

Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
July 18, 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
Tom Dana – Sr. Associate Dean and Professor, Dean’s Office, Education
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction
Ira Harkness – Instructional Assistant Professor, College of Engineering
Melina Jimenez – Lecturer, College of Liberal Arts and Science
Kellie Roberts – Lecturer, Dial Ctr for Written & Oral Communication
Samir Shah – Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fernando Alferex – Assistant Professor, Citrus Horticulture
Emma Carter – Student
Anthony Coman – Lecturer, Management Communication Center
Lori Dassa – Director, Clinical Experiences and Partnerships
Daniel Dickrell - Associate Instructional Professor, Student Programs
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
James Higgins – Student
Brian Keith – Associate Dean, Library Administration
Cleary Larkin – Acting Director, Historic Preservation
Francisco Oquendo – Assistant Dir., Planning, Design & Construction
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs
Sarah Coates – Librarian & Archivist, Special Collections

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachel Mandell – Planning, Design & Construction
Melissa Thomas - Planning, Design & Construction
Tamera Baughman – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Robert Hatker – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Cydney McGlothlin – UF Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Savanah Partridge – Intern, Planning, Design & Construction
Kelly Bryant – Unknown
Todd Whitehead – Textron Architect for UF-687
Ross Wygmans - BATS

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and APRIL 2023 MINUTES

Motion: Kellie Roberts made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the April minutes.

Second: Ira Harkness

Motion Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF – 675 – Disability Resource Center – (Programming)

Tamera Baughman

Tamera introduced herself and stated she was there to discuss the Disability Resource Center (DRC). She stated the project came before the committee prior with a different project location, which was the old UF S.U.S Press Buildings site. A new location was determined for the DRC at Parking lot 20 on Stadium Road. Tamera acknowledged the building would displace some parking so the project would reconfigure the triangle parking lot across the street to hopefully gain additional parking spaces.

The DRC is currently located in Reid Hall and Cypress Hall. The number of students being serviced by the DRC is growing each year. They are up to over 6000 students.

Tamera showed the neighboring buildings and their different facades that this new building will try to integrate with. The existing buildings are brick and concrete.

The Design team has been asked to come up with design options that save the heritage trees in the area. The building will be 2 stories and approximately 12,000 gross square feet. There will also be a future UF Testing Center addition.

The committee asked about the Parking and Transportation Committee viewing this project and Tamera shared that Scott Fox noted many of the people who previously parked in that area are now parking near the new Student Health Care Center. However, while demand is down in that regard, it is being offset by increased demand for other reasons. Scott Fox was supportive of trying to create more spaces in the triangle parking lot across the street. There are approximately 45 spaces on the building lot that may be removed, and the triangle parking lot across the street will be reconfigured to add as many spaces as possible.

Linda reminded the committee members that this area is in the Historic District of campus. There are buildings in the surrounding area that are on the national registry.

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

Second: **Melina Jimenez**

Motion Carried Unanimously

UF – 687 – Broward Dining Hall (Advanced Schematic Design)

Robert Hatker

Robert introduced himself and stated he was presenting the Advanced Schematic Design phase of the project for approval. This project is at the edge of the Historic boundary south of Inner Road but not in the Historic District. Todd Whitehead, the Architect on the project, was on the call to provide the updates of the project and explain the design of the addition.

The addition to Broward Dining is located on the south side of the existing footprint. The schedule is starting in early winter and finishing up in August 2024. The slope in this area is about 12' from the existing facility down to the south connector sidewalk. The project expansion is about 10,000 gross square feet and the renovation of the existing building is about 18,500 gross square feet. This project will be pursuing LEED Gold. The target interior seat count is 800 seats.

The project site is south of the Historic District. There is a lot of brick and precast materials in the area and the expansion will contain brick or brick like materials to match the neighboring building facades. Todd showed the facades of the surrounding buildings.

The pedestrian path in the area is not ADA compliant which will be addressed as part of the project.

One of the eye sores of the project is the service drive and the loading dock. Todd showed the rendering of the south view and how it should help shield the service drive from pedestrian view.

The committee stated that this project should use brick to match the New Honors College project. The committee also asked about the expansion of Broward Dining and if it would potentially expand to the north, east or vertically. Todd stated the expansion is strictly to the south and it will only be one story. The north side of the site is where the ADA pedestrian path is for ongoing construction projects and cannot be modified. The committee noted that hiding the service drive was a good enhancement to the area. The committee asked about the outside dining opportunities and where that would be incorporated. Todd explained there is an overhang to the north where there would be seating added to the existing area. The committee asked about the utilities in the area and if the existing utilities would be enough to service the new facility. There should not be any utility impacts from this project. The committee asked about the stormwater impacts from the building and the project team will be looking at that.

Motion: Jason Byrd made the motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Kellie Roberts

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. MINOR PROJECTS

None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Report

Ann Baird

Ann stated it was time to elect the new Chair for the committee. Kelly Roberts stated she wanted to nominate Ann Baird for the Chair position. Ann asked if there was another nominee that anyone would like to consider. Ann accepted the nomination.

Motion: Kelly Roberts move to close nominations.

Second: Jason Byrd

Motion Carried Unanimously

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.