

**Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
September 19th, 2017 at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design and Construction – Conference Room 235
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marty Hylton – Chair -University Libraries
Isabella Alfonzo – Student
Harold Barrand – Planning, Design & Construction
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design & Construction
Chad Doering – Housing & Residence Education
Carlos Dougnac – Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Brian Keith – Assistant Dean - Libraries
Melina Jimenez – English Language Institute
Melissa Mellon – University Writing Program
Michael Murphy – Student

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shelly Arlen – University Libraries
Donna Cohen – College of Architecture
Helen Huet - Libraries
Christopher Martinez - Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Simon Phillpot – Material Science Engineering
Brian Smith – Electrical & Computer Engineering Department
Carl Van Ness – Librarian & Archivist, Special Collections
Michael Wolf – College of Law

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri - Planning, Design & Construction
Joe Walker – Walker Architects

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Melissa Mellon made the motion to approve the agenda and minutes.

Second: Melina Jimenez

Motion Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-221 Norman Hall

Frank Javaheri

Frank went over his previous visit to the committee stating that they were going to do a major restoration of old Norman Hall. He showed where they had proposed a new building on the northeast parking lot of the complex. Project Architect Joe Walker said that he was working with another architect that specialized in historic renovations and showed historic photos and current photos of Norman. He said that Old Norman had been modified over the years, but that it still had a lot of original elements. Joe went over the design concepts and floor plans. He went over the Norman complex and showed the new location of the building they were proposing in the service drive between Old (historic) and New Norman. He

went over renderings of the entrances (including a vestibule) that they were considering to put in on the south side of Old Norman where a greenhouse had originally been. Joe showed where they were proposing to add a Starbucks and an Au Bon Pain in Old Norman. He went over additional interior details including ADA compliant toilets, elevators, preserving historic wood elements and adding interior glass to transfer light between rooms.

Joe went over 4 different concept proposals for modifying the current service drive that resides on the south side of the building complex, adjacent to the parking garage that is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclists. Concept 1, minimally reworked the service entrance to make it more aesthetically pleasing, while the other concepts included encroaching into Norman Field to varying degrees, with concept 4 having a new entrance/exit to SW 8th Avenue.

There was discussion about the concepts for the entrance on the south side to old Norman, with Frank stating that the design could include the vestibule if the budget allows. There was additional discussion about how the Au Bon Pain would integrate into the historic building. Joe said that the windows in the buildings would be replaced with matching ones like had been done at Murphree and Buckman dorms, with Chad Doering noting that they had preserved a few of the original windows in place on the first floor of Buckman as the committee had requested.

Brian Keith said that he supported the food service in the building, but was concerned about the location of the dumpster as was being shown in some of the concept drawings and said that they had similar issues at Library West with food service. There was general discussion about possible other locations for the dumpster and the issues with each one. Marty Hylton said that he liked the general landscape design and how it activates the space. There was more discussion about the service drive and handicap access along with the entrances to old Norman Hall. Melina Jimenez asked what was happening with the wood and tile in the building. Joe said that they were character defining features and much of it would stay, but that some wood would need to be removed for the HVAC improvements. Brian asked about parking. Joe said that they were not anticipating any additional visitors or employees. There was additional discussion on changes to classrooms, windows on the addition and internal use.

Motion: Melissa Mellon made the motion to approve the project with the condition that the windows in the addition more align with the windows in old Norman and the recommendation that the project pursue the landscape concepts 4 or 3.

Second: Melina Jimenez

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.