

**Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
January 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design and Construction – Conference Room 235
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marty Hylton – Chair -University Libraries
Harold Barrand – Planning, Design & Construction
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design & Construction
John Diaz – Agriculture Education & Communication
Melina Jimenez – English Language Institute
Jay Watkins – School of Music
Carl Van Ness – Librarian & Archivist, Special Collections

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Isabella Alfonzo – Student
Shelly Arlen – University Libraries
Donna Cohen – College of Architecture
Chad Doering – Housing & Residence Education
Carlos Dougnac – Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Helen Huet - Libraries
Brian Keith – Assistant Dean - Libraries
Christopher Martinez - Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Melissa Mellon – University Writing Program
Michael Murphy – Student
Simon Phillipot – Material Science Engineering
Brian Smith – Electrical & Computer Engineering Department
Michael Wolf – College of Law

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri - Planning, Design & Construction
Cydeny McGlothlin - Planning, Design & Construction
Steven Blashfield – Glave and Holmes Architects
Lindsey Plant-Perez – DLRgroup Architects

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Carl Van Ness made the motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Melina Jimenez

Motion Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF-619 IBC & IHLC

Cydney McGlothlin

Cydney noted that the project had been before the committee previously and that since then the designs had been started over with her taking over as project manager. She introduced project architect, Lindsay Plant-Perez, who went over the documentation on the two historic houses that the committee had

requested. Lindsey said that they had submitted the requested Historic Structures Report to the Department of State, Division of Historic Resources (DHR), along with Historic American Buildings Survey and 3D scanning. She went over the photos that had been taken and the items they were able to salvage, as well as some of the interpretive items they would be including in the new houses. Lindsey said that DHR had volunteered that a historic marker may be appropriate for the site.

Carl Van Ness asked what the marker would entail. Cydney said that they had not focused on it yet. Marty Hylton asked if they had updated the site file. Lindsey said that Robert Hatker indicated they would. There was discussion on where the documenting materials should reside at UF. Marty said that documentation process would be a good model for the committee to follow moving forward when historic structures of significance are being torn down.

Cydney went over the designs and site plans for the two new houses, noting that they had different concepts that reflect the groups that will be using them. She went over the materials, courtyards and colors being used.

Marty asked for the distance between the buildings. Cydney said that they were 15 feet apart at the closest and said that they would be putting in fencing to regulate the use of the courtyard between the houses. There was additional discussion on uses, neighborhood and streetscape.

Motion: Carl Van Ness made the motion to approve as presented.

Second: Jay Watkins

Motion Carried Unanimously

UF-221 Norman Hall

Frank Javaheri

Frank introduced project architect, Steven Blashfield, and briefly went over his previous visit to the committee noting that they were doing a major restoration to Norman Hall. Steven said that the project mission was to bring out and highlight the important historical elements of the building. He went over the review comments made at the previous meeting and addressed how they were responding to each. He went over the floor plans and highlighted areas that were being focused on for restoration. Steven showed elevations from all sides and went over the entrance on the ground floor that they were removing, noting that it was not part of the original building and had led to water entering the building. He showed how a new ADA ramp would come in to the building on the northwest side. He went over the south elevation and showed how the alcove would look, as well as how they had changed the windows on the new conference center addition to be in line with the committee's previous comments.

Marty Hylton asked about the materials that would be used in the courtyards. Steven said it would consist of brick and precast to match the entry into Old Norman. There was discussion about the stairwell next to the conference room, access to the other buildings, and relationship of the addition to the historic gym. Marty said that the overall design had improved since the last visit to the committee. Melina Jimenez asked about the Au Bon Pain that had been discussed previously going into the ground floor. Steven said that they had decided not to include it and to move the Starbucks into the ground floor location and that a small store would go into the upper floor that they been previously slated for Starbucks.

Joe Walker went over the changes to the service drive and south entrance that they were proposing, noting that only a portion of the improvements shown would be funded by the project. Frank said that they were working with Transportation and Parking and Student Government for additional funding for the rest of the proposed design. There was discussion on the landscape, ADA issues, changes to Norman Field, dumpster location and proposed uses for the field that may be upcoming.

Motion: Melina Jimenez made the motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Jay Watkins

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. MINOR PROJECTS

Zeta Tau Alpha

Clay Sweger

Clay introduced himself as a planner from EDA representing the project. He said the sorority was doing a renovation of the existing space and an addition of 6200 square feet. He showed the site location and showed the site setbacks that had been previously approved by the University. Clay showed photos of the existing house, renderings /floorplans of the proposed addition and went over the modifications to the house since its construction in 1958.

There was a general discussion of the renovations, size and massing. Marty Hylton noted the need to make sure the original drawings were preserved.

Motion: Carl Van Ness made the motion to approve the project as presented with the condition that the project ensure a copy of the original plans is preserved at Facilities Services.

Second: Melina Jimenez

Motion Carried Unanimously

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.