

**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. Scarlett 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. Scarlett 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 16<sup>th</sup> Street/NW 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 on the list for mitigation.

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