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Timothy Young, Chair
Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
2570 Hull Rd, Bldg. 1291
Campus

Dear Mr. Young:

After reviewing the minutes of the Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee meeting held on June 1, 2021, please note the following:

1. Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee recommends approval of the UF – 632 – ASA Museum & Sweetwater Signal & Bike Path Improvements project as presented.

I approve the committee's recommendation as presented.

2. Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee recommends approval of the UF Campus Master Plan Amendment as presented.

I approve the committee's recommendation as presented.

Sincerely,



Curtis A. Reynolds
Vice President for Business Affairs

cc: Committee Members
Rachel Mandell

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
June 01, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive
ZOOM Minutes

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Affairs
Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction
Rhuanito Ferrarezi, Assistant Professor
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Megan Forbes, English Language Institute
Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking
Timothy Garrett, Associate Professor, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine
Kevin Heinicka, IFAS Facilities Planning & Operations
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Brian Keith, Associate Dean, Office of Library Administration
Frank Lomonte, Director & Professor, College of Journalism
Carol McAuliffe, Assistant University Librarian
Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Keith Rambo, Engineer, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Timothy Young, Chair, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Meredith Beaupre, Academic Advisor, Honors Program
David Bowles, Director of Rec Sports
Missy Daniels, Growth Management, Alachua County
Paul Davenport, Physiological Sciences
Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Creed Greer, Program Director, University Writing Program
Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Craig Hill, VP's Office – Business Affairs
Marty Hylton, Chair of PHB&S, Libraries
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Graciela Lorca, Associate Professor, Microbiology & Cell Science
Mary Lusk, Extension Agent – IFAS Extension
Jamieson McMahon, Building Code Inspector, EH&S
Jacqueline Miller, Curator/Adjunct Professor
Andrew Persons, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville
Blake Robinson, Student
William (Bill) Smith, Assistant Director, Operations, University Athletics Association
Amy Stein, Associate Professor
Richard Stepp, Associate Professor, Anthropology/Latin American Studies

Zhong (John) Su, Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology – JAX
Jay Watkins, Associate Director and Associate Professor

VISITORS:

Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Tom Feather, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Rachel Mandell, Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Amanda Pritzlaff – UF Grad Student
Esteban Rodofili, UF Grad Student
Chad Doering, Director of Facilities, Housing Division
Bobby Mermer – UF Grad Student
Jonathan Orsini – UF Grad Student
Laurie Hall – CHW
Caeli Tolar – CHW
Robert Walpole – CHW
Bryan Taylor – UF Grad Student
Najiyah Martiam – UF Grad Student
Shaimaa Elbalkiny – UF Grad Student
Mike Castine, Growth Management, Alachua County

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Margaret Fields moved to approve the March minutes and the agenda; Megan Forbes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF – 632 – ASA Museum & Sweetwater Signal & Bike Path Improvements – (Design Development)

PRESENTING: Jim Vignola

DISCUSSION: Jim introduced himself and explained that the project for the pedestrian signal and bike path are funded separately from DSIT. They are considered a sub-project which will be completed at the same time as the DSIT project.

Laurie Hall then began to present. She stated that Robert Walpole and Caeli Tolar were also available to help answer any questions. She showed the location of the project and the existing conditions. She explained that Sweetwater Drive and Reitz Union Drive are currently not aligned and that a part of this project is to realign the intersection at the entrance going into the Reitz Union Garage. Therefore, the project is proposing a new signal. The signal includes an ‘all red’ condition which allows pedestrians to cross freely from any direction.

The project also includes a North/South bike path that will connect to the Physics path and improvements along Museum Road.

There was previous concern about potential jaywalking and pedestrians crossing midblock on Museum Road. The project is proposing a greenscreen that will be landscaped the length of the median. A left turn lane is also being added to accommodate deliveries to the new building along the service road.

There will be a landscaped median between the bike path and the service drive. The Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscape committee reviewed and approved the plantings at the May 13th, 2021 committee meeting with recommendations for the plantings in the median. An existing magnolia tree will need to be removed due to its location and the extension of the signal arm.

The committee questioned the 15ft width of the bike path along the service drive and if it will be wide enough to accommodate pedestrians and bikers. The committee also asked about Sweetwater Drive and if there will be cars using this road, causing vehicular traffic. It was explained that this was a service drive only with no thru traffic. Additionally, the project includes an east/west path behind the new building to service bikes and pedestrians.

The committee asked about the intersection and the signaling for a four-way stop, specifically turning left. It was explained that there will be a green light to go or turn like a normal signal cycle, but there will also be a point in the cycle that pedestrians can cross in any direction. The committee asked if there would be elevated street lighting at the intersection and Laurie replied that the project has put lighting at the signal.

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

UF Campus Master Plan Amendment

PRESENTING: Linda Dixon

DISCUSSION: Linda introduced herself and stated she was here today to speak about an amendment to the Campus Master Plan which was adopted in December 2020. She explained the proposed amendment was to change the Future Land Use designation on a portion of McCarty Woods from academic back to conservation. Linda went through the Minor Plan Amendment package and noted that since there is not a building on the site, the Capital Improvement Plan is not impacted. Linda showed the documents and maps that reflected the amendment and stated that the change will result in an increase of 1.8 acres in Conservation and decrease in Academic Research. There will be no change to the Campus Development Agreement because there was not a future building or construction on the site. The parking lot is still available for a building site. Linda then discussed the amendment's conformance to the Campus Master Plan.

Linda will be attending the June BOT meeting for final approval of the amendment.

A few graduate students asked to speak about affordable on-campus graduate student housing, specifically McGuire Village and UVS. They asked about the process to add an amendment that would protect graduate student housing. The graduate students also asked if there could be language added to the Campus Master Plan to have a replacement strategy for graduate student housing. Chair Young explained that Committee member Frank Lomonte is leading an effort to ensure affordable housing for graduate students and that faculty are concerned about the issue. Facilities Director, Chad Doering, explained the existing conditions of McGuire Village and how the buildings are no longer of the quality and standards that the University wants to provide its students.

MOTION: Margaret Fields made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Megan Forbes seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION:

Tim Young, the chair, stated they needed to have an election for the committee chair and asked if there was a nomination or a volunteer. Megan Forbes nominated Tim Young for Chair. Tim expressed that there would need to be a Vice Chair for committee meetings that the chair was unable attend. Margaret Fields and Tim Young nominated Megan Forbes for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Megan Forbes nominated Tim Young as Chair. Margaret Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Margaret Fields nominated Megan Forbes as Vice Chair. Timothy Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.