

MINUTES

**University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
September 14th, 2017 at 9:00 AM**

Planning, Design and Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium

Members attending:

Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction
Carlos Dougnac - Planning, Design and Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Jeff Holcomb – University Police Department
Betsy Ruff – College of Law
Tom Wichman – PPD- Grounds
Emma Weeks – Entomology

Members not attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture
Harold Barrand - Planning, Design and Construction
Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds
Chris Marble - Environmental Horticulture
Charles Lockwood - Student
David Steadmen – Florida Museum of Natural History
Matt Williams – Sustainability
Lacy Crider-Holtzworth – City of Gainesville

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design and Construction
Joe Walker – Walker Architects
Jeanna Mastrodicasa – IFAS
David Lyons – Planning, Design and Construction
Ronnie Cooper – IFAS

I. Adoption of Modified Agenda and June Minutes with Jeff Holcomb acting as Chair

Motion: Emma Weeks made the motion to approve the modified agenda and minutes.

Second: Betsy Ruff

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Major Projects

UF-613 Norman Hall

Frank Javaheri

Frank went over his previous visit to the committee stating that they were proposing to do major restoration of old Norman Hall and showed where they had proposed a new building on the northeast parking lot of the Norman complex. He went over the complex's buildings and showed the new location of the building they were proposing in the service drive between old (historic) and new Norman. Project Architect Joe Walker went over the proposed interior renovations and showed how the new building would connect to the other buildings. He went over renderings of the entrance they were proposing to put on the south side where a greenhouse had

originally been situated. Joe noted that they may need to remove a Laurel Oak that is in front if they add a vestibule to the side for the entrance. He went over 4 different concept proposals for modifying the current service drive that resides on the south side of the building complex, adjacent to the parking garage, which is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclists. Concept 1 just reworked the service entrance to make it more aesthetically pleasing, while the other concepts included encroaching into Norman Field to varying degrees, with concept 4 having a new entrance/exit to SW 8th Avenue.

There was a discussion about how the 8th Avenue entrance / exit would work next to the garage and parking in general. Jeff Holcomb asked if there would be any impacts to trees in the various concepts. Frank said that the only tree impacts could be the need to remove the Laurel Oak adjacent to old Norman. Erik Lewis suggested that the project seek approval for the removal at this time, so they could gain direction either way for moving forward. Emma Weeks asked if there were any additional tree impacts with the various design concepts. Frank said no. There was more round table discussion of the pros and cons of the various concepts.

Motion: Emma Weeks made the motion to approve the project as presented with the removal of the Laurel Oak adjacent to Norman, under the condition that if other trees need to be removed that the project come back for approval.

Second: Betsy Ruff

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Other Business

McCarty D Tree Removal

Ronnie Cooper

Ronnie Cooper said that they were putting in a new entrance to McCarty D and would like to remove a 12 DBH Magnolia. He showed photos of the tree and other ones that he said had been planted around the same time. He noted that the other ones are much fuller in appearance. Ronnie said that they had determined the best way to dress up the entrance would be with a new landscape plan and that he felt the magnolia detracted from that concept. He added that they have had to dig adjacent to it for some utility work.

There was discussion about the health of the tree, with Tom Wichman stating that it was healthy, but that the digging wasn't helping it any. There was discussion on the reason for removal and whether it was appropriate to remove a healthy tree for aesthetic reasons. Ronnie said that they would be working with Gail Hansen De Chapmen on a landscape design for the entrance.

Motion: Emma Weeks made the motion to deny the tree removal and have the project come back for approval when they have a fully developed landscape plan.

Second: Betsy Ruff

Motion Carried Unanimously

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.