

**MINUTES**

**University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM**

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

Members attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Chair - Environmental Horticulture  
Brad Barber – University Police Department  
Gregg Clarke – PPD- Operations  
Adam Dale - Entomology  
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design and Construction  
Francisco Oquendo - Planning, Design and Construction  
Betsy Ruff – College of Law  
Emma Weeks – Entomology

Members not attending:

Donna Bloomfield – PPD – Grounds  
Kristen Curington - Student  
Carlos Dognac - Planning, Design and Construction  
Craig Hill – Business Affairs  
Alpa Nawre – Landscape Architecture  
David Steadman – Florida Museum of Natural History  
Matt Williams – Sustainability

Also attending:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design and Construction  
Frank Javaheri - Planning, Design and Construction

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

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

**Second: Adam Dale**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**II. Major Projects**

**UF-622 – Parking Garage**

**Stuart Cullen**

Stuart showed the location of the proposed garage on the Commuter Lot, adjacent to the existing garage. He said that eventually a power plant may be built to the south on the remaining portion of the surface lot and noted the previous locations of the proposed garage (McCarty and Aerospace Lots). Stuart said the garage would be 7 stories with a total of around 2000 spaces. He went over the changes to Gale Lemerand and the proposed removal of 25 trees, including 4 heritage. He said that they were trying to save a 29” DBH Live Oak. Stuart presented a page from the Landscape Master Plan that showed what trees were to be replanted along Gale Lemernad, Live or Bluff Oaks. He finished by saying they will be back in December or January with the DDs and a finalized landscape plan.

There was discussion on how people would move up into campus by bus and walking, how the crosswalks would align, and the types of buses (both RTS and other transit buses). Gail Hansen De Chapman and Adam

Dale asked about the trees being proposed for removal on the west side by the reuse tank. Stuart explained that the building jutted out and that they were looking to add an emergency road on the west, which may necessitate the removal of the trees. Emma Weeks asked about a few trees on the east side along Gale Lemernad, which Stuart said would remain. She asked about moving the bus pullout shown on the site plan to save a Live Oak. Stuart said that there were line of site issues (vision triangle) that created a safety hazard. Betsy Ruff asked about the landscape plan and replacement trees and Erik Lewis asked about the number of replacement trees that would be replanted along Gale Lemerand. Stuart indicated that space was limited for replanting. Gail suggested that the landscape plan create sufficient space to put more trees in along Gale Lemerand. Dale asked how likely it was that they would be able to save the 29" DBH Live Oak. Stuart said that it was tight and that they would like to have approval to remove it in case they are not able to avoid it. Frank Javaheri indicated that it would be difficult to save. Gail asked why there was a need for such a large area for buses. Stuart went over the number of buses projected to be using it with the added spaces and noted that they currently go into the surface parking lot, where there is no impact to Gale Lemerand. Emma suggested that do just two bus bays instead of three as being proposed. Stuart went over the bus sizes and the need.

There was discussion of bus size and numbers as well as the increased use with so many parking spaces being added to the site. Emma asked whether the tree marked 8 could be avoided. Stuart said it would be very tight. Emma suggested that if the design was less symmetrical that it could be avoided. Gail asked about stormwater. Stuart said that they would be addressing it in the next presentation. Adam expressed concern about the lack of space where trees could be added. Stuart said that they would add as many as possible.

**Motion: Emma Weeks made the motion to approve the tree removals, except for the trees marked 10 -14 that are along the west side next to the reuse tank and the one on the east side marked 395.**

**Second: Betsy Ruff**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **III. Other Business**

#### **NATL Annual Report**

**Emma Weeks**

Emma provided a comprehensive update on activities at the Natural Area Teaching Lab over the last year. She said that they had a successful burn this spring. She noted the demonstration areas that were started last year, where they are using alternatives to burning (mechanical & herbicides). She went over other ongoing activities such as successional field rotations, nature trail improvements, SEEP restoration by the Wetlands Club, increased use as documented by a people-counter, faculty/class use, and control/removal of invasive species with funding assistance from the Office of Sustainability. She continued by going over the terrestrial animals seen on site and provided the list of things they would like to have funded. Emma went over the itemized budget for the previous year and the projected budget for the current year, noting that the burn cost more than they had budgeted and that the SEEP boardwalk is getting worse and will need to be replaced soon. She finished by asking the committee to approve the budget and work plan.

**Motion: Betsy Ruff made the motion to approve the NATL budget and work plan.**

**Second: Adam Dale**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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