

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee

April 12th, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Planning, Design and Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium

Members attending:

Adam Dale - Entomology
Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Jeff Holcomb – University Police Department
Chris Marble - Environmental Horticulture
Betsy Ruff – College of Law
Tom Wichman – PPD- Grounds

Members not attending:

Harold Barrand - Planning, Design and Construction
Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction
Carlos Dougnac - Planning, Design and Construction
Charles Lockwood - Student
David Steadman – Florida Museum of Natural History
Matt Williams – Sustainability
Emma Weeks – Entomology

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design and Construction
Howie Ferguson – Planning, Design and Construction
Elisabeth Manley – Manley Design
Laurie Hall – CHW
Sara Kovachich – CHW
Lynda Hayes - PKY

I. Adoption of Agenda and March Minutes

Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the minutes.

Second: Chris Marble

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Major Projects

UF-632 Data Science and Information Technology Building

Frank Javaheri

Frank said that planning for the project began about 8 months ago and that the Legislature had approved the first phase of funding. He said the site selected had previously been through the committee as the proposed site of the new parking garage, which had since been moved to the Commuter Lot. He showed the site location on the Aerospace Lot, south of the Reitz Union and said that there would be either one or two buildings with a total GSF of approximately 260,000 square feet. Frank said that Engineering would take up most of the building,

while the rest would be health care related. He showed potential tree impacts, noting that they would try to save as many as possible, but wanted to present all of the potential impacts. Frank said that the Parking and Transportation Committee had recommended that they wait to begin construction until after the new parking garage is opened. Frank showed conceptual renderings, while noting that the actual footprint(s) and design will be presented at the next phase. He said that he was looking for site approval.

Betsy Ruff asked how far the building would be setback from Museum Road, noting that she did not think it should be too close. Frank said that it would be at least 20 to 30 feet, mostly due to utilities. Gail Hansen De Chapman asked about the potential tree impacts shown, focusing on some that appeared off the building site. Erik said that he had done the tree survey for the parking garage when there had been the possibility of the exit aligning with Reitz Union Road. He said that the Master Plan recognizes this area as an important pedestrian connection and that with the new building and parking garage there is still the possibility of improvements in this area. Gail suggested that they include a courtyard as well as saving space for replacement trees. Betsy asked how tall the building would be. Frank said 4 or 5 stories with the possibility of a utility penthouse. Gail asked what the architectural style would be. Frank said that one of the Trustees was in favor of a signature building. Adam Dale and Gail emphasized that the green space / landscape should be included in making it a signature building.

Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to recommend approval of the plan with the worst case tree impacts and to recommend that they leave as much greenspace as possible for new landscape and trees.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

UF-622, Vet Med Energy Plant

Howie Ferguson

Howie said that since his previous visit to the committee the energy plant had been scaled back to include just steam and chilled water. He showed the site and said that they had completed the adjacent parking lot. He said that he was presenting the final landscape plan and tree removals, which he went over in more detail. Howie suggested that since the amount reserved for tree mitigation was less than the landscape budget, the committee could waive the tree mitigation monetary requirements. Landscape architect Laurie Hall went over the proposed planting plan around the building and noted that she had worked with Tom Wichman on the plant selections. Betsy Ruff asked where the trees would be going back, which Laurie showed on the plan. There was general discussion on the plants, sidewalks, turf and stormwater pond.

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

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Minor Projects

P.K. Yonge Entry Drive

Mark Humbert

Mark introduced landscape architect Elisabeth Manley and PK Yonge Director Lynda Hayes. He went over the project scope to improve an entrance off SW 6th Street in order to make it the main entrance and drop-off point for the school. Elisabeth showed how the new road would align with the current road and did a photo tour of the route. She showed the small clump of non-heritage trees they were proposing to remove and said that they would mitigate on site (19 trees – 38 trees). She showed the site plan and went over the proposed landscape plan.

Gail Hansen De Chapman asked about the adjacent property to the north. Linda Hayes said that it was a warehouse of some sort that may also serve as a residence. Gail suggested that they may want to add additional screening along the property line. There was a brief discussion on the plant list.

Motion: Adam Dale 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 9:50 AM.