

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
March 04, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive
HYBRID MEETING

Members attending:

Carol Demas, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics
Linda Dixon, Planning Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Ericka Olgaard, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Immunology & Lab
Medicine Jay Watkins, Chair, School of Music
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Joe Aufmuth, Associate University Librarian, LB-Government Documents
Nancy M. Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Ira Harkness, Instructional Assistant Professor, Material Sciences & Engineering
Sarah Erikson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries
Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Life
Laura Dedenbach, Instructional Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture
Pawel Petelewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy
Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Coordinator, Health Affairs
Lin Yang, Soil and Water Science
William Smith, Assistant Athletic Director, University Athletic Association
William MacDonald, Sr. Director, TAPS

Members not attending:

Margaret Fields, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts & Sciences
Shannon (Lexie) Holliday, Associate Professor, Orthodontics
Ronnie Cooper, Project Director, IFAS Facilities Planning
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Michael O'Malley, Academic Advisor, Honors Program
Nicholas Andrews, Student
Aleah Henley, Student
Jordan Gebaide, Student
Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Robert Hatch, Professor & Director of Medical Students
Cydney McGlothlin, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Andrew Persons, City Planner, City of Gainesville
Lynda Reinhart, Director, O'Connell Center
Brandi Renton, Assistant Vice President, Business Affairs
Joseph Riley, Professor, Community Dentistry

Visitors attending:

Rick Falcon, Administrative Specialist, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Tamera Baughman, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Kate Farmer, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall, Senior Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Lauren Grant, Lecturer, Warrington College of Business
Stefan Rogers, Assoc. Director of Operations, TAPS
Michael Castine, Alachua County
Marley Concha, Intern, Planning, Design & Construction
Grace McEwan, Intern, Planning, Design & Construction
Forrest Edens, Visitor

CHAIR: Jay Watkins chaired the meeting today.

CALL TO ORDER:

Jay Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

UF- 672 – New Music Building (Programming)**PRESENTING: Frank Javaheri**

DISCUSSION: Frank presented on behalf of Milo Zapata, a project manager on vacation. The presentation was about the proposed new music building project, which consists of two phases: the renovation of the existing building and the construction of a new building. The new building will be approximately 39,000 square feet and will provide spaces for teaching labs, faculty studios for various instruments, and a 400-seat concert hall. Two potential sites were identified, but their selection would require further evaluation by the selected architect and engineer. The project has been approved by the LVL, Parking & Transportation, and Historic Preservation Committee. There were concerns raised about the potential impact on nearby pedestrian and bus traffic, as well as the need for accessibility improvements.

Jay explains that a new auditorium is needed because the University auditorium is controlled by the Phillips Center, requiring rental fees and lacking priority booking. The proposed 400-500 seat hall would accommodate concerts, recitals, and provide additional classroom space. Mark confirms that this new auditorium would be significantly larger, about 3.5 to 4 times the size of the existing small performance room, which is currently being renovated. Jay and Frank discussed the issues related to the music building's auditorium. Carol mentioned her experience with the locked doors which Jay clarified were usually unlocked. Megan suggested the concerts would be for an internal audience only.

The new building was proposed to accommodate evening events, student recitals, and other performances. Sarah asked about the 39,000 gross square feet and its formula, to which Frank explained it was based on the number of rooms and specific rooms for different instruments. The school prefers site one due to convenience and distance, a point agreed by Frank. The committee discussed the potential sites for a new building and the decision to consider two sites from a programming standpoint. They also touched on the topic of the disability resource center and testing services' needs on campus. They discussed the potential location of the center near the former infirmary building. The graduate student housing issue was also discussed, with David Brandon, Board of Trustees, leading a subcommittee. However, there was no report from the first meeting of this subcommittee yet. The conversation ended with no other business from the infrastructure committee.

MOTION: Mark Leeps made a motion to approve the site programming as presented. Sarah Gamble seconded, with one member voting against the motion. The motion passed due to majority vote.

INFORMATION:

Chair Report Jay Watkins

Jay discussed the Maguire demolition project, set to begin the process on March 17th initially by putting up fences all around the property to ensure public safety.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.