

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
May 03, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive
ZOOM Minutes

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Meredith Beaupre, Academic Advisor, Honors Program
Mike Castine, Planner, Growth Management for Alachua County
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Affairs
Paul Davenport, Distinguished Professor, Physiological Sciences
Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction
Noah Fineberg, Student
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking
Creed Greer, Program Director, University Writing Program
Kevin Heinicka, IFAS Facilities Planning & Operations
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Shannon (Lexie) Holliday, Associate Professor, Orthodontics
Danny Indelicato, Professor, Radiation Oncology
Brian Keith, Associate Dean, Office of Library Administration
Lauren Lemasters, Student
Racheal Levings, Sr. Scientist, Orthopedics and Rehabilitation
Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Jacqueline Miller, Curator/Adjunct Professor
Brandi Renton, Assistant Vice President, Business Affairs
Jay Watkins, Associate Director and Associate Professor, School of Music
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center
Hanna Vander Zanden, Assistant Professor, Biology

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Prabir Barooah, Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Nancy Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Missy Daniels, Growth Management, Alachua County
Daniel Dickrell, Associate Director, Student Programs
Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Kyle Garner, Student
Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Ira Harkness, Instructional Assistant Professor, Material Sciences & Engineering
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Frank Lomonte, Director & Professor, College of Journalism
Jamieson McMahan, Building Code Inspector, EH&S

Andrew Persons, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville
Keith Rambo, Engineer, Electrical & Computer Engineering
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

VISITORS:

Rachel Mandell, Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction
Stuart Cullen, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Milo Zapata, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Kaylee August, Office of Sustainability
Chad Doering, Director, Housing Facilities
Andrew Castanheira, Marquis, Latimer & Halback Inc.
Jeremy Marquis, Marquis, Latimer & Halback Inc.
Jason Hall, ETM
Carolina Schultz, Unknown

CHAIR: Tim Young chaired this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Paul Davenport moved to approve the April minutes and the agenda adding the major project UF-626 - New Conference Center at the University House; Meredith Beaupre seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF – 654 – New Undergraduate Residential Complex w/ Honors College (Design Development)

PRESENTING: Stuart Cullen

DISCUSSION: Stuart introduced himself and Chad Doering from housing and stated he was before the committee to discuss the UF-654 NUR w/ Honors project and request the Design Development approval. He provided an overview of the project site, explained the pedestrian connections and their enhancements, as well as the new building locations on the site. The fit out of building 5 is part of the Honors College and is not yet funded.

The project has been before the committees and has received approval for Programming and Advanced Schematics Design. Stuart discussed the schedule stating that construction started in October of 2021 and is expected to finish July of 2023. He showed a rendering of how the project should look when completed.

The committee addressed Yulee Preserve and that it will be called Yulee Park instead. The campus planning staff are in the process of changing it from Yulee Pit to Yulee Park in the Campus Master Plan. The committee asked about the look of the facade of the buildings. Cydney stated it is brick on the first floor to match the area buildings as the pedestrian's travel through the space. The brick is only on the first floor, and it is at a 16' elevation. The above floors are a prefab metal panel system. The committee

asked if the windows are bird friendly. The response was that the design and construction team were making sure there will be bird glazing, or fins, so the birds see them. The committee asked about the parking for the overflow of new students in the area. The parking overflow will park in the Norman garage and any other red decal areas around the facility. The next parking garage is being planned south of the housing office and north of Dimond Village with access from 13th Street.

MOTION: Paul Davenport moved to approve the Design Development as presented. Shannon Holliday seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UF – 626 – New Conference Center at the University House (Programming & Site Selection)

PRESENTING: Cydney McGlothlin

DISCUSSION: Cydney introduced herself and stated she was before the committee for Programming and Site Selection. She showed the location of the project and stated the project will be demolishing the existing building and will be working with the state to demo because it is eligible for the registry. Cydney went over the existing building and the challenges including mobility issues and ADA compliance of the inside and outside of the building.

One of the main objectives of the project will be lining up the traffic light for entry and exit of the site to be safe for traffic flow. The existing building will be demolished and creating a one-story building with a pavilion in the back to help create a park-like setting for future events. The committee asked about the parking and the overflow of parking will be in the O’Connell parking lot. The committee asked if this area could be considered as a Faculty Center. This will allow for high levels of interaction between faculty, and it may be able to be used for an Academic Conference or large area for faculty meeting. Cydney stated there will be a few areas that will have meeting rooms. This building will be used for events like what it is currently used for now. The committee asked that if it could be checked to see if this area could be an independent space for uses. The committee didn’t think it should be a conference center but rather an Academic Research Facility. The committee didn’t understand why we would be taking down a building that is still functional. Cydney stated the inside of the building is multilevel and therefore all events must be outside for ADA compliance. The new building will include a few meeting areas inside and an outside pavilion. This project will come back two more times for approval and the design team will look at all these options when configuring the area and the building site. The proposed building will be about 20K square feet, and the current structure is 10K square feet. The committee asked that there be a needs assessment for what is needed and what is already available on campus. This is more for the special events for the University of Florida and this area needs to stand out like a park-like setting.

MOTION: Paul Davenport moved to approve the Site Selection and Programming as presented and request the design team include the current ambience and a Faculty Center. Megan Forbes seconded the motion. Motion passed with three opposing: 1. Creed Greer, 2. Brian Keith, 3. Jay Watkins

MP06934 – Landscape Master Plan – Shared Use Path at Physics (Advanced Schematic Design)

PRESENTING: Jim Vignola

DISCUSSION: Jim introduced himself and gave an overview of the project. He stated that we are here today for the Design Development phase final approval. The project name is a misnomer because the name only describes the location versus being a part of the larger cross campus path that is in the

Landscape Master Plan. This path is the east/west connector path from Garage 5 and 14 to the new DSIT building and surrounding buildings. This project went to the Transportation and Parking Committee, and they approved adding more bollards. The LVL committee approved with adding more detail of the landscape plantings. Jeremy Marquis was available to present the updates of the project.

Jeremy introduced himself and his team doing the design work on the project. The project will reconfigure the service drive area and the waste water treatment plant entry. The crosswalk at Gale Lemerand will be relocated to the south to allow a direct flow across the street and onto the path. The project will stay out of the conservation area to the east. The wall mounted light that the Astronomy Department approved will reduce the light pollution in the area. The design team also changed a few more of the lamp lights to bollards with lights to help with the light pollution. The Physics Department asked that the back of the building remain accessible where the tanks are. This project will enhance the back area for the Physics Department. The Forestry Department has donated a few Sycamores and sweetgum trees for the project landscape. This project will relocate the palms and magnolias.

He showed updated renderings of how the project will be designed. The pathway will be asphalt with greenery and with an outside seating/classroom area. The committee asked about the scooters in this area. The path will be 15' and at a 5% slope so the scooters will not gain a lot of speed, but motor vehicles are not supposed to be on this path. The committee asked how this path intersects with Union Drive across Museum Road. The committee asked about restricting speed or use in this area for motor vehicles.

MOTION: Hannah Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the project as presented. Shannon Holliday seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION:

Tim discussed being the Chair of the Committee. He spoke about the duties and responsibilities of being Chair. He asked if anyone was interested in the challenge and that it would be a great experience. Megan Forbes also expressed her experience with being the Chair. The committee discussed it for a moment and Jay Watkins will be Chair, and Hannah Vander Zanden will be Vice Chair starting in August.

MOTION: Megan Forbes made a motion for Jay Watkins to be Chair and Hannah Vander Zanden will be Vice Chair starting in August. Shannon Holliday seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.