Complete renovation of the 50-year old arena formerly known as Hofheinz Pavilion into a modern-day sports venue fit for UH Team stature of today. On the exterior the structure and roof will be preserved but entry experience and building presentation will be completely updated.

Full removal or raising of the existing Hofheinz roof was not affordable within the established construction budget. Instead the design team, taking advantage of the removal of the interior ceiling, proposes to “peel up” one corner of 360’ wide horizontal band wrapping the building and clad its entire exposed length with zinc panels similar to those at the adjacent Guy Lewis Basketball Practice Facility. The soffit of the roof band will be re-finished with the same exterior wood product as used at the practice facility, providing visual complementarity.

Storefront windows will extend along the east and south facades, and offer glimpses of the exposed dome structure, slanting pendant lighting of the lobby, and red ceramic plated steel ticket areas. The wide plazas are accentuated with concrete planters, angled retaining walls that recall the theme of the raked roof, stainless steel handrails (with LED lighting at the donor entries) and subtle shifts in concrete pattern and color.

8. PROPOSED START DATE: July 2017 for exterior renovations

9. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Renderings