

MINUTES
University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
October 10, 2019, at 9:00 AM
Facilities, Planning & Construction
Conference Room 235 Stadium West

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the University of Florida Facilities Planning and Construction Division Conference Room 235 Stadium West.

Members attending:

Brad Barber – University Police Department
Donna Bloomfield – Grounds, Facility Services
Gregg Clarke – Director of Operations, Facility Services
Linda Dixon – Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Alpa Nawre – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture
Ryan O’Hern – Student

Members not attending:

Adam Dale – Assistant Professor, Entomology and Nematology Department
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture - Chair
Craig Hill – AVP, Business Affairs
Brian Keith – Associate Dean, Director’s office, Library Administration
Brett Scheffers – Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facility Services
Matt Williams – Director, Sustainability
Joe Wu – Assistant University Librarian, HSC Library

Visitors attending:

Melissa Thomas – Administrative, Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis – Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Tom Wichman – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Laurie Hall – Director Landscape Architect, CHW
Leena Rosario – Land Designer, CHW

Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, was not able to attend this meeting therefore, Erik asked if anyone wanted to chair the meeting and Brad Barber called the meeting to order at 9:00am and the committee agreed.

I. Adoption of Agenda and August 2019 Minutes

Motion: Alpa Nawre moved to approve the agenda and August minutes.

Second: Consensus of the Committee approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-221 – Norman Hall Rehabilitation and College of Education Center Addition Keith Humphreys

Laurie Hall stated that she was before the committee to request approval for new landscaping at the project site. She said the project had previously come before the committee, but some things had changed with the new temporary parking lot to the south. There was a general discussion about the heavy use by pedestrians and bikes on the southern side of Norman, along the shared use path and service drive. Laurie went over the proposed plan noting that they would be moving the curb east and shortening the existing service drive. She showed how delivery vehicles were accommodated in the temporary parking lot and how it was configured to allow for easy turn around and exit.

There was discussion about where the service drive should be moved back to and where the bollards could be placed to prevent service vehicles from going up the shared use path. There was also discussion on the number of trees that were being proposed to be planted, with concern expressed that the historic building would be obscured and there would be no room for tables and chairs with the Starbucks being at the south entrance of the building.

Motion: Alpa Nawre made the motion to approve the landscaping with the condition that the project rework the design with final approval from Linda and Erik, due to the tight deadline.

Consensus of the Committee seconded the motion.

Motion Carried by Consensus of the Committee

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Tree Report

Donna Bloomfield

Donna Bloomfield went through recent tree removals undertaken by Grounds. She said that they have started putting up signs and taking pictures showing the location, type and reason for removal of each tree. She said that reasons for removal were either because the tree died, was diseased or had come down in a storm.

Election of Chair for Committee

Erik Lewis

This item was moved to the next meeting.

New Member Orientation

Erik Lewis

Erik went over the committee website and showed the location of planning documents pertinent to the committee. He went over a few of the more important Master Plan maps that deal with open spaces and land uses.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.