Members attending:
Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture
Harold Barrand - Planning, Design and Construction
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction
Katerie Gladdys – Art & Art History
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Jeff Holcomb – University Police Department
Jeanna Mastrodicasa – Assistant Vice President - IFAS
Betsy Ruff – College of Law
Liz Storn – Sustainability
Tom Wichman – PPD- Grounds

Members not attending:
Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations
Carlos Dougnac - Planning, Design and Construction
Chris Marble - Environmental Horticulture
Jason Richards - Student
Mark Siburt – City of Gainesville
Emma Weeks – Entomology

Also attending:
Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design and Construction
Howie Ferguson - Planning, Design and Construction
Cydney McGlothlin – Planning, Design and Construction
Gonzalo Casado – Grimshaw
Chritian Hoeingschmiel – Grimshaw
Robert Walpole - CHW
Erick Smith via phone – Kestrel Environmental
Clay Sweger – EDA
Larry Teague – Zamia
Jennifer Meisenhelder – Physical Plant Division
Jason Haeseler – Physical Plant Division
Robert Walpole – CHW
Buford Davis – CHW
Donald Buaku – CHW

I. Adoption of Agenda and January Minutes (with addition of Larry Teague to attending)

Motion: Jeanna Mastrodicasa made the motion to approve the agenda and minutes.

Second: Katerie Gladdys

Motion Carried Unanimously
II. Major Projects

Frank gave an overview of the project stating that they were looking to renovate the existing house that was built in the 1950s. He went over some preliminary renderings, noting that the project architect has not been hired yet. He showed the site location and said that they would be filling in the swimming pool and adding space over it. Frank showed a new parking lot on the east side showing a proposed layout and said that they would also like to add a monument sign near the corner of SW 2nd and University Avenue. Frank showed a botanical garden in the middle of the parking lot and said that the parking layout would work to minimize impacts to trees. He continued stating that they would be looking to add a crosswalk across SW 2nd Avenue and that they wanted to put in a kitchen garden on the south west side of the house.

Gail Hansen De Chapmen asked if alternative locations had been considered for the parking lot. Frank said that they currently use the lawn where the parking is proposed for event parking. Gail asked who would maintain the garden. Frank said that it was being coordinated with IFAS, but was not aware of who. Katerie Gladdys asked about impacts to the trees along SW 2nd Avenue if a garden is put it in. Tom Wichman noted that it would require a lot of sunlight for the garden to work. There was a group discussion on how much work was required to maintain an attractive year round vegetable garden as large as shown. Katerie asked about the tree impacts for the proposed botanical garden in the parking lot. Frank said that they would work to minimize impacts. Gail suggested that they look at alternative locations for the parking lot including along the SW 2nd side. Frank said that the paved parking lot would lesson impacts to the tree roots by not having vehicles parking on them as it is under existing conditions and said that they would also be addressing stormwater in the design. Betsy Ruff pointed out that putting parking in the back along SW 2nd would affect the view for events. Gail said she was concerned with the SW 2nd entrance shown on the renderings. Jeanna Mastrodicasa said that she was concerned with the proposed parking and stormwater and encouraged reducing the parking. Katerie suggested that they look at incorporating stormwater where the botanical garden was proposed. There was additional discussion on the vegetable garden. Frank said that the preliminary designs had been coordinated and vetted with SVP Charlie Lane and that he would be back in September with additional information. Gail reiterated that they should rethink the parking. Frank said that he had been instructed to maximize parking, while minimizing impacts to trees. There was discussion on the motion.

Motion: Jeanna Mastrodicasa made the motion to approve the project with the following recommendations:
- Minimize parking in front (east)
- Reduce size of the kitchen garden
- Rethink including a botanical garden
- Minimize impacts to heritage trees
- Consider implication of SW 2nd Avenue projects (Football) in the design
- Maintain sufficient greenspace buffer along University Avenue and SW 2nd Avenue to minimize impacts to the outside (roadside) appearance.

Second: Katerie Gladdys

Motion Carried Unanimously

Howie brought arborist Erick Smith on via conference call and said that he was presenting a new ESCO (energy services company) plant that is being sited at Vet. Med. using a Performance Contract Agreement. He explained that they had to take the project to Design Development phase before they could bring it before the committee due to the logistics of figuring out a suitable location. He showed the site location on the old grey hound race track and went over the matrix that had been developed in order to select the best site. He went over the various constraints used in the matrix, noting that each site had issues. Howie went over tree impacts and showed all the trees that had been surveyed. He showed the site’s relationship to the new parking lot that he had presented in January, where he had mentioned this project and that they were considering the area where the stormwater retention had been proposed. He went over the utility corridor that would run from the Vet. Med. buildings to the new utility plant and showed how the plant would be serviced from SW 16th Avenue. Howie went over the trees to be removed and highlighted a 50 DBF Live Oak that they would be unable to avoid. Robert Walpole went over the stormwater system that would also be located in the dog track area.
Gail Hansen asked about the stormwater basin size and shape. Howie said that the system may be a bit smaller than as shown in the parking lot presentation. Katerie Gladdys asked about moving the building to the north to avoid some tree impacts. Robert went over the plant’s requirements and environmental constraints that pushed the plant to this area. Betsy Ruff asked about the noise produced by the plant. Howie said that it will be somewhat noisy, but that they are addressing that and trying to minimize. Jennifer Meisenhelder talked about the air quality component that they will be handling with Florida Department of Protection as part of a campus wide permitting process. Gail asked about the location of the existing plant. Howie showed it on the south side of the Vet. Med. internal compound. Gail asked about converting the area back to green space. Jason Haeseler went over all of the utility lines running through the area. There was discussion of the tree list with clarification given on the ones being removed by the project. Howie noted that at the parking lot presentation the committee had suggested removing the ones in poor condition that were not being directly impacted by the project. Katerie said that she was still concerned about the removal of the 50 DBH Live Oak. Erick Smith said that he agreed in general, but that it was in a remote area where few people would know about it and that there were many similar large Live Oaks all around the area. Erick said that he did not think the tree was that old, but had just grown fast because of favorable site conditions and irrigation. Howie said that the college representatives had liked this location the best given all the restraints.

Motion: **Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the project with standard mitigation for the tree removals.**

Second: **Jeanna Mastrodicasa**

Motion Carried with Katerie Gladdys in dissent.

**UF-461, Herbert Wertheim Laboratory for Engineering Excellence (NEXUS)**

Cydney McGlothlin

Cydney introduced the design teams from CHW and Grimshaw Architecture. Donald Buaku, CHW, talked about the site analysis and constraints (fire lanes, bikes, sitting areas, and pedestrian concerns) that they had considered in working on the greenspace between NEXUS and the Reitz Union. He said that goal was to keep as much green space as possible and showed some renderings of the proposed design. Buford Davis went over the landscape material that included Cabbage Palms, elms and Live Oaks. Cydney went over the utility corridor that would be underneath the fire lane and said that the corridor had necessitated a lot of changes to the area and would be requiring the removal of a few additional trees, which she went over. Cydney then brought up a site plan and went over all the trees that had been approved for removal for NEXUS and the Career Resource Center expansion. She showed photos of the new ones they were asking to remove that included a Pecan that was lopsided due to pruning and a Sweetgum with its top broken off.

Gail Hansen De Chapmen noted that the committee had previously discussed the Pecan and that the Sweetgum was in poor condition. Katerie Gladdys asked Cydney to go back over the previously approved removals, which Cydney did. There was more discussion of the utility corridor and the fact that Physical Plant was allowing the project to plant trees closer to the utility corridor than they had previously recommended in order to allow additional trees to be planted. Gail said that she and Tom Wichman and had been working with the Design Team on the site plan.

Motion: **Jeanna Mastrodicasa made the motion to approve the project with standard mitigation for the tree removals.**

Second: **Betsy Ruff**

Motion Carried Unanimously

**III. Minor Projects**

**Alpha Delta Pi**

Jason O’Brien

(Jeanna Mastrodicasa took over as chair so that she would not be voting on this item to avoid any potential conflict of interests, since co-presenter Clay Sweger is her spouse). Project architect Jason O’Brien introduced
Clay Sweger, project manager, and Larry Teague, landscape architect. Clay showed the site location stating that they were doing a tear down and rebuild. He went over the site plan and trees that they were preserving on site. He said that they would like to remove a holly tree and a Laurel Oak. He said that they would mitigate on site, by planting street trees along SW 9th Avenue.

Katerie Gladdys asked why they were seeking to remove the Laurel Oak. Jason said that it was too close to the building and that they were concerned that it would die during construction.

**Motion:** Katerie Gladdys made the motion to approve the project with standard mitigation for the tree removals.

**Second:** Gail Hansen De Chapman

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

IV. Other Business

**Master Plan Amendments**

Erik said that he was presenting amendments to the Capital Improvements Element of the Master Plan, noting that there were no Future Land Use amendments in the package. He highlighted a new portion of the amendment package that had been added to help keep track of the square footage the University is building and how it relates to the Campus Development Agreement with the City and County. He said that under the Agreement, the University has prepaid for a specified amount of future development and that when the University goes over that amount it will have to renegotiate with both entities for additional impacts. He continued that there had been a legislative trust fund to pay for these impacts, but that during the recession the legislature had allowed the trust fund to sunset leaving future payment funds uncertain. Erik went over the updates included in the plan, noting that items in bold indicated a change to an existing project and those in yellow were new projects.

**Motion:** Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the Master Plan Amendments as presented.

**Second:** Katerie Gladdys

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.