

MINUTES

**University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
January 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM**

Planning, Design and Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium

Members attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture
Harold Barrand - Planning, Design and Construction
Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds
Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction
Jeff Holcomb – University Police Department
Charles Lockwood - Student
Betsy Ruff – College of Law

Members not attending:

Adam Dale - Entomology
Carlos Dougnac - Planning, Design and Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Lacy Crider-Holtzworth – City of Gainesville
Chris Marble - Environmental Horticulture
David Steadman – Florida Museum of Natural History
Tom Wichman – PPD- Grounds
Matt Williams – Sustainability
Emma Weeks – Entomology

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction
Clay Sweger – EDA
Ivor Kincaide – ACT
Jenn Marvin – Marquis-Halback

I. Adoption of Agenda and Modified November Minutes

Motion: Consensus of the committee to pass adopted agenda and minutes

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Minor Projects

Zeta Tau Alpha

Clay Sweger

Clay introduced himself and said that he was working with Hugg Architects on the project. He said that they were doing an internal renovation and expansion on the front of the house. Clay said they were looking to add bedrooms and to reduce setbacks, while noting that no new parking would be added. Gail Hansen De Chapman commented that they were adding new people, but no new parking. Clay clarified that they would be adding some additional scooter parking. He showed the site plan with setbacks and renderings of the new front façade. He showed images of the trees they would like to remove. One was a 10 DBH Holly in a courtyard that is too close to the building and a 20 DBH Loblolly Pine in the front yard that needs to be removed for the expansion, but noted that they were preserving a Heritage Magnolia. Clay continued that they would hire arborist Erick Smith to advise on the protection of the Magnolia during construction.

There was discussion on the other trees on the site, the pine tree being removed and on protecting the Magnolia.

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

Second: Gail Hansen De Chapman

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Other Business

Trail at Millhopper Unit

Ivor Kincaide

Ivor introduced himself as a land manager for Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) and went over ACT's mission. He said that ACT had acquired the Blues Creek Ravine property back in 2002 as part of the Trust's effort at protecting smaller conservation areas and parks. He went over the properties ecosystems noting that it had been relatively untouched by development in the past. Ivor said that they had run into some access issues and had been working with the State (IFAS) to come to an agreement for an easement to put parking, access trail and a trailhead on the Millhopper Unit property. He said that they are currently looking at a 5 years agreement with the possibility of a longer one if everything goes well. Ivor showed examples of other trailheads and parking lots from other ACT locations in the County.

Gail Hansen De Chapman asked how big the parking area would be. Ivor said about 100 sq. ft. and that it could fit 10-12 cars. He continued that the lot would require the removal of some planted pine trees. Betsy Ruff asked about the 1 acre shaded area showed on the map. Ivor said that it had been the area considered in the original proposal, but they had scaled it back. There was discussion on whether it was appropriate to require mitigation for planted pine plantation with Erik Lewis noting that the committee had dealt with this previously at the Remote Library site and had not required it in that case. He continued that it would be very difficult to require it given that IFAS plants pines as a source of revenue on some of its acreage in Alachua County and that planted pine is more of a crop than a resource to be protected.

Motion: Gail Hansen De Chapman made the motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Betsy Ruff

Motion Carried Unanimously

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