

MINUTES
University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
February 13, 2020, at 9:00 AM
Facilities, Planning & Construction
Conference Room 235 Stadium West

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the University of Florida Facilities Planning and Construction Division Conference Room 235 Stadium West.

Members attending:

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
Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture – Chair
Alpa Nawre – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture
Ryan O’Hern – Student
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facility Services

Members not attending:

Donna Bloomfield – Grounds, Facility Services
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill – AVP, Business Affairs
Brian Keith – Associate Dean, Director’s office, Library Administration
Mathew Mears, City Arborist, City’s Park, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
Brett Scheffers – Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
Matt Williams – Director, Sustainability
Joe Wu – Assistant University Librarian, HSC Library

Visitors attending:

Melissa Thomas – Administrative, Planning, Design & Construction
Elisabeth Manley – Landscape Architect, Manley Design
Tamera Baughman – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jim Vignola – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Daniel Lee – Principal, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson Architects
Laurie Hall – Director Landscape Architect, CHW
Leena Rosario – CHW
Erik Lewis – Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Stuart Cullen – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction

Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, was needed in this meeting to vote so Frank Javaheri asked if anyone wanted to chair the meeting and Linda Dixon agreed to be chair and called the meeting to order at 9:00am and the committee agreed.

I. Adoption of Agenda and October 2019 Minutes

Motion: Adam Dale moved to approve the agenda and December minutes.

Second: Gail Hansen De Chapman

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-642 – SW Campus Transportation Improvements

Stuart Cullen

Stuart stated he was here today for Design Development approval. He went over the project locations, background and schedule. The improvements are broken up into different project areas. Mainly this is an improvement for Hull Road. This presentation shows the full layout of each project area. It will encompass Hull Road, Mowry Road, Museum Road, SW 34th Street-Campus entrance at Hull Road, SW 23rd Terrace, and New Research Road (Agricultural Drive). Stuart stated he would be working to make sure the project is in line with the Campus Master Plan as well as the Landscape Master Plan on the roundabouts and medians. Hull road will be widened and the design team is looking for options to move the sidewalk closer to the tree line without damage to the root systems.

The committee addressed the large heritage tree # 537 and how it would be pruned. The Director of Grounds added that the pruning that is being requested is like taking a leg off the tree and they want to see if the tree can handle the pruning and survive. If so, then the tree can be saved but if it cannot then the tree will have to be removed. The committee also asked about the parking lot and IFAS gardens and if some of the trees being planted in these areas will be used to off-set some of the mitigation for this project. The total number of trees being removed requiring mitigation is 80 which is 166 for mitigation and there is a proposed replanting of 133 with 33 trees to mitigate. It was mentioned that some of these trees are in bad shape and some are diseased.

Motion: Alpa Nawre made the motion to approve as presented the tree mitigation for 80 trees removed to 166 mitigation and 133 planted with 33 trees to mitigate depending on how many will be relocated and if they are diseased trees.

Second: Adam Dale

Motion Carried Unanimously

UF- 632 – Data Science & Information Technology Building

Jim Vignola

Jim introduced himself and stated he was here today for Advance Schematic Design approval. He stated this project has not been in front of the committee for about 2 years. This will be a 7-story building with approximately 265,000 square feet of space for 4 different user groups.

There were discussions about the parking, utility infrastructure, building architecture and other projects in the area. There were discussions about the conservation area to the south of the site and the first level will face the south engineering complex to account for the large grade difference. The second floor will be facing the north to match the existing grade. The committee asked for the design team to think about the landscaping along the walkways to keep the pedestrians on the sidewalks. They also mentioned to see if it is feasible for trees to be planted in front of the building on the north side and to make sure the proposed trees going near the walkways be protected.

There is a total of 129 trees proposed to be removed. In it's place, 41 new trees will be added and 88 trees being mitigated for a total of \$22,000.00. This project will be coming back to committee for the Design Development phase.

Motion: Alpa Nawre made the motion to approve the tree removals as presented with a consideration of the north side of the building for planting trees and reinforcing the pathways with landscaping.

Second: Ryan O'Hern

Motion Carried Unanimously

MP05009 – Animal Sciences and Richie Road Parking

Tamera Baughman

Tamera introduced herself and stated she was seeking Advanced Schematic Design approval of the project. This project is behind the Animal Science building. The existing parking lot is dirt and Limerock and the user groups are parking all over the place. This project will make this area an asphalt parking lot with structured

spaces. This project will also need to be under St Johns Water Management District permitting for approval. The existing lot has approximately 147 space and at the completion of the project it should have 224 spaces using option (Alt)2.

A second parking component will reconfigure roadside parking from parallel parking to perpendicular parking along Ritchey Road to provide approximately 88 spaces that will accommodate longer vehicles. The parallel parking on the opposite side of Richie road will remain parallel parking. This will allow for more parking but still have smooth exiting without traffic flow issues.

Motion: Adam Dale made the motion to approve as presented with removing 2 trees at standard mitigation with an addition to doing UF Standards on irrigation and wood barricades to be installed around the trees following the UF Standards for parking lots.

Second: Alpa Nawre

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.