



MINUTES
University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
January 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM
Facilities, Planning & Construction
ZOOM MEETING

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, January 14, 2021 for a zoom meeting online.

Members attending:

William Barber – Assistant Director, UF Police Department
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
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture - Chair
Brian Keith – Associate Dean, Library Administration
Alpa Nawre – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture
Melanie Nelson – Associate Professor, Medicine

Members not attending:

Carlos Dougnac – Assistant Vice President, Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill – Assistant Vice President, Business Affairs
Brett Scheffers – Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facility Services
Kevin Trejos - Student
Matt Williams – Director, Sustainability

Visitors attending:

Melissa Thomas – Administrative, Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis – Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Jim Vignola – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Basil Lannone – Office of Sustainability
Fiona Hogan – Office of Sustainability
Scarlet Seymour – Utilities – Facility Services
Eric Lycke – Landscape Architect/Haskell
Beverly Sensbach –
Brant Cotterman –
Douglas Jones –
Tim Boehlein -

I. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Adam Dale moved to adopt the agenda and approve the December minutes.

Second: Brian Keith seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF – 373 – FLMNH Special Collections Implementation

Jim Vignola

Jim introduced himself and said he was here today to discuss the implementation of the two recommendations of the committee. He stated Eric Lycke the Landscape Architect with Haskell Company would present. Eric stated that he would address the two comments from the last committee meeting. The first comment was regarding the timber bamboo on the north side of the building, which has been changed to cabbage palms. The second recommendation was concerning the sod proposed in the future building area, which has been changed to natural grasses and wildflowers.

Motion: Brian Keith made the motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. MINOR PROJECTS

UT00307 – Reclaimed Water Area

Scarlet Seymour

Scarlet introduced herself and stated she was before the committee seeking approval for an electrical building northeast of the Reclaimed Water Storage Tank next to the new Garage. In this presentation she shows six trees that will need to be removed, most of which were below the mitigation threshold. The committee discussed if the smaller trees could be transplanted. Scarlet said the arborist said they were declining in health and because of that the project did not want to transplant. The project will be removing and paying standard mitigation for appropriate trees. The committee asked if any could be saved by moving the footprint. Scarlet said they put it in this area because it least impacted the trees.

Motion: Alpa Nawre made a motion to approve the project as presented with standard mitigation.

Second: Brian Keith

Motion Carried Unanimously

FDOT – Signalized Midblock Crossings @ NW 16th Street/NW 19th Street

Linda Dixon

Linda stated she was before the committee to talk about a midblock crossings for the FDOT. She stated she would be talking about the cross walk at University Avenue at both NW 16th Street and NW 19th Street. She showed the FDOT image of the road said that FDOT was putting signalized intersections with crosswalks to provide a safer crossing for pedestrians.

She said that on NW 19th Street crosswalk there will be three hollies that need to be removed. Linda showed the hollies and how they were crowded at the crown of the tree. The committee agreed they should have never been planted there. Linda said that the NW 16th Street crosswalk has a large Live oak tree that is hanging into the street and that FDOT was proposing to prune this tree. Linda said she was seeking removal without mitigation, because FDOT does not pay mitigation. The committee spoke about the large Live oak and requested that FDOT work with an Arborist on the pruning of this tree.

Motion: Adam Dale made a motion to approve the project as presented with a stipulation that the FDOT work with an Arborist to prune the Live oak tree on NW 16th Street.

Second: Brian Keith

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Tree Report – December 2020

Donna Bloomfield

Donna introduced herself and stated she was here today to give the December 2020 tree report. She stated there were a few Palms taken down last month because they were dead. The committee asked if it was lethal bronzing and she stated she wasn't testing them. Adam Dale asked if we could test them, if it happens again, he asked grounds to reach out to him so he can get some documentation for campus. A Camphor tree was taken down at the Wilmott Gardens. A Sweet gum was hollow and was taken down.

Grounds will be planting more Camellias and hope to finish in Spring. The committee asked where they were being planted and Donna stated some in Wilmott Gardens, by Lake Alice, the University House, and the back of the Dashburg House.

The committee asked when are palms pruned? Is there a regular schedule? No, there is not a regular schedule they come out if they are dead or hazards, year-round as Grounds has the time and man power. The committee asked about trimming or pruning that happened in the Lacrosse area. Gregg Clarke stated he was meeting with UAA – Bill Smith and he would ask about the trimming and see who handled that project. Grounds was not aware UAA was trimming, pruning, or cutting trees on campus. The committee stated there was another tree on the DSIT site that was damaged and they would like Frank to check the tree status and make sure it was one that was approved for removal. Frank stated he would get with the Project Manager and go to the site and see the Contractor to make sure this tree is on the list for mitigation.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.