

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee December 12, 2019, at 9:00 AM Facilities, Planning & Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium West

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the University of Florida Facilities Planning and Construction Division Conference Room 235 Stadium West.

Members attending:

Donna Bloomfield – Grounds, Facility Services
Gregg Clarke – Director of Operations, Facility Services
Adam Dale – Assistant Professor, Entomology and Nematology Department
Linda Dixon – Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Brian Keith – Associate Dean, Director’s office, Library Administration
Alpa Nawre – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture

Members not attending:

Brad Barber – University Police Department
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture - Chair
Craig Hill – AVP, Business Affairs
Ryan O’Hern – Student
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
Nancy Crystal-Green – Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs
Tamera Baughman – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
John Breske – Project Manager, Walker Architects
Fiona Hogan – Projects Manager, Office of Sustainability
Elisabeth Manley – Landscape Architect, Manley Design
Mike Mironack – Director, J. Wayne Reitz Union
Joe Walker – Architect, Walker Architects
Frank Javaheri – Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction

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

I. Adoption of Agenda and October 2019 Minutes

Motion: Brian Keith moved to approve the agenda and October minutes.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UAA-53 – Florida Football Training Center

Stuart Cullen

Stuart stated he was back for Final Design Development approval. Stuart went over the project and stated the removal of trees being proposed. The design team reconfigured the gated parking area, the front parking area, and the scooter parking. The project will not be getting chillers any longer; the project will be going with the UF central system chilled water and steam.

Stuart was asked to go over the plant species for this project site and more discussion about the number of trees being removed and/or replanted. Stuart stated there are 24 trees and 86 palms, proposed to be planted, during this project. Removing the retaining wall down to grade level will impact the trees on this project as well. The committee asked for documentation on the palms that are being relocated at the new baseball facility, because they will need to be added to the mitigation if they cannot be relocated. A discussion regarding diseased trees was held and it was agreed that the coordination of healthy tree relocation and mitigation could be handled with Facilities Services at the appropriate time.

Motion: Alpa Nawre made the motion to approve with the understanding that the exact number of trees being removed and mitigation including the plant list be coordinated with grounds.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

UF-642 – SW Campus Transportation Improvements

Stuart Cullen

Stuart stated this area was on the east of campus and a transportation study was adopted to include transportation improvements. The improvements are broken up into different project areas. Mainly this is an improvement for Hull Road. The total number of trees being removed requiring mitigation is 136 and there is a proposed replanting of 217.

The committee verified that the planting is following in line with the Landscape Master Plan. When you are doing this project the committee would like you to come back and they would like to see the whole picture of the area and how it relates to the Landscape Master Plan. The committee stated we are trying to unify that area and the experience on hull road. The dominate tree on hull road is live oaks and we would like to strengthen this area with live oak canopy. The roundabouts are to be used to save these large live oak trees and they would also like to see small flowering shrubs in the roundabouts to have a clear view of 3 to 7'. This will allow all views to be clear.

Motion: Adam Dale made the motion to approve advanced schematic design as presented keeping the heritage oak in front of field and coming back with a full mitigation plan and design.

Second: Alpa Nawre

Motion Carried Unanimously

MP04860 – Reitz Union South Terrace Renovation

Stephen Caron

Stephen stated he was here today to ask for approval for the renovation of terrace and memorial area adjacent to liberty pond. The project consist of the terrace grass areas and seating around the pond and water jets and fountain. The complete project area, including the concrete steps will be cleaned. The existing seven veteran memorial monuments and the railing will be removed. New railing and memorials are proposed. There are proposed bench seating with umbrellas and lighting to help revitalization of this area.

The committee wanted to note that the proposed fountain located within the pond should be reviewed to see if there were other alternatives/options to provide the visionary project goals. Providing a fountain with lighting may affect the balance across campus in other ponds and there may be light restrictions on this area because it is in the conservation area. The proposed water fountain and water jets will create a white noise buffer in this

area from the buses noise that are located behind the pond. The committee discussed this area and conservation on campus and this project needs to minimize the water structures with lights.

Motion: Brian Keith made the motion to approve as presented everything outside the pond except the jets going into the water.

Second: Alpa Nawre

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: Adam Dale made the motion to for this project to come back with other options for the water feature that reduces the man-made influence on the area.

Second: Alpa Nawre

Motion Carried Unanimously

MP04426 – Greek Monuments – Reitz Union Lawn **Tamera Baughman**

Tamera introduced herself and stated she was seeking final approval of the project. There are two approved sites from the student groups for this project. This project has went thru CPPEC and has approval. The first site is where an existing bike rack sits adjacent to Marston Library for the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) Monument. The original design scope, as shown, includes brick knee walls for seating, as well as some additional landscaping. However, some of these features may be reduced in order to bring construction cost within the available budget. The area will feature plaques to symbolize the individual chapters represented at each of the two monument locations. MGC – Multicultural Greek Council has 14 chapters that will be represented now and there is room for additional chapters, since this council is growing. The second site is near Dairy Pond. This will be the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Monument and it will have nine monuments grouped as three sets of three in a circle. The students asked that these monuments be placed on the Reitz Union Lawn to give them a visible presence on campus. The students will give presentations and have group gatherings for the chapters there and it will be maintained as a pass through, while still allowing pedestrian use.

Motion: Alpa Nawre made the motion to approve as presented.

Second: Brian Keith

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Campus Master Plan **Linda Dixon**

Information only. Linda said that they were beginning the process of updating the Campus Master Plan and will be incorporating all the other plans that have been recently completed (Strategic Development Plan, Framework Plan, Housing Master Plan, and the Transportation and Parking Master Plan). She said that the Master Plan works much like the schedule for the update and went over the Campus Development Agreement between the University and the City and County that is updated in conjunction with the Master Plan every (CDA) 5 years. She said that the CDA identifies the University's impacts on the City's and County infrastructure and shows how the University intends to offset them, noting that the primary impacts are to transportation. She said that the Campus Master Plan must be adopted by the Board of Trustees by December 30, 2009.

Election of Chair for Committee

Erik Lewis

This item was moved to the next meeting.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.