

MINUTES

**University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
September 13th, 2018 at 9:00 AM**

Planning, Design and Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium

Members attending:

Harold Barrant - Planning, Design and Construction
Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction
Carlos Dougnac - Planning, Design and Construction
Jeff Moran – University Police Department
Betsy Ruff – College of Law
Emma Weeks – Entomology
Matt Williams – Sustainability

Members not attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture
Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations
Kristen Curington - Student
Adam Dale - Entomology
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Alpa Nawre – Landscape Architecture
David Steadman – Florida Museum of Natural History

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction
Laurie Hall – CHW
Sara Kovachich - CHW

I. Adoption of Agenda and June Minutes

Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes.

Second: Emma Weeks

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. Major Projects

UF-622 – Vet. Med. Plant ESCO

Wendy Simonson

Wendy introduced herself as new Project Manager in the department and had Sara Kovachich, landscape architect, go back over Sara's previous visits to the committee. Sara said that there had been changes to the chiller and electrical alignments that were necessitating the removal of 4 additional trees. She went over each tree and explained that they needed to be removed for the replacement of utility lines. She continued that they were proposing to pay the mitigation fee, since there were no good places to replant on site.

Betsy Ruff asked to see an image of the entire area in order to determine whether the site needed additional trees. Sara showed an aerial, pointing out the trees to be removed and the ones remaining. Emma Weeks asked why the trees couldn't be avoided. Sara said that utilities were under them and that the digging would cause

harm. Betsy asked if there were other Live Oaks near that one that was being removed. Sara showed an Elm in close proximity. There was a brief discussion about the trees on site.

Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the tree removals at standard mitigation.

Second: Emma Weeks

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. Other Business

Landscape Master Plan

Erik Lewis

Erik Lewis gave an overview of the draft Landscape Master Plan, by going through select pages of the draft report. He said that overarching goal of the plan was to provide continuity across the campus, by narrowing the choices of materials used in the landscape and to create a vision for how the campus will evolve moving forward. He began by showing an illustration of campus in the plan that incorporated 13 specific areas the consultants had detailed, based on staff recommendations. He went over the big idea in the plan, which is to turn Union Road into a pedestrian mall. He explained that the consultant / staff team had met with all of the primary stakeholders affected by its closure to motorized vehicles, including Facility Services, UPD, RTS, local building users and senior administration. Erik said that in order to close Union, Inner Road would have to be restored to a two way street. He went over the Civics Squares projects that had been folded into the 13 new specific area designs. Erik went over other elements of the plan including, pedestrian pathways, road trees, and gateways. He finished by going over the design construction standards that will guide future development.

Action The Committee did not vote, but all voiced support of the plan as proposed and wondered when it would begin.

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