

## LAND USE AND FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 03, 2020

Planning, Design & Construction  
Conference Room 235 Stadium

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

James Austin, Associate Professor, Wildlife Ecology  
David Bowles, Director of Rec Sports  
Mike Castine, Growth Management, Alachua County  
Paul Davenport, Physiological Sciences  
Linda Dixon, Planning, Design & Construction  
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute  
Scott Fox, Transportation & Parking  
Timothy Garrett, Associate Professor, Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine  
Carrie Harmon, Sr. Associate, Plant Pathology  
Kevin Heinicka, IFAS Facilities Planning & Operations  
Craig Hill, VP's Office – Business Affairs  
Brian Keith, Associate Dean, Office of Library Administration  
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Telecommunications  
Graciela Lorca, Associate Professor, Microbiology & Cell Science  
William (Bill) Smith, Assistant Director, Operations, University Athletics Association  
Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Missy Daniels, Growth Management, Alachua County  
Carlos Dougnac, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction  
Rhuanito Ferrarezi, Assistant Professor  
Creed Greer, Program Director, University Writing Program  
Gail Hansen De Chapmen, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee  
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division  
Marty Hylton, Chair of PHB&S, Libraries  
Frank Lomonte, Director and Professor, Journalism  
Mary Lusk, Extension Agent – IFAS Extension  
Timothy Martin, Student  
Carol McAuliffe, Assistant University Librarian  
Cydney McGlothlin, University Architect, PDC  
Jamieson McMahan, Building Code Inspector, EH&S  
Andrew Persons, Director, Department of Doing, City of Gainesville  
Keith Rambo, Engineer, Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Caroline Salvatore, Student  
Katherine Sayler, Research Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation  
Amy Stein, Associate Professor  
Kerry Thomas, Student  
Jay Watkins, University Bands, School of Music  
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability  
Samantha Wisely, Associate Professor, Wildlife Ecology

#### **VISITORS:**

Melissa Thomas, Planning, Design & Construction  
Erik Lewis, Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction  
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction  
Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Milo Zapata, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Tamera Baughman, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Chad Doering, Director of Housing Facilities

Geoffrey Higgins, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Stuart Cullen, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction

**CHAIR:** Timothy Young, Sr. Associate, Academic Advising Center, Chair

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Timothy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Paul Davenport moved to approve the agenda with changing the approval to January minutes; Megan Forbes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**UF – 642 – SW Campus Transportation Improvements**

**PRESENTING: Stuart Cullen**

**DISCUSSION:** Stuart went over the project location, background, and schedule. He was returning seeking Design Development Approval. A traffic study the University commissioned provided recommendations to make improvements to Hull Road, Mowry Road and Museum Road with two new roundabouts, turn lanes and medians. This roadwork is being completed to improve vehicle movement thru this area.

The project was broken out into sub areas and Stuart went through each area separately. The presentation showed each median, and turning lane for the roads being discussed so that it was clear what is existing and what is proposed. The presentation explained each area and how it is proposed to be reconfigured, so the committee can see what is being removed or replaced. He said he worked with the design team to save the heritage trees on Hull road however; the one at Mehrhof Hall was unavoidable.

The committee asked about Mehrhof Hall and if it was going to be taken down and the fencing around that area taken down so to help with creating the new entrance for UF. Stuart stated yes Mehrhof and the fencing would be taken down. He would be working with the design team to create the new entrance. The committee asked that the design be looked at coming into campus from this new entrance because if you are not familiar with campus getting to hull road may be confusing. Linda Dixon added that the wayfinding is a different project and this area will be incorporated into that study.

The committee asked about the roundabouts and Stuart stated the traffic study shows the roundabouts will help with the traffic flow. The traffic will move thru this area better because of the added left turn lane on museum road coming onto hull road. The committee stated we might need to post or explain the directional flow of the roundabouts so the users will know how to move thru it. The bus shelters along this area will have improvements and this area will have new traffic patterns to help facilitate faculty and staff getting thru these areas.

**MOTION:** Margaret Fields made the motion to approve the project as presented. Mark Leeps seconded motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**UF- 632 – Data Science & Information Technology Building**

**PRESENTING: Jim Vignola**

**DISCUSSION:** Jim introduced himself and went over the project, the location, background, and schedule. This project came before the committee in 2018 for programming. He stated he was here for Advanced Schematic Design approval. This will be a seven-story building, serving four user groups (HWCOE, COM, COP, Informatics Institute). The first floor will be below grade level in the front

(North side) of the building but meeting the grade level in the back of the building. The front door of the building will be on the second floor (North side).

The building is sited toward the back of the existing parking lot. The parking spaces were displaced into the new garage. The parking is now for Alumni and Boosters for the UF Football reserved parking. They will be relocated to the garage as well. There will be a study to understand traffic flow and pedestrian walkways. Sweetwater Drive is being looked at, to be used as a pedestrian walkway. There will also be a service area for deliveries incorporated into that study. The observatory is in this area, the committee asked about the light pollution and if it's being addressed. Jim stated he is aware of this issue and he will look into it.

Jim showed a rendering of what the building may look like and the committee was not happy with the open space in front of the building. The sidewalks are from the streetlight to the building. The committee wanted to know why so much open space. Why couldn't we keep the parking in front of the building? Linda stated because this is a future building site. The green space is trying to show linkage, to other areas on the campus master plan. The committee thought there should be shrubs along the sidewalks to keep the pedestrians on the walkways and not on the grass. On the north side of the building there is a fence to prevent pedestrians use of that area and Parking does not want that fence removed or if it is removed, something needs to be put back to direct everyone back to the pedestrian walkway.

**MOTION:** Paul Davenport made the motion to approve the project as presented with a review to salvage parking spaces and have no impacts on the observatory; Megan Forbes seconded motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **MP05009 – Animal Science Parking and Richie Road**

**PRESENTING: Tamera Baughman**

**DISCUSSION:** Tamera went over the project location and background. This parking lot is in the back of the existing Animal Science building. This was an existing Limerock dirt lot, which will be repaved and reconfigured. Richie road will also be reconfigured, during this project, to be perpendicular now instead of parallel. Richie road has 77 spaces now but with this reconfiguration it will go up to 89 spaces. These spaces were also made to help with parking the larger vehicles coming into that area.

This project requires permitting by St. Johns Water Management District. There will be 2 trees on this project to mitigate and the committee asked to follow UF Standards and UF Parking Lot Standards.

**MOTION:** Paul Davenport made the motion to approve the project as presented; Margaret Fields seconded motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:54pm.