President Khator has recently re-committed UH and the Neighborhood Partnership Forum to assisting the historic Third Ward community in focused, strategic and impactful ways. The Third Ward Incubator Facility, a 4500 to 6600 SF structure to be located on the west side of Cullen between Hwy. 45 and Elgin, will be an anchor for this initiative.

The location is easily accessible and acts as a clear link with the community. The building will be used for community events and for joint projects between faculty and students and neighborhood groups.

Three lots are available for the building, a small amount of parking and associated community/art space. Final location of the structure and parking area will be confirmed as the facility program is completed; the site and preliminary building design will be brought back to the committee at that time. A guiding principle of the design will be the integration of building and surface parking with generous and highly visible open green space and planting.

The project will be funded by the US Economic Development Administration and possibly other grants. The site location will be presented to the December Board of Regents as an information item and the building program will be submitted for full approval at the February meeting.

7. PROPOSED START DATE: November 2016

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Campus Preliminary Location Plan