

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Burton Memorial Tower Renovation Project

Action

Requested: Approval of Project

Background:

Burton Memorial Tower was completed in 1936 and was named for university president Marion Leroy Burton, who had died while in office in 1925. The tower houses the Baird Carillon, the third heaviest musical instrument in the world, and is designated a significant structure in the Central Campus Historic District as listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The building underwent an elevator upgrade in recent years which represented a partial attempt to bring the building into code compliance. With this project we propose to address additional applicable code compliance work with a particular focus on fire safety issues. In addition, we will restore the exterior windows, improve circulation/exiting by adding an exterior door, and improve the finishes throughout the building.

Quinn Evans/Architects, an experienced historic preservation firm, has completed a program for this project, drawing on the expertise of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc., the building's original architect. Quinn Evans/Architects is proposed to lead the design effort for the project.

The project is estimated to cost \$1.8 million, with funding from central administration sources. We anticipate design to be completed by Spring 2000, with construction requiring approximately eighteen months.

We recommend the Regents approve the Burton Memorial Tower Renovation Project as described.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

SEP 17 1999