is brought to the CBE, it is recommended that Athletics develop a long term plan or strategy for the administration of student memorials, to apply to all student athletes.

Please let us know if you need additional information. The DRsc appreciates the opportunity to review. See attached images.

cc: Kevin Hurley
    DRsc Members
    Jo Williams
In Memory of
Brandon Fails
“Juicy”
Texas A & M Football, Class of ’07
An “Aggie” in our hearts you will always be.

Texas A & M University Football Recruiting Class of 2002
Played on Fighting Texas Aggie Team Fall of 2002

May your “Straight Up” Attitude, Magnificent Smile,
Extraordinary Kindness and Overwhelming Love of Life
Live Within All of Us Forever.

May 7, 1984 - November 25, 2002
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson  
Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment  
Dr. Rodney McClendon  
Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

FROM: Tom Reber  
Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council

DATE: October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: CBE TRsc Recommendation: Memorial at Bright Football Complex

On Monday, October 7, the CBE Technical Review Sub-council reviewed Athletics’ request to purchase a granite pillar to be installed in front of the Bright Football Complex next to the Brandon Fails memorial. The pillar would honor Polo Manukainiu.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the creation of the memorial and recommends approval, provided the following concerns are addressed and funded.

Utilities & Energy Services
UES has no objection to proposed memorial. Our only request is that Athletics confirm in advance with UES that memorial not be placed over any existing utility infrastructure, in order to avoid the possible need to disturb or relocate the memorial if underground repairs are required.

Facilities Services
Memorial installation should be coordinated with utility locations to minimize interference and cost.

No other concerns were expressed.

Xc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council  
CBE Support Staff