

LAND USE AND FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 02, 2021

Planning, Design & Construction

ZOOM Meeting

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library

Meredith Beaupre, Academic Advisor, Honors Program

David Bowles, Director of Rec Sports

Paul Davenport, Physiological Sciences

Sarah Davis, Student

Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction

Margaret Fields, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute

Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking

Timothy Garrett, Associate Professor, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine

Creed Greer, Program Director, University Writing Program

Kevin Heinicka, IFAS Facilities Planning & Operations

Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division

Craig Hill, VP's Office – Business Affairs

Brian Keith, Associate Dean, Office of Library Administration

Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism

Frank Lomonte, Director & Professor, College of Journalism

Graciela Lorca, Associate Professor, Microbiology & Cell Science

Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect, Planning, Design & Construction

Jacqueline Miller, Curator/Adjunct Professor

Keith Rambo, Engineer, Electrical & Computer Engineering

Blake Robinson, Student

William (Bill) Smith, Assistant Director, Operations, University Athletics Association

Jay Watkins, Associate Director and Associate Professor,

Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Missy Daniels, Growth Management, Alachua County

Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction

Rhuanito Ferrarezi, Assistant Professor

Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee

Marty Hylton, Chair of PHB&S, Libraries

Frank Lomonte, Director and Professor, Journalism

Mary Lusk, Extension Agent – IFAS Extension

Carol McAuliffe, Assistant University Librarian

Jamieson McMahan, Building Code Inspector, EH&S

Andrew Persons, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville

Amy Stein, Associate Professor

Richard Stepp, Associate Professor, Anthropology/Latin American Studies

Zhong (John) Su, Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology – JAX

Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability

VISITORS:

Mike Castine, Growth Management, Alachua County – attending for Missy Daniels
Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis, Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Melanie Heflin, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Tamera Baughman, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Chad Doering, Director of Facilities, Housing
Chris Jones, IBI, Design Consultant
Kevin Trejos, Student
Frank Bellomo, GAI Associates, Landscape Design
Alexander Jack, VMDO
Nancy Chrystal-Green, UF
Michele Westrick, VMDO
Hannah Ulloa, Unknown

CHAIR: Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center, Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

Timothy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Paul Davenport moved to approve the agenda and the December minutes; Megan Forbes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF – 656 – Landscape Master Plan – Newell & Tigert Gateways (Advanced Schematic Design)

PRESENTING: Melanie Heflin / Frank Bellomo / Chris Jones

DISCUSSION: Melanie introduced herself and stated she was before the committee today for Advanced Schematic Design phase approval. She had with her Frank Bellomo from GAI Associates and Chris Jones from IBI to present the project. Chris stated he would be speaking about the Landscape Master Plan with specifics on the Newell and Tigert Gateways. The Newell Gateway will be a pedestrian pathway with a plaza area and brick pavers. It will have brick walls and bollards to protect the area from vehicles. The brick walls will have planted beds behind them to enhance the UF experience moving the pedestrians down the brick paver pathway to the Plaza of Americas. The plaza will have a curb on both sides with a mountable curb in the middle for emergency vehicles. There will be a Magnolia tree and a small 8” oak that will be removed to enhance the flow of the bike and pedestrian walkway that runs behind the brick walls of the plaza. This will be the start of a bike & pedestrian pathway through parts of campus.

The Tigert Gateway entry and exit lanes will be reconfigured to have one lane entry with a bike lane and three lanes to exit: one turning left, one turning right and one straight with a bike lane. The bike lane is still being configured but there will be one on entry and exit. The corner will be enhanced with brick pavers and columns. The median will be a flowering understory trees with Oak trees on the streetscape to comply with the Landscape Master Plan. There will be an auto court for drop off and pick up. There will be bollards and seating walls to help guide pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The material will match the existing seating areas and sidewalks around the auto court. The Little parking lot was reconfigured to 90-degree parking instead of diagonal. This allowed no impact in parking spaces for this lot. The lot will be

permeable pavers with the medians to be rain gardens to compensate for the stormwater runoff. The back of Tigert Hall will be reconfigured to have VIP parking and 5 handicap spaces. There will be an outside gathering area that will be more private with added landscaping and seating.

The committee was concerned about the entrance at the Tigert Gateway to be painted crosswalks. The design groups stated “Duratherm” thermoplastic is proposed and it should last about 25 years. The committee asked if an RTS bus would be coming into the auto court. Chris responded that the design can accommodate buses and large vehicles if needed, but there will be a new RTS bus stop on SW 13th Street and buses are not anticipated to be regular users of the auto-court. The design anticipates the potential use of the autonomous shuttle. The committee asked about the utilities at the corner of NW 13th Street and the Tigert Gateway and the design team stated that some utilities may need to be moved to accommodate the project but the utility vault will not be impacted. The committee was concerned about vehicular drop off at the Newell Gateway plaza and extra bollards have been added to the area to prohibit a vehicle from pulling over. FDOT is constructing a new crosswalk on the corner of the plaza to help move pedestrians and bikes across this area safely. The committee asked about the loss of scooter parking near the library. However, new scooter parking areas are being created to relocate scooter parking. The committee asked about the Newell Gateway and the movement of the pedestrians and Chris showed them the vision of the Gateway giving a connection to the new pedestrian and bike walkway.

MOTION: Paul Davenport motion to approve the Advanced Schematic Design phase as presented. Meredith Beaupre seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UF – 654 – Honors Residential College (Advanced Schematic Design)

PRESENTING: Tamera Baughman

DISCUSSION: Tamera introduced herself and stated she was before the committee for Advanced Schematic Design phase approval; and to discuss the changes and concerns of the committee from the last meeting. The buildings are designed to allow for movement in between them. This will encourage more student involvement. All students will be allowed to use the plaza, café, Hammock grove, and the Great Lawn.

The committee wanted to know if it is possible to shield the project from value engineering away the nicer façade features due to cost. They discussed the buildings and the materials and working with cost estimates to help stay in line with budget and what is requested.

MOTION: Margaret Fields moved to approve the Advance Schematic Design as presented. Brian Keith seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.