February 4, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark A. Hussey
Interim President, Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: George Bush Statue

At its January 14, 2014 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation to place a sculpture of President George Bush on the plaza of the Bush Center in the Spring of 2014.

The sculpture is valued at $50,000 and will be funded by the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

The sculpture is bronze with a granite base. Casting, lighting, and installation will be supervised directly by Chas Fagan, sculptor, using specialists in the production and use of top quality materials. Jim Singleton Architects has produced site drawings and renderings. Acklam Construction Company will prepare the flowerbeds and install the pavers. It will require minimal outdoor maintenance. Wind, rain, and sunlight should not be a factor. The maintenance of the flowerbeds will fall under Texas A&M's existing contract with the National Archives (George Bush Presidential Library and Museum).

The placement of the sculpture, at the center of the Bush Center, will symbolize the unique past, present, and future dynamic between the Museum, the Archives, the School, and the Foundation. The George Bush sculpture will also lead our visitors down the plaza from the sculpture, The Day the Wall Came Down by Veryl Goodnight to the tranquility of the pond and the Barbara Bush Rose Garden to the Bush's eventual gravesite beyond the pond. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the unification of Germany are two of the major international events and achievements of President Bush's administration. The placement of these two sculptures within eyesight of each other is fitting and appropriate.

The sculpture will be placed on the Bush Center plaza during the last two weeks of March 2014. In April 2014, the Bush Foundation will be hosting a major celebration commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the presidency of George Bush, and the Library would like to dedicate the statue at this time. Also, President Bush will turn ninety years old in 2014, and this sculpture will be a centerpiece in the media celebration of his birthday.
Because of the Policy on the Acceptance, Commissioning, and/or Purchase of Statues, Busts, Sculptures, Memorials and Public Art at Texas A&M University, The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation is requesting an exception because of President Bush’s special status as 41st President of the United States and because his presidential library resides on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Recommendations from the Sub-Councils:

**Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc)** - The DRsc unanimously voted to recommend approval of the addition of a sculpture of President Bush as presented, with the following comments:

- While the DRsc continues to support the CBE Policy on Acceptance, Commissioning and/or Purchase of Statues, Busts, Sculptures, Memorials, and Public Art at Texas A&M University that “statues of living persons normally should not be accepted”, DRsc members recognize the compelling reasons for an exception based on his special status as 41st President of the United States and because his presidential library resides on the TAMU campus.
- DRsc members suggested that, if feasible, the label at the granite base of the sculpture reading “George Bush, 41st President of the United States” be carved in President Bush’s own handwriting to create a personal effect to the statue.
- A hose bib for cleaning and maintenance should be installed within 50 feet of the sculpture.
- The rise in slope shall stop at the front edge of the semi-circle that is the reddish-orange color as noted on the rendered site plan. The intent is for the level/flat surface to encompass both locations that are rendered reddish-orange as well as the one rendered maroon.
- Consideration to re-word/re-configure the plaque inscription, in coordination with the DRsc Chair.

**Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc)** - The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed statue placement and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

- **Utilities & Energy Services**
  TAMU UES has reviewed the proposed site and see no utility conflicts at this time, however other entities SSC/Telecom need to be consulted. The selected contractor will need to follow the TAMU policies regarding digging on campus - https://utilities.tamu.edu/digging-campus/. The design team/contractor is required to submit plans to UES for review prior to any construction.

- **Facilities Services**
  Facilities Services supports this project. The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns. The project team should coordinate with Utilities and Energy Services for utilities concerns. All work should meet applicable building codes and ADA requirements.
The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President's approval, with noted caveats, the request from the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation to install a sculpture of President George Bush be placed on the plaza of the Bush Center.

Karan L. Watson 2/1/14
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

B. J. Crain 2/6/14
Vice President for Finance and Administration
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Concur or not concur with CBE's recommendation:

Mark A. Hussey 2/12/2014
Interim President

cc: Frederick D. McClure, Chief Executive Officer
    Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
December 18, 2013

To: Dr. Karan Watson  
Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Co-Chair, Council on the Built Environment

B. J. Crain  
Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer  
Co-Chair, Council on the Built Environment

From: Frederick D. McClure  
Chief Executive Officer  
George Bush Presidential Library Foundation

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the attached proposal to install a statue of President George Bush on the plaza of the George Bush Library Center. We propose that the sculpture be placed in the center of the plaza between the Allen Building in which the Bush School of Government and Public Affairs is housed, the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center in which the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation is housed, and the George Bush Library and Museum. We believe the proposed location is ideal for several reasons.

It is ideal because President Bush believes strongly that preparing students for careers in public service is of vital importance. It is ideal because the George Bush Library and Museum focuses on American history and events of enormous impact from the 20th century. It is ideal because the George Bush Foundation continues to preserve the historic legacy of the President through bringing public attention to prominent scholars, practitioners and artists that invites public participation and exposure to leading cultural, scholarly and policy programs. It is ideal because the statue will be located on the campus of Texas A&M University, an institution much admired by the President.

The Greater Houston Community Foundation has installed this sculpture at Sesquicentennial Park in downtown Houston to great acclaim. We are excited that they have allowed us to cast this piece again. Chas Fagan is one of America’s preeminent artists. In my view, Texas A&M University will be delighted to have a sculpture of this stature on our campus.

The installation of the sculpture makes this statue of President Bush very accessible to the public, much like the man himself. In fact, we have many photographs of President Bush strolling across this very plaza.

President Bush will celebrate his 90th birthday in 2014. We believe this statue is both fitting and appropriate for a man of such stature who has focused the world’s attention on Texas A&M University.

On April 4-6, 2014, the Foundation will be hosting a huge celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the George Bush Presidency here at the Bush Library Center. It is our hope that we can unveil this statue during these festivities.

Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Attachments
Proposal for Bronze Sculpture of President George H.W. Bush on the Bush Center Plaza

December 19, 2013

Intent
The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation propose a sculpture of President George Bush be placed on the plaza of the Bush Center in the Spring of 2014.

We understand the Design Review sub-council’s recommendation against placing statues of living people on the campus as noted in the Policy on the Acceptance, Commissioning, and/or Purchase of Statues, Busts, Sculptures, Memorials and Public Art at Texas A&M University. However, we are requesting an exception because of President Bush’s special status as 41st President of the United States and because his presidential library resides on the campus of Texas A&M University.

In April 2014, the Bush Foundation will be hosting a major celebration commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the presidency of George Bush, and we would like to dedicate the statue at this time. Also, President Bush will turn ninety years old in 2014, and we foresee this sculpture as a centerpiece in the media celebration of his birthday.

Main Concept of the Work
This sculpture is a replica of the George Bush Monument at Sesquicentennial Park in Houston, Texas. The Greater Houston Community Foundation has given us the molds for the sculpture and their permission to produce a second cast. The sculpture has the approval of President and Mrs. Bush.

The Artist
Chas Fagan is one of the preeminent portrait artists working in the United States today. A native of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, Mr. Fagan graduated from Yale University with a degree in Russian Studies. Mr. Fagan has been awarded monumental commissions, including three figures for the National Cathedral altar. In February 2008, he received the commission for the statue of Ronald Reagan that will represent California in the U.S. Capitol’s Statuary Hall. In 2007, he was commissioned by the Union League Club of New York to create a Lincoln bust. Mr. Fagan’s sculpture of George Bush as a young Navy pilot is placed aboard the USS George Bush.
Value
The sculpture is valued at $50,000 and will be funded by the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

Materials, Fabrication and Maintenance
The sculpture is bronze with a granite base. Casting, lighting, and installation will be supervised directly by Chas Fagan, sculptor, using specialists in the production and use of top quality materials. Jim Singleton Architects has produced site drawings and renderings. Acklam Construction Company will prepare the flowerbeds and install the pavers. It will require minimal outdoor maintenance. Wind, rain, and sunlight should not be a factor. The maintenance of the flowerbeds will fall under Texas A&M’s existing contract with the National Archives (George Bush Presidential Library and Museum).

Placement
The placement of the sculpture, at the center of the Bush Center, will symbolize the unique past, present, and future dynamic between the Museum, the Archives, the School, and the Foundation. The George Bush sculpture will also lead our visitors down the plaza from the sculpture, The Day the Wall Came Down by Veryl Goodnight to the tranquility of the pond and the Barbara Bush Rose Garden to the Bush’s eventual gravesite beyond the pond. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the unification of Germany are two of the major international events and achievements of President Bush’s administration. The placement of these two sculptures within eyesight of each other is fitting and appropriate.

Timeline
The sculpture will be placed on the Bush Center plaza during the last two weeks of March 2014. It will be unveiled and dedicated on Friday, April 4th.

Respectfully,

Warren L. Finch
Director
MEMORANDUM

TO:       Dr. Karan Watson  
           Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
           Ms. B.J. Crain  
           Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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

DATE:      January 10, 2014

RE:        Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) Report  
            Request for Installation of President George Bush Statue

On January 8, 2014 the Design Review sub-council (DRsc) reviewed a request from the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation for the installation of a statue of President George Bush on the plaza of the George Bush Library Center.

The statue would be placed in the center of the plaza between the Allen Building, the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, and the George Bush Library and Museum. This project would utilize the same cast as the sculpture at Sesquicentennial Park in Houston, by artist Chas Fagan. The sculpture would be eight feet tall and is intended to be approachable, creating a photo opportunity for visitors.

Architect Jim Singleton presented the design details for the plaza. Granite and concrete pavers will be utilized to create a semi-circle pattern around the statue. They will match the immediate existing surrounding area in both material and color. Flower beds will be planted with dwarf Chinese holly in front of the statue, and the yellow rose of Texas behind it. An existing light pole and bollard will be modified as necessary to provide proper illumination of the statue. A label will be carved into the granite base at the foot of the sculpture, and a bronze plaque will be added on a nearby retaining wall. The pavers leading up to the semi-circle will have a gentle rise (1:20) to create an upward feeling as one walks toward the statue.

Recommendation
The DRsc unanimously voted to recommend approval of the addition of a sculpture of President Bush as presented, with the following comments:

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Consideration to re-word/re-configure the plaque inscription, in coordination with the DRsc Chair.

The DRsc appreciates the opportunity for review and looks forward to working with them on the final product. Attached are selected images that were presented to the DRsc on 1/8/14. Please let us know if you need additional information.

cc: Patricia Burchfield
    DRsc Members
    Bettyann Zito
This plot of land is a perfect place for a sculpture of this historic gentleman whose life has exemplified honor, achievement, and public service. It will be very approachable – much like the man himself – and a great photo op.
• The subject of the sculpture is the 41st President of the United States.

• The sculpture is 8 feet tall.

• It is the best sculptural likeness of President Bush.

• President and Mrs. Bush have approved this sculpture.

• The artist is a prominent painter and sculptor.
President Bush has often walked this plaza and the placement of his sculpture will allow visitors to approach it for photographs. Flowerbeds of holly and yellow rose of Texas will soften the landscape.
The light pole on the left and the light bollard on the right will be modified for directional spotlights.
There will be two simple labels. One at the foot of the sculpture:

George Bush
41st President of the United States
Placement of Bronze Label
George Bush  
41st President of the United States  
Chas Fagan, artist  
2013 cast  
George Bush Presidential Library and Museum  
George Bush Presidential Library Foundation  
Jim Singleton Architects, site design  

Sincere thanks to the George Bush Monument Committee in Houston for allowing the casting of this replica of the statue which is featured at the Monument.
MEMORANDUM

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

            Ms. B. J. Crain  
            Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

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

DATE:        January 13, 2014

SUBJECT:     CBE TRsc Recommendation: George Bush Statue

On Monday, January 13, 2014, the CBE’s Technical Review Sub-council reviewed the proposed installation of a statue of President George Bush on the plaza of the George Bush Library Center.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed statue placement and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

Utilities & Energy Services
TAMU UES has reviewed the proposed site and see no utility conflicts at this time, however other entities SSC/Telecom need to be consulted.

The selected contractor will need to follow the TAMU policies regarding digging on campus - https://utilities.tamu.edu/digging-campus/.

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Facilities Services
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Cc:          CBE Technical Review Sub-council
            CBE Support Staff