

MINUTES

Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee

January 21st, 2025, at 2:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Baird – Associate University Librarian, Libraries
Kara Casy – Instructional Assistant Professor, Plant Sci & Gen Teaching
Sarah Coates – University Archivist, Special Collections, UF Libraries
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction
Amy Martinelli – Assistant Instructional Professor, Dial Center
Joe Aufmuth – Associate University Librarian, UF Libraries
Clarissa Carr – Research Assistant Professor, DCP Interior Design
Brent Carr – Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Aimee Bourassa – Lecturer, CLAS Academic Advising
Carolyn Kelly – Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program
Tyler Rodibaugh – Director, Facilities Operations
Aaron Amster – Student
Shawn Kapersaud – Student

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alferez Fernando – Assistant Professor, Citrus Horticulture
Lori Dassa – Director, Clinical Experiences and Partnerships
Daniel Dickrell - Associate Instructional Professor, Student Programs
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education
Cydney McGlothlin – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Francisco Oquendo – Asst. Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Cleary Larkin – Acting Dir., Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs
Samir Shah – Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Falcon – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey – Planning, Design & Construction
Patrick Reakes – UF Libraries
Peter Miller – UF Libraries
Elisabeth Manley – Kimley Horn
Grace MacEwan – Student
Marley Concha – Student

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and MARCH 2024 MINUTES

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the March '24 minutes.

Second: Brent Carr (Agenda) and Clarissa Carr (Minutes)

Motions Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

None

III. MINOR PROJECTS

MP-08811 – Library West Garden Terrace Renovation

Presenting: Andrew Meeker & Elisabeth Manley

Andrew and Elisabeth Manley presented MP-08811 Library West Garden Terrace Renovation. This project proposes improvements to the Library West area, including the reimagining of spaces between the wall of the entry ramp and the colonnade, and the relocation of the alligator statue from inside the library. The project aims to enhance the welcoming feel and entry spaces of Library West, and to extend the use of the library into the outdoor space. The proposal includes the creation of seating terrace areas on both sides of the entry ramp, new lighting, and new landscaping.

The project also involves the removal of all sable palms in the area and the planting of 6 new longleaf pines. The proposal was approved by LVL, and Elisabeth is working with the Grounds team to finalize the details. Elisabeth and Ann discussed the potential impact of pine roots on the existing brick and concrete structures in the planter area. Elisabeth explained that they had considered installing root barriers to prevent any damage to the hardscape. She also mentioned that Tom Schlick had not observed any issues with pine trees and root barriers across campus. The team is still deciding on the optimal size for the pine trees, considering factors such as mitigation credit, size, and impact on the adjacent hardscape.

The committee then shifted focus on the placement and design of the alligator statue in front of the colonnade. Elisabeth confirmed that the statue would be exposed to the elements and approximately 9 to 10 feet south of the colonnade. The committee also discussed the statue's placement to avoid blocking access to the library or colonnade, and the use of low plants to deter shortcuts through the terraces. Elisabeth also addressed concerns about shade in the seating area, stating that the space would be shaded in the morning and late afternoon, with full sun in the middle of the day. Umbrella holes were specified in the tables to address potential sun issues.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Brent Carr

Motion Passed Unanimously

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Report

Ann Baird

Ann reported on a group of the public that is opposed to the UVS/ Maguire demolition and is seeking to stop the project. She reported that PDC had obtained a letter from the Florida Division of Historical Resources reviewing the project and finding no impact to any historical resources.

New Member Orientation

Linda Dixon presented the orientation providing an overview of the committee mission, procedures, and website.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.