MEMORANDUM

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

SUBJECT:   CBE Recommendation: Parson’s Mounted Cavalry Site Renovation

At its September 23, 2014 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from the Corps of Cadets for the renovation of and additional construction for facilities that support the existing Parsons Mounted Cavalry site. The CBE voted unanimously to table the project until costs and funding sources are outlined, and until documentation has been received from Animal Science and Student Affairs on who has assignment to the land as well as the agreement for PMC’s usage of the land. This information was received and presented at CBE’s October 9th meeting.

The completion of this project will greatly enhance the mounted Cavalry’s ability to achieve its mission in support of the Corps and the University. It will also bring much needed safety, health and code improvements to the operations at the PMC “Green”.

Recommendations from the Sub-Councils:

Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) – The DRsc recommends approval of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry site improvements as proposed, with the following caveats:

- Installation of the white vinyl fencing at the perimeter along FM 2818 & F&B Road in addition to the fencing as proposed.
- Exterior color of the pre-engineered metal building is to be consistent with other facilities in the area, such as the Equine Complex. Color samples should be provided to the DRsc Chair for final review and approval. Final color selections and exterior materials, including window glazing, shall be submitted to the DRsc for approval, in accordance with DRsc procedures.

Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) The TRsc supports the proposed Parsons Mounted Cavalry Site Renovation and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded:

- Facilities Services:
  The design team needs to ensure that the project does not increase the rate of storm runoff into local creeks.

  The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.
The project team should ensure that the facility is designed to minimize, as much as practical, the effort needed for future maintenance. It is preferred that items requiring maintenance be easy to service, be easily accessible from ground or floor level, have generous clearances and be easy to isolate from energy sources with minimal impact to the rest of the facility. Elevated items requiring maintenance that are difficult to service by ladder or lift should have permanent maintenance access platforms with permanent stairs or ladders, built-in fall prevention, and davits for hoisting parts and tools.

- Utility & Energy Services:
  Domestic Cold Water- UES has a 6 inch domestic cold water line near the site and for fire protection purposes, the project needs to connect the fire protection system directly to the UES 6" domestic cold water line.

Sanitary Sewer- UES has a sanitary sewer lift station located near Dick Freeman arena. The project needs to connect to the sanitary sewer service at this lift station. If there is insufficient fall, we can discuss alternatives.

The project and design team will need to follow the applicable TAMU UES Design Standards and the TAMU policy on digging on campus prior to any excavation.

The project will need to apply for the disconnection/connection to utility services.

- EHS and SASE:
  The enclosed portions of new buildings must include a fire alarm system and a fire suppression system.

  A security system(s) and access control must be established as necessary to satisfy requirements for storage of ammunition and cannons.

  Exterior lighting must satisfy university lighting standards for safety and security

The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval, with noted caveats, the renovation of and additional construction for facilities that support the existing Parsons Mounted Cavalry site.

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

Jerry Strawser  
Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Mark A. Hussey  
Interim President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
MEMORANDUM  

DATE: 22 JULY 2014

TO:       Dr. Karen Watson, Co-Chair  
          Council on Built Environment
          Ms. B.J. Crain  
          Vice President for Finance & Administration  
          Co-Chair, Council on the Built Environment

THROUGH:  Tom Reber  
          Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

FROM:     BG Joe E. Ramirez, Jr., USA (R)  
          Commandant, Corps of Cadets

SUBJECT:  Parsons Mounted Cavalry Site Renovation Project Proposal

The purpose of this memo is to request that you consider for review and recommendation thru your Sub-Councils and the CBE, the submission and approval of a renovation of and additional construction for facilities that support the existing Parsons Mounted Cavalry site.

Summary

The Office of the Commandant and Parsons Mounted Cavalry request approval for the addition of an improved saddle tack room/storage building to be located on the south side of the current Parsons Mounted Cavalry (PMC) facility known as "The Green". The proposed facility would open onto F&B Road, which would become the main entrance to the site. The building would be a 120'x60' structure. Adjoining the structure would be a 120'x60' covered area for use in grooming, tacking horses, teams, and an area for cadet physical training.

Facilities would include male/female restrooms to accommodate 60 cadets, an office, meeting room, and changing area to be utilized by staff, a commercial ice machine, refrigerator, and freezer, and storage facilities for inventory, weapons, and blank ammunition. Completion of this project would result in the demolition of building 1150 (the current tack room).

Exterior facility fencing (approximately two miles in length) will be replaced with woven horse wire to prevent lose dogs and ferule hogs in the horse herd. The fence will be enhanced with an electric interior wire and will be built with welded steel corners and H-braces. Interior fencing will be two-strand electric fencing to divide horse pasture areas. The current wagon focal point at the corner of 2818 and F&B Road will be upgraded and enhanced. An entrance way off of F&B Road will be constructed.
USER JUSTIFICATION

The completion of this project will greatly enhance our mounted Cavalry's ability to achieve its mission in support of the Corps and the University. It will also bring much needed safety, health and code improvements to the operations at the PMC "Green".

TEXAS A&M CORPS OF CADETS MISSION:
The Corps of Cadets develops well-educated leaders of character, who are academically successful, embody the values of honor, integrity, discipline and selfless service, are highly sought-after, and prepared for the global challenges of the 21st Century.

TEXAS A&M PARSONS MOUNTED CAVALRY MISSION:
Parsons Mounted Cavalry enhances the mission of the Corps of Cadets by providing a leadership laboratory which utilizes historic cavalry activities to give cadets an opportunity to apply principles of management, operations, training and public interactions to strengthen their successful transition into leadership roles in the military and civilian sectors.

Safety and Code Enhancements

The current facility, Building 1150, is not built to code, will not safely house all equipment, has inadequate lighting and ventilation, and is prone to flooding. The current main entrance on FM 2818 is being encroached by current and future roadway expansion. Heavy cross-traffic for vehicles entering and exiting the facility increases the hazards to both students and equipment. The current vet shed will be demolished and Barn 1236 will be renovated with 4 large vet stalls, a horse wash area, 2 treatment horse stocks, and a commercial sink, medicine refrigerator, and washer/dryer. A central 20'x20' heated and air conditioned room with a horse observation window will house the vet supply area.

ADA Enhancements

A drive-through building viewing area and handicap parking spaces would be located at the South end of the facility adjacent to F&B Roads. The tack and rolling stock areas would be ventilated with large fans and vented roofing. Overhead area heaters would provide heat for winter use. Design would include large, open roll-up type glass doors located on the East and West sides. Office, meeting room, staff dressing areas, restrooms, and storage areas would be centrally heated and air conditioned and ADA accessible.

Equipment Maintenance & Storage Enhancements

The proposed building would provide much needed storage of 60 sets of tack, bridles, and saddle blankets, 12 sets of harness, a 1902 Field Gun and Caisson, 2 Army Escort Wagons, 2 Half-Section training carts, and specifically the 105 Howitzer recently purchased for KYLE Field football operations. The building would also house a leather repair shop and the storage facilities outlined in the cover letter.
The structure would face North-South with the saddling area on the East side and a parking lot sufficient to park 50 vehicles, trailers, trucks, tractors, Gators, and manure-spreaders on the West side of the proposed facility. This area will contain a sealed container workshop for tools and equipment storage. Barn 1149 will be reroofed, wired to code and a portion modified for round and square bale hay storage. The West end of the lot will have a semi horse loading ramp. The parking area would be constructed of packed road base covered with pea gravel.

The current horse training and desensitization area adjacent to FM 2818 will be upgraded and expanded to include the area vacated when Building 1150 is demolished.

The current training arena will be completed to include 3-rail welded fence connecting the existing upgraded gates and two 40ft round training pens. The small teaching and catch pens will also be upgraded to match the arena.

Rationale and Budget

The current facilities have reached the limit of usefulness and proper support for one of Texas A&M’s more visible and unique high impact student experiences. This is a great opportunity to enhance and improve the facilities for a program in its fifth decade of success.

The funding for the project will be incurred by the Corps of Cadets OOC. The total budget estimate and associated POR, architectural design, site work, construction costs will be paid for by the OOC once this request has been approved and can be provided once received.

We are pleased to submit this recommendation and are looking forward to any questions.

cc: Bettyann Zito, Program Coordinator, Council for the Built Environment
Attachments: Photos
Parsons Cavalry
Proposed PMC Exterior Fence Line

Approximately 1.5 miles

Presence of extensive traffic on FM 2818 and future traffic on F&B Road, unincorporated adjacent areas (loose roaming dogs), and gullies and streambed (feral hogs) make a safe, secure netwire and electric fence a priority.

Fence will be welded steel corner posts with steel H braces and periodic steel reinforcing posts. Wire will be horse mesh with two strands of smooth wire on top and one strand of electric wire on the inside.

Pictures of Proposed Fence:
Proposed PMC Interior Fence Line

Pastures to be divided into three herd areas with 30-ft wide infinity exercise lanes around each pasture. Cross fences to be two strand electric fence.

Pictures of Proposed Fence:
Proposed Arena and Horse Handling Fence

Current rusted welded metal panels and cable gates are unsafe for both horses and participants. Fence to be three bar welded pipe fence connected to existing gates and approximately 850-ft of fencing.

Pictures of Proposed Fence Added To Existing Gates:

![Proposed Fence](image1)

Pictures of Existing Arena & Horse Handling Fence:

![Existing Arena & Fence](image2)
July 14, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark Hussey
   Interim President

FROM: Tom Reber
      Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority, Division of Student Affairs

I will be out of the office July 18-25, 2014. During this time, Dr. David W. Parrott, Executive Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief of Staff, has been delegated the authority to act on my behalf with regard to all matters of the Division of Student Affairs.

cc: David Parrott
    C.J. Woods
    Cynthia Hernandez
    Cari Tawney
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson  
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

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

DATE: September 4, 2014

RE: Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) Report  
Parsons Mounted Cavalry Site Renovations

On August 13, 2014 and August 27, 2014 the Design Review sub-council reviewed a request from the Corps of Cadets for improvements to the Parsons Mounted Cavalry (PMC) site, located west of FM 2818 at the F&B Road intersection. The improvements include replacement of exterior fencing, building renovation, demolition of existing buildings, construction of new barns, and relocation of the parking area.

The existing perimeter fence was built by cadets in the 1980’s and is unsatisfactory given the heavy traffic on FM 2818. In addition, PMC has reached an agreement with Animal Science and the Polo Team for the use of 18 acres which adjoin the existing PMC site. The additional acreage will provide much needed pasture area for the horses. New interior fencing around the expanded perimeter of the PMC site is intended to prevent feral hogs and stray dogs from entering the site.

The proposed perimeter and interior fencing is comprised of woven horse wire enhanced with an electric interior wire, with welded steel corners and H-braces. This is not in alignment with the white vinyl fencing used around the AgriLife and Veterinary Medicine areas on the east side of FM 2818. PMC representatives are sensitive to the university’s desire to present a cohesive look, but believe the white vinyl fence is not appropriate for their needs in terms of functionality, and believe their budget is insufficient to install both types of fences.

In alignment with the October 2, 2012 DRsc recommendation for the Equine Facility, DRsc members believe that the white vinyl fencing is an essential part of the university’s branding to denote the agricultural areas of the campus, and believe that this is appropriate for all university agriculture areas in the future. It is the intent of the sub-council to pursue the use of this fencing as a long-term goal.

The project proposal also includes the addition of a 120’x60’ pre-engineered metal building with an attached 120’x60’ covered area. The proposed facility would be accessed off F&B Road, which will become the main entrance. One side of the new facility will be air-conditioned and will provide saddle and tack room areas, restrooms, small office area, meeting room, and storage space for ammunition and weapons. The adjoining side will be a large covered open area for grooming and tacking horses and cadet physical training. The existing tack room facility will be demolished, and the existing wagon will be upgraded. A new parking area and entrance will be constructed off of F&B Road. The parking area along 2818 will be removed as part of the project.
It was noted that Parson’s Mounted Cavalry was originally intended to relocate to the Equine Complex, however funds were not raised to facilitate this move and relocation is not being planned at this time.

**Recommendation**

DRsc members unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry site improvements as proposed, with the following caveats:

- Installation of the white vinyl fencing at the perimeter along FM 2818 & F&B Road in addition to the fencing as proposed.

- Exterior color of the pre-engineered metal building is to be consistent with other facilities in the area, such as the Equine Complex. Color samples should be provided to the DRsc Chair for final review and approval. Final color selections and exterior materials, including window glazing, shall be submitted to the DRsc for approval, in accordance with DRsc procedures.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

cc: Chris Emmerson  
    DRsc Members  
    Bettyann Zito
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 Reber  
Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council

DATE: August 21, 2014

SUBJECT: CBE TRsc Recommendation: Parsons Mounted Calvary Site Renovation Project

On August 11, 2014, Mr. Bob Burn, Office of the Commandant, presented to the CBE’s Technical Review Sub-council on the proposed Parsons Mounted Calvary Site Renovation Project.

The proposal is for renovation of and additional construction for facilities that support the existing Parsons Mounted Calvary site (PMC). The improved saddle tack room/storage building will be located on the south side of the current (PMC). The facility would open onto F&B Road and become the main entrance. The building would be a 120'x60' structure and would include male/female restrooms, an office, meeting room, changing area for staff, commercial ice machine, refrigerator, freezer, and storage. Adjoining the structure would be a 120'x60' covered area to be used for grooming, tacking horses, teams and an area for cadet physical training. In addition, there will be exterior facility fencing and interior electronic fencing.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed Parsons Mounted Calvary Site Renovation and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

Facilities Services:
The design team needs to ensure that the project does not increase the rate of storm runoff into local creeks.

The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.

The project team should ensure that the facility is designed to minimize, as much as practical, the effort needed for future maintenance. It is preferred that items requiring maintenance be easy to service, be easily accessible from ground or floor level, have generous clearances and be easy to isolate from
energy sources with minimal impact to the rest of the facility. Elevated items requiring maintenance that are difficult to service by ladder or lift should have permanent maintenance access platforms with permanent stairs or ladders, built-in fall prevention, and davits for hoisting parts and tools.

**Utility & Energy Services:**
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Sanitary Sewer – UES has a sanitary sewer lift station located near Dick Freeman arena. The project needs to connect to the sanitary sewer service at this lift station. If there is insufficient fall, we can discuss alternatives.

The project and design team will need to follow the applicable TAMU UES Design Standards - [https://utilities.tamu.edu/design-standards/](https://utilities.tamu.edu/design-standards/)

The project and design team will need to follow the TAMU policy on digging on campus – prior to any excavation - [https://utilities.tamu.edu/digging-campus/](https://utilities.tamu.edu/digging-campus/)

The project will need to apply for the disconnection / connection to utility services. Application to Disconnect Utility Service (PDF) / Application to Receive Utility Service (PDF)

TAMU UES looks forward to working closely with the project and design team to ensure that all campus requirements are met and that the project is successful.

**EHS and SASE:**
The enclosed portions of new buildings must include a fire alarm system and a fire suppression system.

A security system(s) and access control must be established as necessary to satisfy requirements for storage of ammunition and cannons.

Exterior lighting must satisfy university lighting standards for safety and security.

**FCOR/GIS:**
Facilities Coordination has no technical concerns regarding the Parsons Mounted Cavalry Site Renovation Project Proposal.

**Transportation Services:** No concerns with this project.

**CIS:** No concerns with this project.

**University Police:** No concerns with this project.

Xc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council
    CBE Support Staff
Attached are the agreements from PMC that were discussed in the CBE meeting yesterday. One is between the Corps and Rec Sports both within Student Affairs. The other is between the Corps (PMC) and the Department of Animal Science. If you have any questions or I need to do anything different please let me know. Thanks, Tom

Howdy Tom,

Attached are the signed agreements with Animal Science and Rec Sports for the approximately 18 acres of land we have acquired west of Turkey Creek Rd. --Bob
This agreement is entered into by and between the Texas A&M University Department of Recreational Sports (Rec Sports) and the Corps of Cadets - Parson Mounted Cavalry (Corps) both departments within the Texas A&M University - Division of Student Affairs to transfer land utilization at 7984 Turkey Creek Road.

I. FACILITY USAGE

1. Rec Sports has utilized the land located at 7984 Turkey Creek Road as pasture land for the Texas A&M Polo Team an officially sanctioned Sport Club of the department.

2. The pasture land has been used sparingly over the past 3 years for horses that were being offered for sale and not at all for the past year.

3. The most recent inspection by IACUC stated that before horses were placed back on the property the land must be re-fenced.

4. Rec Sports has chosen not to bear the approximate cost of $20,000 to re-fence this area due to the limited usage.

5. Rec Sports agrees to relinquish usage of this property at 7984 Turkey Creek Road to the Corps for the Parsons Mounted Calvary.

II. BILLABLE

1. Rec Sports currently pays approximately $12 per month for water charges for this property. Corps agrees to transfer this charge and pay the monthly BTU charges for the property.

The intent of this agreement is to transfer property usage at 7984 Turkey Creek Road from Rec Sports to the Corps. This document supersedes all previous agreements, written or otherwise and will remain in effect until such changes are noted and agreed upon in writing.

I agree to the intent of this document and by signing below, acknowledge I will abide by the expectations indicated above.

ACCEPTED & AGREED:

TEXAS A&M CORPS OF CADETS

[Signature]

BG(R) Joe E. Ramirez, Jr.
Commandant

Reviewed and Recommended: [Signature]
Bob Byrns
PMC Site Manager

TEXAS A&M RECREATIONAL SPORTS

[Signature]

Dennis Corrington
Executive Director

Reviewed and Recommended: [Signature]
Keith Joseph
Sport Clubs Director
MEMORANDUM

June 26, 2014

TO: BG(R) Joe E. Ramirez, Jr.
Commandant of Cadets
Texas A&M University

THROUGH: Dr. H. Russell Cross
Professor and Head, Department of Animal Science

FROM: Jason Sawyer
Associate Head for Operations, Department of Animal Science

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding – Land Use at Dick Freeman Arena and Equestrian Center Complex

The Department of Animal Science has been assigned land and buildings collectively referred to as the Dick Freeman Arena and Equestrian Center, north of the intersection of FM 2818 and the original terminus of Turkey Creek Road. The term “Freeman Arena Complex” is understood to include the entirety of this assigned area.

Parson’s Mounted Cavalry has been assigned, and operates on, land and facilities located north of the intersection of FM 2818 and the westward extension of F&B Road, and adjoined to the southern boundary of the Freeman Arena Complex. The term “Fiddler’s Green” is understood to include the entirety of the area assigned to this unit.

The Department of Animal Science and Parson’s Mounted Cavalry have enjoyed a long and mutually amicable relationship, and wish to maintain and continue this relationship into the future for the mutual benefit of each party and Texas A&M University. It is in recognition of the long cooperation among these units that this understanding is promulgated.

Parson’s Mounted Cavalry desires the use, for the benefit of an expanded horse band, of approximately 14 acres of land currently assigned to the Department of Animal Science, and comprising a portion of the Freeman Arena Complex immediately adjacent to the Fiddler’s Green. While the Department of Animal Science may require future use of this assigned space, in an effort to facilitate the success of both programs, the Department agrees to allow the beneficial use of this area (Exhibit A) by Parson’s Mounted Cavalry for a period of ten years, ending on 31 Aug 2024.

Parson’s Mounted Cavalry agrees to construct any fencing, install gates, clear vegetation, and otherwise make necessary improvements for beneficial use as are required at its sole expense. The Department of Animal Science will recognize the priority of use of this area by Parson’s Mounted Cavalry, with an understanding that the Department may also enjoy temporary use of this area given mutual consent of both parties.

This agreement may be extended only by mutual consent. Both parties agree and understand that mutual enjoyment is critical to the durability of this agreement and are bound to seek amicable resolution to any grievances by direct communication between both parties.

I agree to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding:

Joe E. Ramirez, Jr.
Date 29 July 14
Here are the fence costs.  

From: Byrns, Bob
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 8:54 AM
To: Reber, Tom
Subject: RE: Parsons Fence line

Tom,
Steve Canon at the Eq In. Just priced some additional white fencing and has a bid for $9.25. So our figures should be well within the range. --bb

From: Reber, Tom
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 7:59 AM
To: Byrns, Bob
Cc: Ralph Davila
Subject: RE: Parsons Fence line

Bob: Please double check this estimate for the white fence and make sure it is good. Thanks, Tom

From: Byrns, Bob
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:45 PM
To: Reber, Tom
Cc: Stebbins, Byron; Starnes, Glenn; Byrns, Bob
Subject: RE: Parsons Fence line

Tom,
The survey border of PMC property which faces Harvey Mitchell and F&B Roads is 2681 linear feet. The cost of the PMC proposed fencing for this area is $8.50 per linear foot--total projected cost: $22,790.00. The cost of white vinyl fencing for this area would be $9.85 per linear foot total projected additional cost: $26,408.00

The total exterior fence line for the entire Green including the additional 18+ acres is 8020 linear feet--projected cost: $68,170.00
The interior fence lines will be an electric 2 strand wire fence and will be about 25,000 linear feet @ $3.00 per foot--projected cost: $75,000.00
The completion of our welded steel training arena and pens is $26,000.00

The total projected cost for the above is $169,170.00 (white vinyl fencing not included).

The A&M Foundation has agreements for $126,000 over a 1-5 year period, for this fencing project.
Your continued support is appreciated. Would be very willing to discuss this in more detail with anyone who has questions.

Ride On!

Bob

From: Reber, Tom  
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 4:33 PM  
To: Byrns, Bob  
Subject: FW: Parsons Fence line

From: James Massey [mailto:James-massey@tamu.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 3:24 PM  
To: Lilia Gonzales; Reber, Tom  
Cc: David Morrison  
Subject: Parsons Fence line

Lilia and Tom,  
As a follow to the discussion at the CBE today, please see the map generated by FCOR of the PMC fence lines ...
Thanks,
James

James Massey '77 | Interim Sr Associate VP for Facilities  
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It's Time for Texas A&M
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From: David Morrison  
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 2:55 PM  
To: James Massey  
Subject: FW: Parsons Fence line

James,

The attached is an approximate measurement of fence lines along F&B and 2818 taken from aerial photos. It appears to be approximately 2,763 linear feet of fence. The actual length will need to be field generated.

David

David A. Morrison | Interim Director  
Office of Facilities Coordination | Texas A&M University  
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General Services Complex, Bldg. 1800 | Suite 1001. Rm. 1004  
Ph. 979.458.1151 | Cell. 979.458.2144 | Fax. 979.458.2069  
http://fcor.tamu.edu
Bob’s e-mail that said he will comply with having a white fence.

From: Byrns, Bob
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 4:31 AM
To: Reber, Tom
Cc: Stebbins, Byron; Starnes, Glenn; Gardner, LTC Jeff; Emmerson, Christian
Subject: Fwd: PMC fencing

Tom,
I agree with all these points and will comply as we begin our fence building project. Appreciate your support and help for PMC.

Bob

Bob Byrns '74
Cavalry Manager/Advisor
bbyrns@corps.tamu.edu
979-255-6979

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jim Heird <jimheird@tamu.edu>
Date: September 25, 2014 at 4:50:02 PM CDT
To: "Reber, Tom" <treber@tamu.edu>
Cc: "Byrns, Bob" <bbyrns@corps.tamu.edu>, Steven Canon <Steven.Canon@ag.tamu.edu>
Subject: PMC fencing

Tom,
I met with Bob Burns this afternoon to discuss the fencing for Parson’s. He understands that along F&B and 2818 that he needs to use the white PVC fence like we have here at the Hildebrand Complex. I recommended that he still attach an electric fence to that fence in case something gets out of his proposed interior fence. I think that we should make every effort to present a consistent look to all of the horse facilities in this area and believe that by putting the white PVC fence along the road he will adhere to a standard look.

As far as interior fencing, Bob wants to go inside the PVC fence with a wire fence made of woven wire with smooth wire on top. As I understood it, he would have a safety and movement ally between the exterior PVC fence and the interior fence. This could even be used for his infinity track that he uses to trot the horses. I would strongly recommend that he electrify the top wire on this interior fence to keep horses from reaching over and pushing on the fence. Another option would be to attach an electric fence inside the woven wire. As far as safety is concerned, I always worry about steel posts on fences for horses. I have seen horses severely injured sticking steel posts into themselves. There is a steel post cap that has a place to attach an electric fence that would allow him to cover the steel posts and have a top wire that is electrified at the
same time. Inside of that woven wire fence, he wants to use electric fence for cross-fencing. Again, this is not as safe as a permanent fence, but Bob has used electric fences successfully in the past and with this set of horse that are accustomed to electric fences and considering his budget, I think this would be satisfactory. I am assuming that he will make these electric cross fences high enough and with enough strands that they will be safe. I am also assuming that he intends to paint the corner posts and braces so that are pleasing to the people on F&B and 2818.

I hope this helps. Bob does a great job with PMC. No one has more enthusiasm for the Calvary and Texas A&M than he does. I am glad he is getting to fix up the facility.

jim

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