

MINUTES

University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee April 09, 2020 at 9:00 AM Facilities, Planning & Construction Conference Room 316 Stadium West

The University Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee (ULVLC) met Thursday, April 09, 2020 at the University of Florida Facilities Planning and Construction Division Conference Room 316 Stadium West.

Members attending:

Gail Hansen De Chapman – Environmental Horticulture - Chair
Donna Bloomfield – Grounds, Facility Services
Adam Dale – Assistant Professor, Entomology and Nematology Department
Linda Dixon – Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Alpa Nawre – Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture
Tom Schlick – Assistant Director of Grounds, Facility Services

Members not attending:

Brad Barber – University Police Department
Gregg Clarke – Director of Operations, Facility Services
Carlos Dougnac – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill, AVP, Business Affairs
Brian Keith – Associate Director, University Libraries
Ryan O’Hern - Student
Francisco Oquendo – Assistant Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Brett Scheffers – Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology
Matt Williams – Director, Sustainability
Joe Wu – Assistant University Librarian

Visitors attending:

Melissa Thomas – Administrative, Planning, Design & Construction
Erik Lewis – Sr. Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Stuart Cullen– Planning, Design & Construction
Fiona Hogan – Sustainability
Derek LaMontagne – Environmental Health and safety

I. Adoption of Agenda and March 2020 Minutes

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

Second: Alpa Nawre

Motion Carried Unanimously

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Grounds Report

Tom Schlick

The committee agreed to move forward with the Grounds report while waiting on Stuart to get set up for presenting.

Tom began by stating the maintenance is going to change and be reduced throughout campus. While there is low student, count we will be taking out turf in hard to reach areas where the spider or robot mower is used and planting a ground cover (like peanuts or ornamental grasses). Traditionally, there are areas that grounds cannot access and during this time, we are able to catch up of a lot of the maintenance and tree trimming in these areas. The parking lots curbs and mediums will have ground cover planted as well as much needed tree trimming, which has not been able to be previously access.

Brian Hall is a building that is having the ivy on the front of it removed. First, they will kill it and then remove it so the front of the building can be repaired. There will be some repairs due to steam work, which is going to increase over the next few years. Right now, we are working near the Harrell building as well as, ARB and MBI buildings trying to restore the landscaping.

The committee asked if there is some sort of way that LVL can be notified when large shrubs are being removed, not that I think they need to be brought before the committee just a heads up that it is happening so when students and faculty call they can explain what is happening in that area. Tom stated they will be working on graham pond to remove the sediment island that has been formed in the pond. The committee spoke about where they thought the sediments were coming from. This was a man created drainage and it was suggested by the committee to walk and look at the source so to clean that up and stop some of the sedimentation.

III. MAJOR PROJECTS

UAA- 53 – Florida Football Training Center

Stuart Cullen

There is a utilities project to install chilled water, steam, and electrical and reconstruct the storm water system along stadium road all the way from Gale Lemerand to graham woods discharge and up to the O'Connell center parking lot to serve the Student Health Center and the football training facility and improve some storm water issues in that area.

Primarily there is a storm water issue on the north east corner near the pool area at the O'Connell center. On the east, side of the pool area there is a 30-inch pipe going into a 24-inch pipe. This is scheduled to be reconfigured to fix the storm water issues. There will be a new pipe installed and taking out two of the existing pipes, therefore there will be six trees that require mitigation and two that do not require mitigation which would be 12 trees for mitigation. On the landscape plan for this project, it is proposed to replant five trees so there will be a mitigation for seven trees (\$ 1750.00). He explained what trees to be mitigated and showed the committee where they were located. The committee suggested to plant small understory trees may be added to this area near Stadium road or funding for invasive removal.

Motion: Adam Dale made the motion to approve the removals as presented. With the proposed tree plantings and suggest adding another four understory trees preferably native species and then having the remaining balance of the mitigation left for grounds for invasive species removal.

Second: Alpa Nawre

Motion Carried Unanimously

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.