

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
SYSTEM WIDE ART ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM: UH Cougar Village II Housing Project Artwork-Artists Nominations

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Nominations of Artists are sought for artwork proposals for the UH Cougar Place Replacement/Sophomore Housing Project.

This project is the second phase of freshmen residence halls to be located on Wheeler Avenue along the southern edge of the UH campus. Like Cougar Village Phase I this project will consist of two-bedroom, shared-bath units (approximately 1100 beds total) with staff and support space, resident staff/resident assistant apartments and associated academic space.

The project will be located west of and form a courtyard with Cougar Village I.

The total project budget is \$50,000,000. The estimated construction portion of the project is approximately \$39,000,000 with an associated art budget of \$390,000.

Additional information on the project is attached.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Project Information

FISCAL NOTE: \$390,000

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Nominations of Artists

COMPONENT: University of Houston

Cougar Village Phase II Budget

Construction Cost	\$38,945,000
Professional Services Fees	\$3,457,000
Project Management Fee	\$1,500,000
Furniture and Moveable Equipment	\$2,300,000
IT Infrastructure and Security	\$850,000
Administrative Costs	\$448,000
Contingencies	\$2,500,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$50,000,000

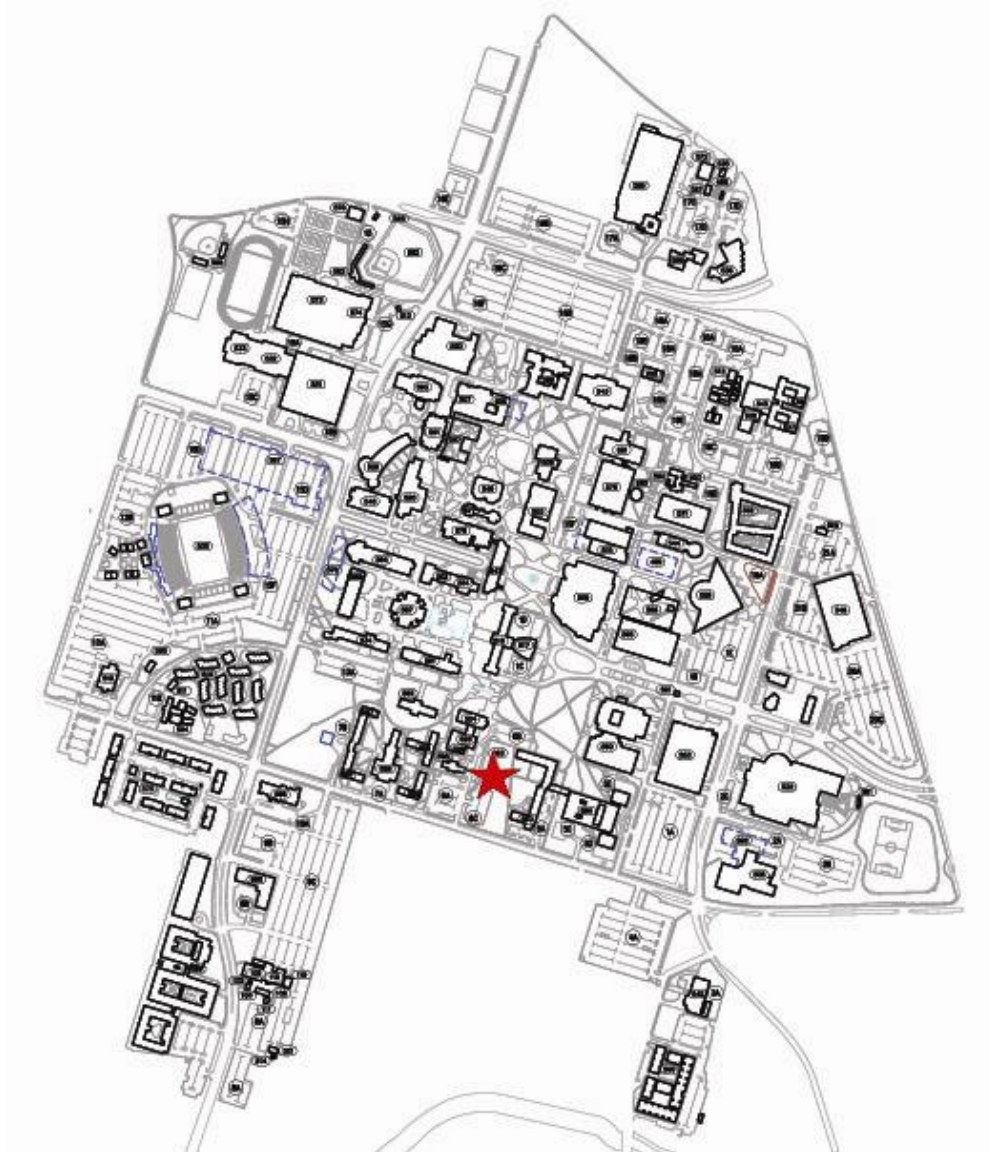
Proposed Project Schedule

Program confirmation	July 2011
Design starts	September 2011
Construction starts	March 2012
Occupancy	June 2013

Funding Sources

Auxiliary Revenues (Bonds) – Housing Fees	\$50,000,000
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SITE MAP



WHEELER PRECINCT PLAN





COUGAR VILLAGE PHASE I



FRAMEWORK PLAN WHEELER PRECINCT

Cougar Village Phase II Project Description

The University of Houston is working to increase student success by the recruitment of top scholars, retaining those students once they become Cougars and graduating them in higher proportions. UH is also seeking to increase student life and campus activity. On campus living/learning opportunities are central to all of these efforts. In addition one of the measures Carnegie and others use for classifying Tier One Universities is having 25% of undergraduate students living on campus. Based on this the University has adopted a goal of having 7500 UH students living on campus by 2015 and 9000 students living on campus by 2020.

Since enacting the 2006 Campus Framework Plan, the University has steadily added residential housing toward these goals. Cougar Village Phase One opened in Fall 2010 to provide over 1100 students a quality freshmen living/learning experience. The project coupled with the renovation of the Moody Dining Hall was extremely successful in student recruitment, student engagement and student life and support. It lead to demands for additional similar housing.

Cougar Village Phase II Housing project will increase the number of beds on campus by more than 1100, and will further expand lively, academically supportive facilities for freshmen. It will also provide additional residential housing options available to students. The project will borrow from the successful Cougar Village Phase One template for developing the program and building conceptual scheme.

This project will extend the Student Life synergy started with Moody Dining Renovation and Cougar Village Phase One. When coupled with the new West Campus Dining Hall, renovations to the Quadrangle and Moody Towers and Cougar Place Replacement it will provide UH with an extended zone of activity and campus life fostering Student Success.

Program Information:

This project is the second phase of freshmen residence halls to be located on Wheeler Avenue along the southern edge of the UH campus. Like the first phase, the second facility will be a design build project consisting of two-bedroom, shared-bath units (approximately 1100 beds total) with staff and support space, and resident staff/resident assistant apartments.

Also like its predecessor, the new facility will include central and floor lounges, laundry room, fitness area, floor kitchenettes, and vending areas. More importantly Cougar Village Phase II will provide collaborative living/learning student success space including classrooms, labs and academic support space.

Key to the project will be academic and student space to support student development and living learning environment. This may include but not be limited to instructional

space and student service space for counseling, tutoring and other functions needed to enhance student life and student success as well as the following spaces:

- Classrooms/Academic Spaces for Freshmen
- Student Computer Labs
- Study rooms on each floor/wing
- Social lounges on each floor/wing
- Building vending area
- Building Common Lounge/multipurpose room
- Large game room.
- Adjoining small kitchen/serving area adjacent to the Building Common Lounge
- Housing staff offices including space for Residence Assistants
- Fitness Center (May also be small fitness areas throughout the project)
- Laundry facilities

Exterior features for recreation and other activities will also be included.

Design of the facility will be based on the Cougar Phase I palette, materials and room layout. Site specific changes will be necessary to accommodate utilities, campus views and differences in the building program. The project will be designed to LEED Silver standards and open in August 2013.