

LAND USE AND FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 01, 2018

Planning, Design & Construction
Conference Room 235 Stadium

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction
Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Norb Dunkel, Student Affairs
Alyson Flournoy, Professor, College of Law
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking
Kevin Heinicka, IFAS Facilities Planning & Operations
Jacqueline Miller, Florida Natural History Museum
Kenneth Osfield, ADA
William (Bill) Smith, Assistant Director, Operations, University Athletics Association
Wendy Thomas, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Austin, Associate Professor, Wildlife Ecology
Todd Brusko, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine
Paul Davenport, Physiological Sciences
Brandon Della-Bella, Student
John Diaz, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Education and Communication
Jon Graham, Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology
Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Noah Harden, Student
Carrie Harmon, Sr. Associate, Plant Pathology
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Craig Hill, VP's Office – Business Affairs
Jennifer Hubbs, Research Program Development
Marty Hylton, Chair of PHB&S, Libraries
Steve Lachnicht, Rep-Alachua County
Mary Lusk, Extension Agent – IFAS Extension
Anthony Lyons, Director of Planning and Development, City of Gainesville
Christopher Martinez, Agricultural and Biologic at Engineering
Christopher Martyniuk, Physiological Sciences
Carol McAuliffe, LB-Documents Department
Janae Moodie, Student
Katherine Saylor, Research Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
James Sullivan, Design Construction & Planning - Building Construction
Ray Thomas, Chair, Parking and Transportation Committee
Bradley Walters, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Jay Watkins, University Bands, School of Music
Samantha Wisely, Associate Professor, Wildlife Ecology

VISITORS:

Frank Javaheri, Planning, Design & Construction
Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction

CHAIR: Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Megan Forbes at 2:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jacqueline Miller moved to approve the agenda and minutes for March 06, 2018; Norb Dunkel seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF – 632 – Data Science & Information Technology

PRESENTING: Frank Javaheri

DISCUSSION:

Frank introduced himself and stated that he is here for the Programming and Site Selection Phase approval. The location of this project is across from the Welcome center in the parking lot north of the Benton/Larsen Hall. The Data Science and Information Technology (DSIT) building site is a prominent location in the heart of UF campus, both by location on campus and its high grade elevation. DSIT will consist of two co-located, semi-autonomous interconnected building wings. The University is considering the incorporation of shared auditorium and/or atrium that will be common space, shared conference rooms and other spaces that interconnects the two wings. Each wing with four or five levels with an approximate total size of 260,000 GSF, state of the art multidisciplinary facility with a vision for a “signature architecture, program intent and sustainability” that would be engaged in the engineering, healthcare and bioinformatics programs. The architectural challenge for this building will be weaving the outward design to fit both within the fabric of campus and with the innovative research that the building will facilitate. Frank stated this project went before LVLC and PATAC for Programming and noted this project would require the mitigation of a number of trees and parking spaces including scooter parking. In addition, coordination would need to be made with the P&T to provide the required temporary parking spaces being mitigated from this site during the initial phase of construction of this project until the date the Commuter parking garage is completed at which time, the parking garage will be the permanent parking location for the lost parking spaces on DSIT lot. The required number of ADA, visitor and delivery parking spaces will be designed on this site.

The committee wanted the design team to pay close attention to the setbacks for these buildings and to pay special attention with regard to architectural scale of this building, pedestrian and vehicular traffic crossing (mitigation plan) the street on the north side of the site, and entrances/exits. The committee members indicated that this is a very important site for the UF’s campus, situated as it is between the existing academic, engineering and medical facilities and adjacent to the “front door” of the welcome center. They would underscore the importance of the architecture in helping address these issues. Also, the loss of parking in such a central location is significant. The committee asked about the status of proposed garage, whether it might be complete prior to the parking space removal. Another guest indicated that people who are always on campus do not really think of this area as a “gateway,” but it is, so we need to make sure we plan it so it stays that way.

Frank indicated that he is now completing the Program and preparing for the Professional and Construction Management selections. The construction of this project is projected for June of 2019 with an expected completion in July 2021. The Architecture Review Council (ARC) will view this project next week and try to address some of these concerns.

ACTION: Norb Dunkel moved to approve the project Programming and Site Selection Phase; motion was seconded by Alyson Flournoy and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for June 05, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.