

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee July 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM Facilities, Planning & Construction Conference Room 235 Stadium West

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, July 11, 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
Betsy Ruff – Assistant Program Director & Lecturer

Members not attending:

Kristen Curington - Student
Linda Dixon – Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture - Chair
Craig Hill, AVP, Business Affairs
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
Emma Weeks – Assistant Research Scientist, Entomology and Nematology Department
Matt Williams – Director, Sustainability

Visitors attending:

Melissa Thomas – Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis – Planning, Design & Construction
Sean Mountain – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Tom Wichman – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)

Erik Lewis stated that the Lake Alice Fishing Policy was removed from this agenda and would be on the next meeting agenda.

I. Adoption of Agenda and June Minutes

Motion: Adam Dale moved to approve the agenda and the June minutes will be approved next meeting.

Second: Betsy Ruff

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. MINOR PROJECTS

IFAS 18142 – Bldg 1400 – Horticulture Garden Facility Sean Mountain

Sean introduced himself and said he was seeking approval for the removal a tree that had already been cut down. He said it was located by the teaching garden across from Fifield Hall. He continued that the removal was necessitated by the construction of a replacement building that the LVL Chair had previously waived review, since no tree impacts had been expected. He explained that, unfortunately, it became apparent that the

tree would be impacted and they had to remove the tree prior to committee approval to stay on schedule.

Adam Dale asked what kind of tree it was and if there were any trees being planted at the site to replace it? Sean said it was a 32 DBH Laurel Oak and that he had worked with the design team to try to avoid any tree impacts. Sean said they knew the penalty for unapproved tree removals was double and he was wondering if the mitigation could be used to plant trees along the new IFAS Research Drive connector instead of putting it into the tree mitigation fund. Erik Lewis referred Sean to the Landscape Master Plan to see the type of trees that can be planted along the roadside.

The committee discussed the fact that the tree had been removed before being approved and that the Mitigation Policy states that double mitigation is required.

Motion: Betsy Ruff moved to approve the mitigation at double the standard mitigation for the previously removed 32 DBH Laurel Oak.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. OTHER BUSINESS

UF – 622 – Vet Med Plant ESCO

Erik Lewis

Erik said he was relaying information for Wendy Simonson on a tree removal as an informational item. He said that there was an additional tree, 20 DBH Live Oak, that was removed from the site and that arborist Erick Smith and Donna Bloomfield had both deemed it a hazardous tree and as such it was removed without mitigation, per policy.

Election of Chair

There was discussion about the need to elect a new Chair. Erik Lewis went over the current LVL roster on the website and stated there would be new members in fall, so an election should happen at that time.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM.