

LAND USE AND FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 02, 2020

Planning, Design & Construction
ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Austin, Associate Professor, Wildlife Ecology
Mike Castine, Growth Management, Alachua County
Paul Davenport, Physiological Sciences
Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction
Rhuanito Ferrarezi, Assistant Professor
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking
Creed Greer, Program Director, University Writing Program
Carrie Harmon, Sr. Associate, Plant Pathology
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, Telecommunications
Frank Lomonte, Director and Professor, Journalism
Graciela Lorca, Associate Professor, Microbiology & Cell Science
Timothy Keith Rambo, Engineer, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Caroline Salvatore, Student
William (Bill) Smith, Assistant Director, Operations, University Athletics Association
Amy Stein, Associate Professor
Jay Watkins, University Bands, School of Music
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Samantha Wisely, Associate Professor, Wildlife Ecology
Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center

MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Bowles, Director of Rec Sports
Missy Daniels, Growth Management, Alachua County
Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Timothy Garrett, Associate Professor, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine
Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Marty Hylton, Chair of PHB&S, Libraries
Mary Lusk, Extension Agent – IFAS Extension
Timothy Martin, Student
Carol McAuliffe, Assistant University Librarian
Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect, PDC
Jamieson McMahon, Building Code Inspector, EH&S
Andrew Persons, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville
Katherine Saylor, Research Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
Amy Kerry Thomas, Student

VISITORS:

Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis, Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Robert Hatker, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction

Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
David Wood, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Brant Cotterman, Landscape Architect, The Haskell Company
Jay Brown, The Haskell Company
Sensbach, unknown
Kasey Teimouri, Engineering Firm
David Conner, Conner Landscape Architects, Inc.
John Toner, Data Center, UF East Campus

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Paul Davenport moved to approve the agenda and the April minutes, with a change in location to Zoom; Keith Rambo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF – 373 – Special Collections Building

PRESENTING: Frank Javaheri / Jim Vignola

DISCUSSION: Jim introduced himself and stated he was before the committee to seek approval for the Special Collections Building project at Advanced Schematic Design. He noted that the project had been approved for programming last year.

Jim went over the project description of the building. He said it was a wet storage building with approximately one third of the building being offices. There is a two-story area for the collection shelving and one-story area of the building for the offices and labs, with an overall square footage of 29,000. The vehicular access is in the back of the building south of Powell Hall and east of the Phillips Center that connects to the Natural Area Drive. Jim said that Transportation and Parking had approved the project. .

The pedestrian access is via an existing boardwalk to the west of the Phillips Center and NATL trails south of the project area. When presenting for LVL, they asked that the crosswalk be an extension of the trail not an entrance to the building. The landscape will travel the visitor thru the trail instead of bringing them up to the building. The project will remove 133 trees and replace 29 with a mitigation of 237 X 250=\$59,250. The signage was also a question. It was asked to remove the large sign on the building and put in more emphasis on wayfinding signage to the NATL trails.

MOTION: Paul Davenport moved to approve as presented. Carrie Harmon seconded motion. motion passed unanimously.

UF – 200 – Public Safety Building & UF – 200A – Centrex Building

PRESENTING: Robert Hatker

DISCUSSION: Robert introduced himself and stated that a little over a year ago the programming phase has been approved and that he was now back for Advanced Schematic Design approval. The masterplan checklist is attached to show that this project will meet the Campus Masterplan guidelines.

Robert went over the location, background, and schedule. The result of meeting with the Transportation and Parking Committee was seventy-six parking spaces will be replaced, with a total loss of 6 spaces that

will be mitigated. . When this project went before Lakes, Vegetation and Landscapes, they asked that the design team look at a few items. Robert went through each comment to show the design team has addressed each one (the bus stop will be moved, the Landscape Master Plan guidelines will be met, the planting considerations have been addressed). Robert said that a generator has to be located in an area with a large 36” DBH Live Oak that will have to be removed.

This project will be going on during a Utility project on Museum Road, so this will impact the trees but within this project we will be replanting the area and reconfiguring the bus stop. The proposed is 6” trees to be replanted and that was approved by LVL. The palms are also a question of the committee because of the maintenance and the design team will look to do some non-native. Carrie Harmon suggested consideration of something else be used other than palms, noting the recent loss of many palms due to lethal bronzing.

MOTION: Paul Davenport made a motion to approve the project as presented; Keith Rambo seconded motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

UF – 641 – Data Center East Campus

PRESENTING: David Wood

DISCUSSION: David introduced himself and went over the project locations and background. This project has generated a need for an upgrade on the mechanical yard and electrical capacity. There will also be an area for a thermal storage for this project. He showed photos and placement options. Site option 1 was approved and is ideal for this project. The equipment is large, and the user group thought it would be better at this site at the back of the building. David showed the layout of the proposed mechanical yard. There will be a retaining wall around this yard, which will also have a metal grate over the top of it as a requirement for hurricane preparedness.

The second part of this project is the 16’ thermal storage unit being installed, and the user group agreed to replant the existing Elm tree that is in this location. There will be a retaining wall built around this storage unit to conceal it. The design team is trying to match the existing wall with also a wire mesh wall to conceal it.

MOTION: Paul Davenport made the motion to approve the project as presented; (Johnny) Rhuanito Ferrarezi seconded motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.