

University of Houston

Inter-Office Memorandum

To Chancellor Van Horn

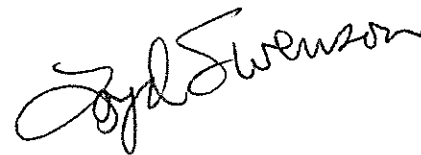
From Loyd Swenson
Chair

Dept. Chancellor's Office

Dept. Faculty Senate

Subject Resolution re Sidewalks/Trails

Date March 28, 1984



Last week the Faculty Senate considered a resolution from its Student Life Committee regarding the enhancement of pedestrian and bikers access to the University Park campus. As amended and attached the Resolution passed unanimously. I herewith forward it for your serious consideration.

The "Academic Corridor" idea, of linkages between the Texas Medical Center-Rice University area and the TSU-UHUP area for hikers and bikers utilizing portions of the 35 miles or so of Hike and Bike Trails now established along our bayous, could be considerably enhanced by this construction. Likewise, foot traffic from the East side as far as Mason Park along Braes Bayou could eventually enhance our neighborhood. Someday hopefully, City planners will link these trails along Buffalo and Braes Bayous to create a "Pedestrian Perimeter Parkway" or a "Freeway-for-Feet" inside the 610 Loop for wheels. UH-UP should plan now to help and benefit from such a vision.

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cc: Ted Montz
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Resolution

Student Life Committee

Statement - The City of Houston has offered to construct a bicycle trail on the North side of Braes Bayou from Scott to Cullen and/or a bike/passenger bridge over the Bayou at Cullen Boulevard. Such construction would give safe and easier access to the University Park campus for cyclists and pedestrians. Before this construction is begun the City of Houston has indicated that it would like the University to build a bicycle trail along Cullen from MacGregor to the campus. The University has refrained from doing so because plans for construction at Cullen and MacGregor would necessitate tearing up and rebuilding the trail. Accordingly, the Student Life Committee presents the following resolution for consideration by the Faculty Senate:

Resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends that the University extend the sidewalk/trail that now exists on Cullen, south to a point near KUHT where construction is complete. Further, that the University make a commitment to complete said trail to MacGregor Boulevard at such time that intended University construction between KUHT and MacGregor Boulevard is completed. Further, the Senate recommends that the University negotiate with the City of Houston regarding its commitment to completion of the trail along the Bayou sidewalk in accordance with the above recommendation.