

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

ITEM: UH Professional Precinct Artwork- Artist Nominations

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: December 2010

SUMMARY:

The UH Framework Plan proposed that the UH east campus be organized into the Professional Precinct. The precinct would be linked with major pedestrian circulation along Calhoun Street and along a major pedestrian walkway extending from new parking garages along Spur 5, through new housing developments and past new academic buildings. This walkway would also link Melcher Hall with this precinct and the major pedestrian circulation extending north of MD Anderson into the heart of the campus. The Framework plan suggested landscaping, lighting, water features, paving and artwork be used to reinforce this precinct and this major walkway, making it a major entry and focus of the east section of the University.

The Framework Plan also proposed that extensive new construction occur in this precinct and focus along this walkway. Some of that construction has now been completed or is now under design and construction. Among those projects are a four story 1500 car East Parking Garage (completed); ten story Calhoun Lofts professional and graduate housing complex (completed); two story Cemo Hall classroom academic building lab (near completion); the five story Classroom Business Building (under design); and an addition to the Central Utilities Plant. Future construction will include a major addition to and renovation of the University Center. Each of these projects has 1% of construction allocated for public art.

Several of the major donors to these buildings have requested that the precinct add significant landscaping and use artwork as a device to give the precinct character while linking the buildings along this new developing walkway. The major donor for Cemo Hall also made the addition of a water feature and an exterior classroom/plaza in the area conditions of his gift. Finally the Framework Plan prescribes the buildings be linked with major pedestrian plazas, using artwork to enliven these areas.

The former UH Campus Art Committee recommended Sarah Morris to develop artwork for this precinct. That recommendation was approved by SWAAC at the December Meeting. Unfortunately Ms. Morris has now indicated that while she would like to undertake a project at UH her current workload does not allow her to undertake the Professional Precinct artwork in the tight time frame required. Because of that the Committee needs to select a different artist for the Professional Precinct artworks.

Attached is information on each project including the site plan for the Professional Precinct, renderings of each project and the available art budget.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: Precinct Site Plan, Building renderings, Artwork Budget

FISCAL NOTE: \$783,000

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

COMPONENT: University of Houston

UH PROFESSIONAL PRECINCT CAPITAL PROJECTS/ARTWORK BUDGET

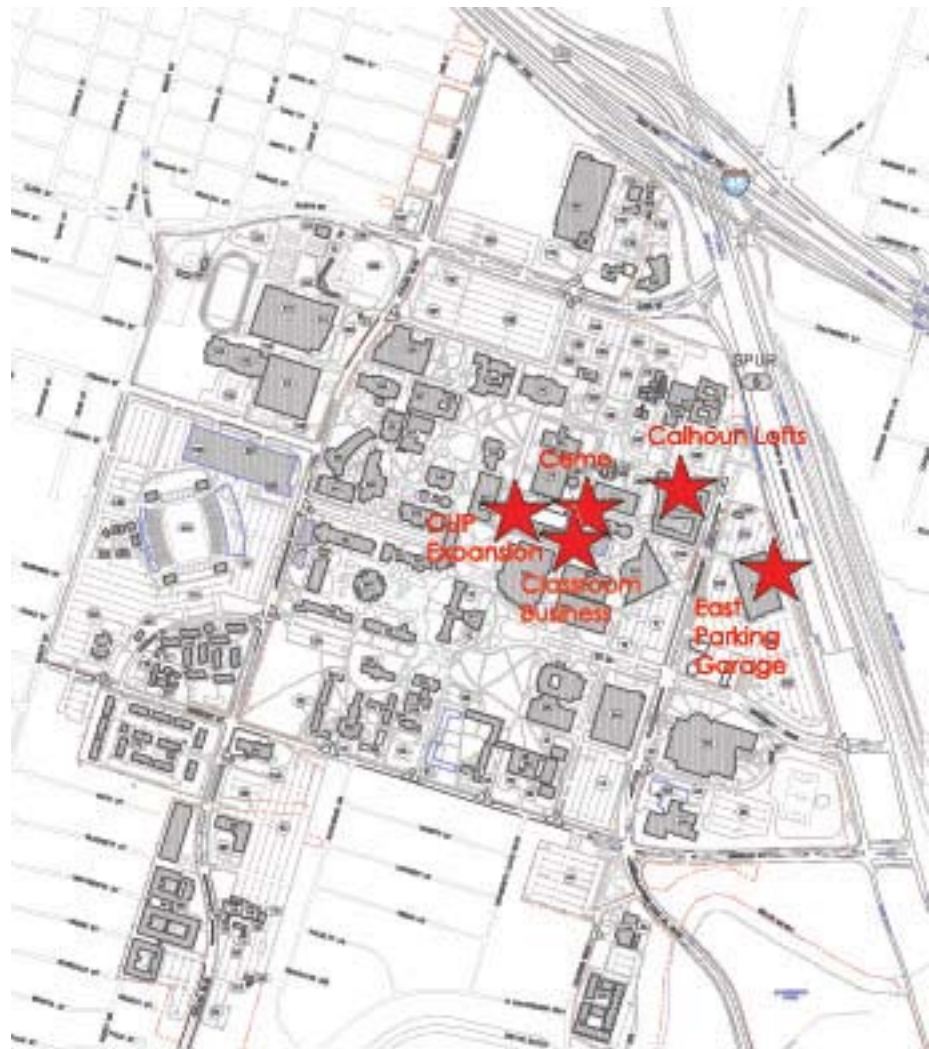
<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>	<u>Estimated Artwork Budget (1)</u>
East Parking Garage	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 90,000 (1,2)
Calhoun Lofts	\$107,900,000	\$ 40,000 (1,2)
Cemo Hall	\$10, 599,000	\$ 85,000 (1)
Classroom Business Building	\$41,000,000	\$287,000 (1)
Central Utilities Plant Expansion	\$38,553,000	\$281,000 (1)
TOTAL	\$216,052,000	\$783,000 (1)

(1) Budget must include 3% for SWAAC expenses and 10% for contingency. Amount available for art acquisition will be reduced by this amount.

(2) Remaining art funds. A portion of the art acquisition budget for this project has already been allocated for other artwork.

Upcoming Project

University Center Addition/Renovation	\$44,000,000	TBD
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Cemo Hall – East End (Looking from Melcher Hall)



Calhoun Lofts – East Side along Calhoun Street



Central Utilities Plant Expansion – From Southwest



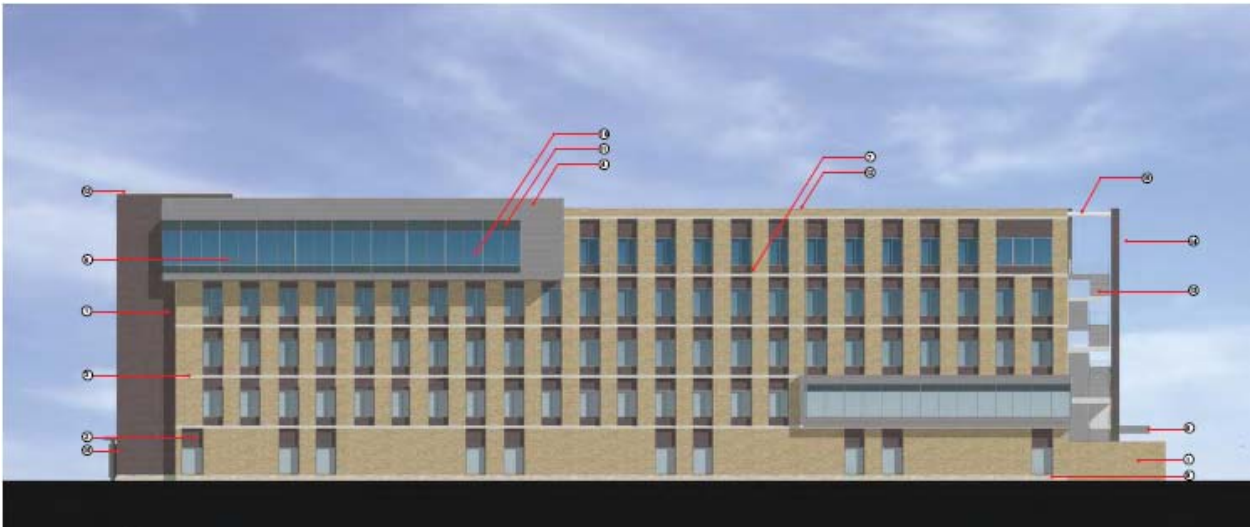
East Parking Garage – Eastside along Spur 5



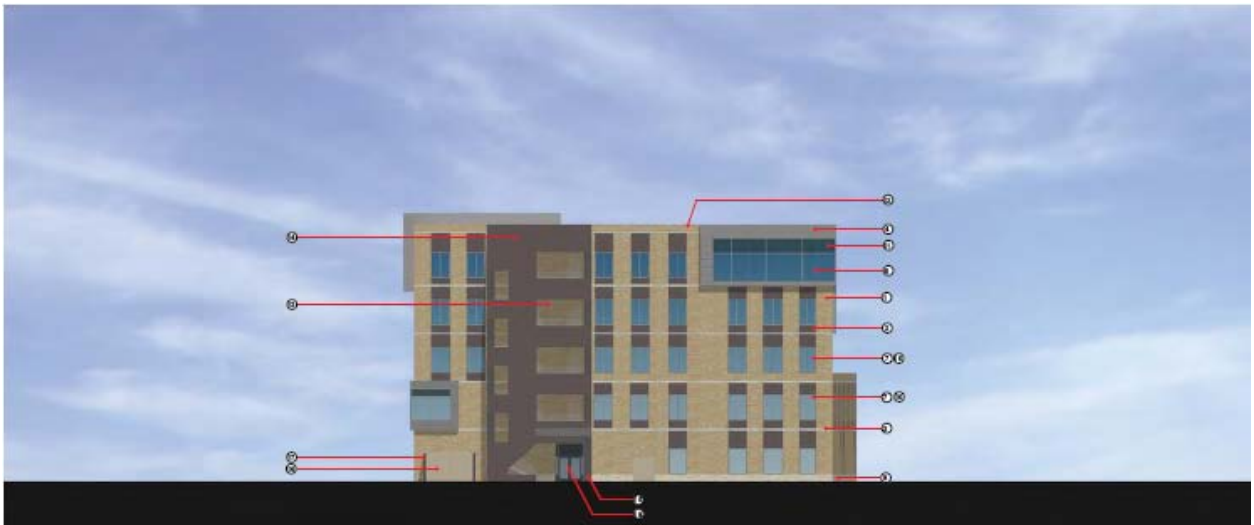
East Parking Garage – Aerial View



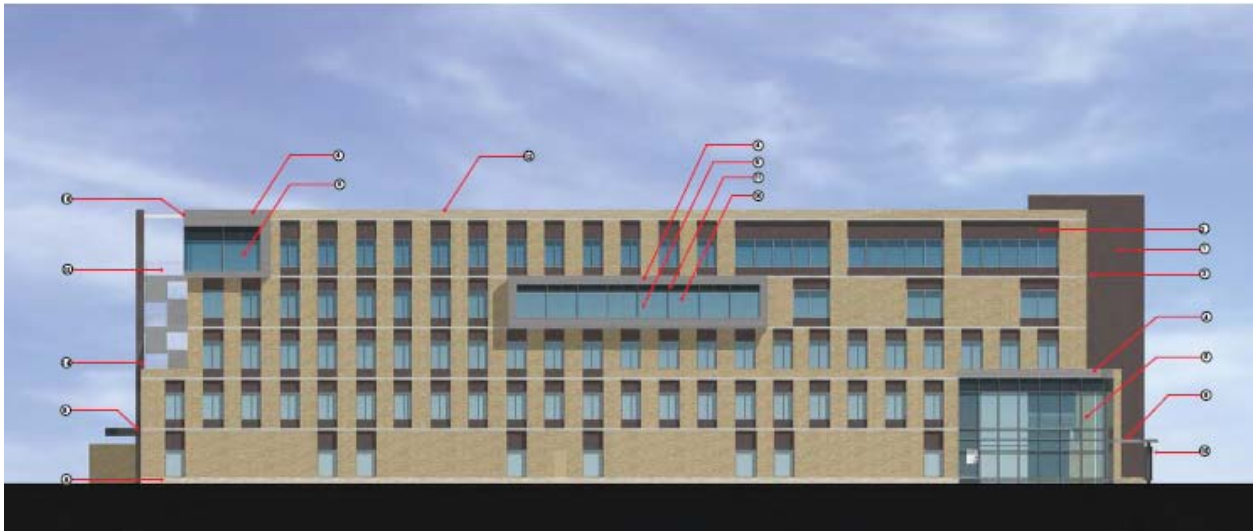
Classroom Business Building – (looking from Melcher Hall) – East End



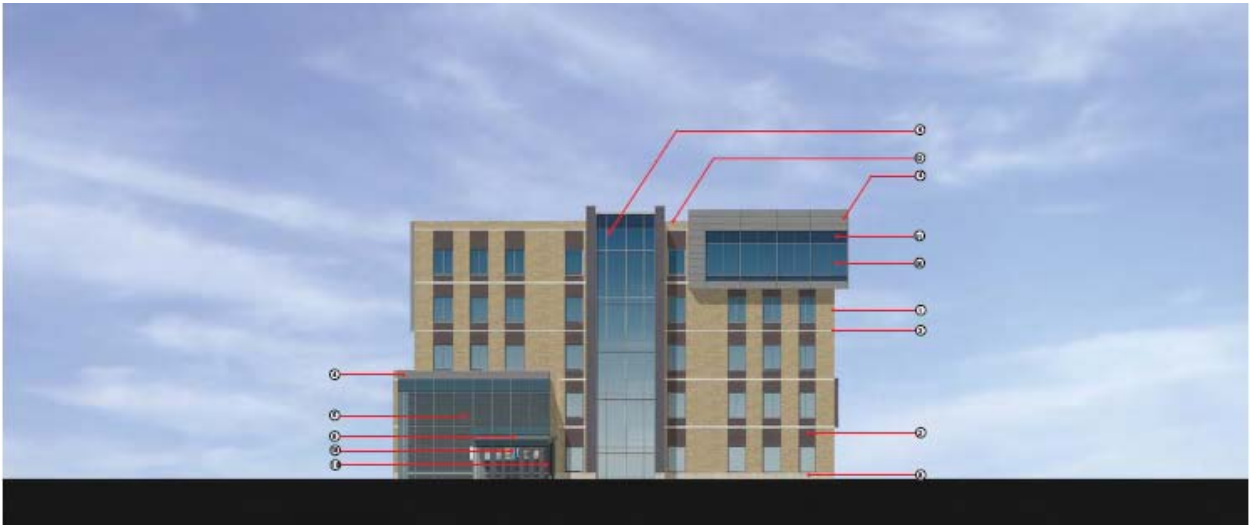
Classroom Business Building – North Elevation (view from Cemo Hall)



Classroom Business Building – West Elevation (view from M.D. Anderson Library)



Classroom Business Building – South Elevation (view from University Center)



Classroom Business Building – East Elevation (view from Melcher Hall)



2006 Framework Plan – Professional Precinct