

## MINUTES

### University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee June 13, 2019, at 9:00 AM Facilities, Planning & Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium West

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the University of Florida Facilities Planning and Construction Division Conference Room 235 Stadium West.

**Members attending:**

Donna Bloomfield – Grounds, Facility Services  
Brad Barber – University Police Department  
Gregg Clarke – Director of Operations, Facility Services  
Adam Dale – Assistant Professor, Entomology and Nematology Department  
Linda Dixon – Director, Planning, Design & Construction  
Craig Hill, AVP, Business Affairs  
Betsy Ruff – Assistant Program Director & Lecturer  
Emma Weeks – Assistant Research Scientist, Entomology and Nematology Department

**Members not attending:**

Kristen Curington - Student  
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction  
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture - Chair  
Matthew Mears – City Arborist, City's Park, Recreation & Cultural Affairs  
Alpa Nawre – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture  
Francisco Oquendo – Assistant Director, Planning, Design & Construction  
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facility Services  
David Steadman – Curator, Natural History Museum  
Matt Williams – Director, Sustainability

**Visitors attending:**

Melissa Thomas – Planning, Design & Construction  
Wendy Simonson – Planning, Design & Construction  
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction  
Cydney McGlothlin – Planning, Design & Construction  
Joey Mandese – Planning, Design & Construction  
Mary Ann Myrand – Housing Corporation  
Jane F Page – Housing Corporation  
Jo Ann Bronson – Housing Corporation  
Fiona Hogan – Office of Sustainability  
Bill Smith – University Athletic Association

Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, was not able to attend this meeting therefore, Linda Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:00am and the committee agreed.

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

**Motion:** Emma Weeks moved to approve the agenda and the May minutes.

**Second:** Adam Dale

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **II. MAJOR PROJECTS**

### **UF – 200 – Public Safety Building**

**Wendy Simonson**

Wendy introduced herself and stated that she was seeking site approval for a new 2 story Public Safety / UFPD building that will be built on the existing site. She showed the committee the site plan with important utilities that they were working around. She showed the proposed footprint of the building (17,000 sf) and reconfigured parking area.

**Motion:** Adam Dale moved to approve the site selection as presented.

**Second:** Emma Weeks

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **UF – 645 – Shealy Drive Parking Deck**

**Joey Mandese**

Joey introduced himself and showed the proposed location of a 1-story parking deck on the existing lot on the west side off Shealy Drive, across from Vet Med. He said that they would build the deck so that additional floors could be added in the future. Joey said that they are working to avoid impacting 4 Heritage Live Oaks on the perimeter of the site, but that there were 49 smaller trees that needed to remove. He finished by saying that they were waiting for the arborist report on the Heritage Live Oaks prior to completing the design.

**Motion:** Emma Weeks made the motion to approve the site and the removal of the trees as presented with standard tree mitigation, excluding the 4 Heritage Live Oaks. Emma also recommended that they make the design thinner and taller to reduce tree impacts if the arborists report declares the 4 Heritage Live Oaks to be healthy.

**Second:** Betsy Ruff

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **UF – 638 – Student Health Care Center**

**Keith Humphreys**

Keith introduced himself and showed the proposed location of the new 3-story Health Center (50,000 GSF) on the southeast corner of the existing baseball stadium. He said that this project would begin after the demolition of the baseball stadium, with site clearing being done as part of the Football Training Center. He went over the building's program and said that there would be no tree or parking impacts.

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

**Second:** Betsy Ruff

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **UAA – 53 – FFTC Maintenance Building**

**Stuart Cullen**

Stuart introduced himself and showed the proposed location of the new building. He said that UAA was proposing to combine two existing maintenance buildings into one on the existing location, on the north side of the track. He said in order to accommodate the larger building, they would need to remove 7 palms and one hackberry. Stuart said that they will be planting a hedge along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to screen the area.

Committee members suggested that he look into adding more Live Oaks along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to maintain the historic tree canopy over the road. Stuart indicated there was not room because of utilities, but potentially a Live Oak could be planted to the west.

**Motion:** Emma Weeks made a motion to approve the removal of trees with standard mitigation and to add Live Oaks along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue where possible.

**Second:** Adam Dale

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**UAA – 53 - Football Training Center**

**Stuart Cullen.**

Stuart said he was seeking advanced schematic design approval for the new Football Training Center on the existing baseball stadium site. He said that they will be leveling the entire site. Stuart went over the building's program. He continued that there would be tree mitigation needed for 62 trees and that they were trying to relocate at least 18 palms to the new baseball facility.

**Motion:** Emma Weeks made a motion to approve schematic design with standard tree mitigation.

**Second:** Betsy Ruff

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**III. OTHER BUISNESS**

**Chi Omega Sorority – Tree Removal Project**

**Jane Page**

Jane presented the proposed tree removal to the committee for the Chi Omega Sorority. She stated the sorority would have liked to have this tree removed because it is a hazard to the members walking on the path near the house. She said that the tree was struck by lightning and that the arborist report stated that the damage to the tree trunk was significant enough for the tree to be removed. She asked the committee for approval to take down the tree with no mitigation, because of the damage and said they would be planting a tree back in its place.

**Motion:** Betsy Ruff made a motion to approve as presented with no mitigation

**Second:** Adam Dale

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**UAA – Tree Removal on the Front Lawn**

**Bill Smith**

Bill said he was seeking approval to remove a Live Oak on the north lawn of the football stadium. He said that the area is used for motor homes and events. Bill noted that the Landscape Master Plan would change the area significantly, including additional tree removals.

Committee members asked if there was anything in place to protect the existing trees now, noting that the trees are already suffering from too much vehicular traffic impacting their roots.

**Motion:** Adam Dale made the motion to approve the removal with standard mitigation under the condition that they cordon off a 10-foot buffer barrier to protect the trees from vehicles.

**Second:** Betsy Ruff

**Motion carried 2-1. Emma Weeks was opposed**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.