

**MINUTES**

**University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM**

**Planning, Design and Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium**

Members attending:

Harold Barrand - Planning, Design and Construction

Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds

Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations

Adam Dale - Entomology

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

Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction

Carlos Dognac - Planning, Design and Construction

Craig Hill – Business Affairs

Charles Lockwood - Student

Chris Marble - Environmental Horticulture

David Steadman – Florida Museum of Natural History

Matt Williams – Sustainability

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction

Cydney McGlothlin – Planning, Design and Construction

David Lyons – Planning, Design and Construction

Lindsey Perez – DLR Group

Joan Randolph – JCR Consulting

Laurie Hall – CHW

Robert Walpole – CHW

Joe Walker – Walker Architects

**I. Adoption of Agenda and April Minutes**

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

**Second: Chris Marble**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**II. Major Projects**

**UF-619 IBC & IHLC**

**Cydney McGlothlin**

Cydney went over the project background and noted that the two houses that were on site have been torn down. She showed the location and went over the two designs, noting the cultural preferences that were being put into the two buildings reflecting African and Latin influences respectively. Joan Randolph went over the landscape plan noting that they were using, which included a scored patterned concrete with brick accents for the

hardscape. She said that two trees remain on site and went over the trees and other vegetation they were proposing to put back in.

Tom Wichman said that he was concerned about the Simpson Stopper being out of its cold tolerant range. Jeff Holcomb expressed concerned about the weeping holly not being transparent enough for security purposes. There was discussion on alternative small trees that would be suitable in the space. Adam Dale suggested that they find an alternative for the proposed Cathedral Live Oak, since they are having some problems.

**Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to recommend approval of the project with the exception that they work with Tom Wichman on replacements for the Cathedral Live Oak and Simpson Stopper and that they replace the Weeping Yaupon Holly with a native Yaupon Holly.**

**Second: Adam Dale**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**UAA-43, Pressly Softball Stadium**

**David Lyons**

David introduced the design team from CHW and Walker Architects and recapped the previous presentation to the committee. David said that they were back to go over modifications to the stormwater basins, tree mitigation and landscape design. Laurie Hill said that they were having to make major changes to the stormwater ponds in order to try and improve drainage on the site, while noting the high number of trees that had been planted in the basins. She said that they had been able to save a number of trees that the committee had previously approved for removal. She went over the location and types of trees that they were able to keep, but also showed some new ones that they were asking to remove. Laurie said that they were going to need to remove two additional heritage Live Oaks. She showed the concept designs, showing Live Oaks and Cabbage Palms, which she said they felt would create a great Florida back drop for TV viewers watching the games.

There was discussion on the basins, tree protection during construction and on the potential for a back side concourse around the field (creating a “360” access around the field). Emma Weeks asked about the trees that would be impacted by the 360 backside design, which Laurie went over. Tom Wichman asked about the number of palms being replanted. Laurie said about that there would be 54 Sable Palms and a few specimen date palms. There was a discussion on the diseases and pests that are causing palms to die off on campus and around town and about the treatments that IFAS is researching and recommending for them. Emma asked about a group of trees being proposed for removal on the west side. Laurie said that they were for ADA spaces and said that they were asking to remove 8 additional trees, but that they had been able to save 20 trees from the previously approved list, including 14 Live Oaks. Emma asked for a list of the additional removals. Laurie said that they were a mix of Cherry Laurels and Hackberries, along with two heritage Live Oaks. Donna Bloomfield asked for the total number of trees removals for the project. Laurie said that it was between 70 and 80 trees. Adam Dale asked about the basin and drainage from the site. Robert Walpole went over the basins and drainage and said that this project along with the upcoming baseball facility will improve the situation immensely.

**Motion: Emma Week made the motion to approve the eight additional tree removals as requested providing that:**

- 1. The 20 trees that are no longer to be removed are saved as presented.**
- 2. Attempts are made to protect the northern Live Oaks in the outfield should the 360 concourse be funded.**
- 3. An arborist is present during the pine removals among the Live Oaks on the south end along Hull Road to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to protect the remaining Live Oaks.**
- 4. The tree mitigation can only be used to cover tree replacements per the mitigation policy.**

**Second: Adam Dale**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **III. Other Business**

#### **Masterplan Amendments**

**Erik Lewis**

Erik went over the Development Agreement tables in the amendment package that show how much the University can build (buildings and parking) before it must renegotiate with the City and County for local impacts. He went over the land use changes being proposed in this year's amendment package. He said that all of the projects (Bee Unit, Data Science and Vet Med ESCO), that were necessitating the changes had been before the committee except for baseball. Erik finished by going over the updates to the Capital Improvements Element table.

**Motion: Emma Weeks made the motion to approve the amendments as presented.**

**Second: Adam Dale**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.**