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Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair
University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
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Dear Ms. Hansen:

After reviewing the minutes of the University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (LVLC) meeting held June 13, 2019, please note the following:

1. The LVLC recommends the approval of the UF – 200 – Public Safety Building as presented.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

2. The LVLC recommends the approval of the UF – 645 – Shealy Drive Parking Deck site and the removal of tree as presented with standard mitigation, excluding the 4 Heritage Live Oaks. 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.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

3. The LVLC recommends the approval of the UF – 638 – Student Health Care Center site as presented.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

4. The LVLC recommends the approval of the UAA – 53- FFTC Maintenance Building removal of trees with standard mitigation and to add Live Oaks along 2nd Avenue where possible.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

5. The LVLC recommends the approval of the UAA – 53 – FL Football Training Center schematic design with standard tree mitigation.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

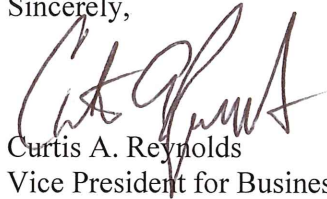
6. The LVLC recommends the approval of the Chi Omega Sorority – Tree Removal Project as presented with no mitigation.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

7. The LVLC recommends the approval of the UAA – Tree Removal on the Front Lawn with standard mitigation under the condition that they cordon off a 10-foot buffer barrier to protect the trees from vehicles.

I approve the committee's recommendation.

Sincerely,



Curtis A. Reynolds
Vice President for Business Affairs

cc: Committee Members
Erik Lewis

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 2nd Ave. to screen the area.

Committee members suggested that he look into adding more Live Oaks along 2nd 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 2nd 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.