

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee

May 11th, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Planning, Design and Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium

Members attending:

Harold Barrant - Planning, Design and Construction
Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds
Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations
Carlos Dougnac - Planning, Design and Construction
Chris Marble - Environmental Horticulture
Katerie Gladdys – Art & Art History
Jeff Holcomb – University Police Department
Betsy Ruff – College of Law
Mark Siburt – City of Gainesville
Liz Storn – Sustainability
Tom Wichman – PPD- Grounds

Members not attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Jeanna Mastrodicasa – Assistant Vice President - IFAS
Jason Richards - Student
Emma Weeks – Entomology

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction
Kristen Cooper – Ponikvar & Assoc.
Jack Ponikvar – Ponikvar & Assoc.
Maya Patel – Sustainability
Bill Smith - UAA

I. Adoption of Agenda and April Minutes

(Chair for meeting – Liz Storn)

Motion: **Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the agenda with additions and corrected minutes.**

Second: **Chris Marble**

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Major Projects

UF-620 – Bee Unit

Jack Ponkivar

Jack introduced himself and Kristen Cooper, project architect, and went over his previous visit to the committee. He showed photos of the site and the previously approved tree removals. Kristen went over the site plan and the location of the future support building.

Betsy Ruff asked about the type /location of fencing. Kristen said it would be black chain link and noted there would also be plantings. Jack said that IFAS was planning to replace trees around the area for mitigation and went over the landscape planting that had been previously approved. There was additional discussion on irrigation, stormwater, trees and the existing landscape near Entomology

Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Chris Marble

Motion Carried Unanimously

UAA-620 Football Operations

Bill Smith

Bill said the Athletic Association was planning to build a 135, 000 GSF building off of SW 2nd Avenue, adjacent to the practice field. He showed the site location and went over the conceptual designs. He showed a map of trees on the site and went over the ones that would be potentially impacted by the project, noting that most were small and along the fence near SW 2nd Ave. He said the most notable tree was a Heritage Live Oak that they would try to preserve and that at least one of the two Heritage Southern Magnolias would be impacted, but that they were not specimen trees. He showed photos of the Heritage Trees and some others on site. Bill said that they were planning an entry drive off of SW 2nd Ave. He said that in discussions the idea of replanting some of the of Live Oaks in front of the practice field on SW 2nd had come up and wondered what the committee's thoughts on that idea were. There was discussion of how the Live Oaks on SW 2nd Avenue had been overplanted in the past and that thinning them would be beneficial. Additionally, there was discussion on the likelihood of success with transplanting them along SW 2nd and around the project. Tom Wichman said that he would look into it in further detail and make a recommendation.

Katerie Gladdys asked about the health of the Southern Magnolias. Erik Lewis said that they both appeared healthy, but had been heavily trimmed over the years for the events taking place. Katerie asked about the Heritage Live Oak on SW 2nd Ave and the drive. Bill said that they would try and avoid the tree for the entry and noted that 15 spaces were being added out front.

Motion: Katerie Gladdys made the motion to approve the site with the condition that they work to preserve the eastern most Southern Magnolia and the Heritage Live Oak. Additionally, the project should work to relocate some of the Live Oaks along SW 2nd Avenue if feasible.

Second: Betsy Ruff

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Minor Projects

Valet Parking at Cancer Pavilion

Robert Hatker

Robert said that Medical Plaza B, adjacent to Gale Lemerand, would like to move the valet parking to a new location, due to increased use. He showed the existing site and proposed location on the west side of the Davis Cancer Pavilion. He went over the valet logistics and said that they were looking to add 12 parking spaces. Robert said that it would require the removal of 3 trees (Cabbage Palm, pine tree and a small multi-trunk) and showed photos of the site and trees.

Harold Barrant said that they were looking to improve service and alleviate congestion in the parking lot. Betsy Ruff asked for clarification on the existing location, which Robert addressed. There was discussion of the site, trees, parking spaces and landscaping. Jeff Holcomb suggested that they add more spaces if it didn't impact additional trees. Robert said that they would look into it. There was discussion of how to improve the area adjacent to the parking and between the lot and Gale Lemnerand.

Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the project and tree removals at standard mitigation with the recommendation that they add a buffer hedge along the western boundary, adjacent to Gale Lemerand, and that they put in a Cabbage Palm in the open space to the north.

Second: Chris Marble

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. Other Business

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.