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Ann Baird, Chair  
Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee  
PO Box 117017  
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Dear Ms. Baird:

After reviewing the minutes of the Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee (PHBSC) meeting held on January 17, 2023, please note the following:

1. The PHBSC recommends approval of the UF – 675 – Disability Resource Center project as presented.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

Sincerely,



Curtis A. Reynolds  
Vice President for Business Affairs

cc: Committee Members  
Rachel Mandell

**Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee  
January 17, 2023 at 2:00 PM  
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive  
ZOOM MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ann Baird – Associate University Librarian, Libraries  
Jason Byrd – Associate Director, Clinical Pathology  
Daniel Dickrell - Associate Instructional Professor, Student Programs  
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction  
Ira Harkness – Instructional Assistant Professor, College of Engineering  
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs  
Kellie Roberts – Lecturer, Dial Ctr for Written & Oral Communication  
Samir Shah – Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Alferes Fernando – Assistant Professor, Citrus Horticulture  
Emma Carter – Student  
Anthony Coman – Lecturer, Management Communication Center  
Tom Dana – Sr. Associate Dean and Professor, Dean’s Office, Education  
Lori Dassa – Director, Clinical Experiences and Partnerships  
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education  
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction  
James Higgins – Student  
Melina Jimenez – Lecturer, College of Liberal Arts and Science  
Brian Keith – Associate Dean, Library Administration  
Cleary Larkin – Acting Director, Historic Preservation  
Francisco Oquendo – Assistant Dir., Planning, Design & Construction  
Carl Van Ness – Librarian & Archivist, Special Collections

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rachel Mandell – Planning, Design & Construction  
Melissa Thomas - Planning, Design & Construction  
Tamera Baughman – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Nancy Chrystal-Green – Associate Vice President, Division of Student Life  
Jenna Gonzalez – Director, Disability Resource Center

**I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and DECEMBER 2022 MINUTES**

**Motion: Jason Byrd made the motion to adopt the agenda**

**Second: Kellie Roberts**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Motion: Kellie Roberts made the motion to adopt the December 2022 Minutes**

**Second: Jason Byrd**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **II. MAJOR PROJECTS**

### **UF – 675 – Disability Resource Center – (Programming)**

**Tamera Baughman**

Tamera introduced herself and stated she was there today to discuss the Disability Resource Center. She provided the project location, which is the old UF S.U.S Press Buildings site. The two existing buildings on the site which were built in 1932 would be demolished. The new structure would front NW 15<sup>th</sup> street and be approximately 12K SF.

The DRC is currently located in Reid Hall and Cypress Hall. The number of students being serviced by the DRC is growing each year and a new facility located closer to academic buildings will benefit the students by making it easier to locate the Center and reduce travel times between the DRC and their classes.

The Design team will need to consider nearby overhead power lines on NW 15th Street when designing the facility. The Architect will need to consider any impacts to building aesthetics, coordination with GRU, and construction safety. There are no elevation changes on this project site. This project is not in a floodplain, wetland, or in the campus historic impact area.

The project does anticipate tree impacts. There are four Podocarpus trees in the front of the building slated for removal. There is a Chinese holly and a Tulip tree on the west side that will also need to be removed. Toward the back of the existing building there are an invasive Camphor tree and a Hackberry tree that will be removed.

The Design team will also be working with the City of Gainesville for the sidewalk improvements. The project will come back to the committee for schematic design approval.

The committee asked if there were any discussions about the DRC being somewhere on campus so that students with disabilities do not have to cross a main road. Jenna Gonzalez, the Director of the Disability Resource Center, stated this building was chosen because their current location in Reid Hall is too far from the academic core of campus. There will be increased signage to help with the navigation to the new facility. Linda added that there is a project ongoing with the City of Gainesville and FDOT to install a signalized crosswalk on 16th Street and University Avenue to enhance pedestrian safety. They will also be adding a signalized midblock crossing between 14th and 15th Street which is about a half block away from the site. The committee expressed concern about the sidewalks around the project site.

The Design team was made aware they will need to incorporate a drop-off area for students. Construction completion is anticipated 2 years from the design approval.

**Motion:** Samir Shah made the motion to approve the project as presented.

**Second:** Ira Harkness

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **III. MINOR PROJECTS**

**None**

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 PM.