

LAND USE AND FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 06, 2020

Planning, Design & Construction

ZOOM Meeting

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meredith Beaupre, Academic Advisor, Honors Program
David Bowles, Director of Rec Sports
Mike Castine, Growth Management, Alachua County
Paul Davenport, Physiological Sciences
Sarah Davis, Student
Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction
Rhuanito Ferrarezi, Assistant Professor
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Timothy Garrett, Associate Professor, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine
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
Carol McAuliffe, Assistant University Librarian
Jacqueline Miller, Curator/Adjunct Professor
Keith Rambo, Engineer, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Blake Robinson, Student
William (Bill) Smith, Assistant Director, Operations, University Athletics Association
Richard Stepp, Associate Professor, Anthropology/Latin American Studies
Zhong (John) Su, Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology – JAX
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Missy Daniels, Growth Management, Alachua County
Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking
Creed Greer, Program Director, University Writing Program
Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Kevin Heinicka, IFAS Facilities Planning & Operations
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Craig Hill, VP's Office – Business Affairs
Marty Hylton, Chair of PHB&S, Libraries
Mary Lusk, Extension Agent – IFAS Extension
Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect, PDC
Jamieson McMahon, Building Code Inspector, EH&S
Andrew Persons, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville
Caroline Salvatore, Student
Amy Stein, Associate Professor
Jay Watkins, Associate Director and Associate Professor,
Kevin Trejos, Student

VISITORS:

Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis, Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect,
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
George Murphy, BCJ Architects
Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Milo Zapata, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Tom Feather, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Laurie Hall, CHW
Sean Mountain – Project Manager, IFAS
Chad Doering, Director of Facilities for Housing, Housing Department
Samantha Wisely,
James Austin,
Jennifer Lyons,
Carrie Harmon,
404-987-5254 – Unknown visitor

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 September minutes; Megan Forbes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF – 632 – Data Science and Technology

PRESENTING: Jim Vignola, George Murphy, and Laurie Hall

DISCUSSION: Jim introduced himself and stated he was before the committee for Design Development phase approval.

Committee members stated this architectural design does not match the campus and wanted Architectural Review Council (ARC) to input on the project. Frank Javaheri said the he would have Cydney McGlothlin, Campus Architect, join the meeting. Cydney said that ARC underscored the importance of the architecture and reiterated that this project was coming from the Board of Trustees (BOT) and they wanted a very different building. The BOT members thought the building should be an iconic building. Cydney spoke to the committee in length to help address their comments.

Frank mentioned one of the suggestions from the parking committee was to put a few ADA parking spaces across the street at Center Drive in the parking lot. Planning, Design & Construction is looking at that issue, and Linda stated that even if the site were developed, the ADA parking would probably stay in that parking lot.

During ASD phase, the committee asked for additional trees and Laurie Hall from CHW went over the proposed changes. Some meeting attendees expressed concern about the use of only Live Oaks along the streetscape and asked the design team to study a variety so that it is not all the same tree. The design team will work with Facilities – Grounds to choose species of trees approved in the Landscape Master Plan.

Discussions continued with the pathway from this site to the parking garage. Committee members suggested that brick could be added in the walkways so it is included in the building footprint to help tie the building into the campus design.

There was a great deal of concern that this building would cause light pollution near the Observatory. Committee members suggested the project team meet with the Astronomy Department to understand how this building may affect them. Frank agreed that he and Jim would meet with the department to make sure they are ok with the amount of light pollution that will be coming off the building. Committee members asked if there would be pedestrian walkway lighting and suggested that the pathway lighting might need to be on timers to help with the light pollution. A member of the design team noted that there is currently path lighting and parking lot lights and they don't think the design will increase it. Frank reassured the committee that he and Jim would meet with the Astronomy Department to discuss these issues.

MOTION: Carrie Harmon motion to approve the Design Development phase pending input from Astronomy. Mark Leeps seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IFAS – 20082 – IFAS Chiller Plant Expansion

PRESENTING: Sean Mountain

DISCUSSION: Sean introduced himself and stated he was before the committee to present a Chiller Plant Expansion for final approval. He said that the Chiller Plant would service the future Blueberry building and other buildings in the surrounding area and that the Chiller yard will be closed by chain link fence that matches the existing fence. Sean said that there will be 4 parking spaces impacted by this project and that it had been approved by the Transportation and Parking committee prior to this meeting.

MOTION: Megan Forbes moved to approve the project as presented. Paul Davenport seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.