

**Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
May 21st at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design and Construction – Conference Room 235
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Aufmuth – University Libraries
Linda Dixon – Planning, Design & Construction
Craig Hill – Business Affairs
Carl Van Ness – Librarian & Archivist, Special Collections

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marty Hylton – Chair –Interior Design
Megan Daly – University Libraries
John Diaz – Agricultural Education & Communications
Chad Doering – Housing & Residence Education
Carlos Dougnac – Planning, Design & Construction
Helen Huet - Libraries
Joshua Hurdle – Student
Melina Jimenez – English Language Institute
Tipton Lichtenstein – Student
Melissa Mellon – University Writing Program
Francisco Oquendo – Planning, Design & Construction
Jay Watkins – School of Music
Michael Wolf – College of Law

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erik Lewis – Planning, Design & Construction
Melissa Thomas – Planning, Design & Construction
Wendy Simonson – Planning, Design & Construction
Cydney McGlothlin – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction
Jennifer Todden – Department of Housing

The committee unanimously agreed this meeting will be chaired by Linda Dixon because of a low number of voting members. Linda opened the meeting at 2:00 PM

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made the motion to approve the agenda and September 2018 minutes.

Second: Priya Sharma

Motion Passed Unanimously

II. MINOR PROJECTS

WRUF-UPD Case Study Report

Erik Lewis

Erik Lewis stated he was here today to seek approval to demolish the WRUF, old radio station and now formally the UPD building. He went over the background of the building and noted it was placed on the

national registry in 1989. He also went over the historic district on campus and showed it was not in that area of campus. The building was opened in 1928 as the WRUF radio station. In 1955 the University of Florida Police Department moved into this building as their administration building. Since then there have been two minor renovations on the exterior. There was a galvanized doorway metal patio roof attached to the south side of the building and an enclosure of the angle niche on the northeast corner by two right angled, horizontal-lapped board walls to make an enclosed utility room. The interior has been extensively remodeled. The building was built in Northern Architecture with a peak roof that was designed for snow. That was not good for Florida Architecture.

He stated the building has been gutted and it has no floors in 2/3 of the building. The building had drainage issues, which cause the water to go under the building. This caused an increase in mold to development in the building and now the building is uninhabitable because of these drainage and mold issues. It was estimated at 300 to 400K to get the building back up and running. There was a nomination summary done on this building and it only met the criterion for A (because of its contribution to the growth of radio as an agricultural communication medium and it was a training ground for broadcasters and communications engineers) and criterion C (this is the only example of the Tudor Revival style structure on the University of Florida campus).

He showed pictures of the existing building and the outside seems to be intact. The inside however is gutted and most of the floors are gone, but before we can approve it to be demolished the University of Florida and the Department of State had to process a Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement (PMA). The first action was a Project Case Report (PCR) which was prepared by UF to document the reasons why preservation of the property is not feasible. This had to be reviewed by DHR prior to any action on the UF property. If the PCR and DHR determine preservation of the property is not feasible then UF will show archival documentation of the property and it was submitted to DHR for review prior to proceeding with the demolition. UF shall comply with the documentation and mitigation provisions of Stipulations V.1.B. and V.1.C. before proceeding with demolition.

Email text from Morris Hylton: "My preference is to explore alternatives to demolition including a study for potential rehabilitation and adaptive use and how a new building might be placed on the site. If demolition is the option chosen, I recommend that a mitigation plan be developed and it should include: 1. Historic Structure Report following federal standards: <https://www.nps.gov/dscw/hsr-standards.htm> 2. Historic American Building Survey submission – History, Drawings, and Photography: <https://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/habsguidelines.htm> . In preparing the drawings, the building should be digitally documented using 3D laser scanning. 3. Salvage building components to be incorporated in the new building. 4. Signage in the new building that interprets the old radio station structure – or alternatively – a Florida State Historical Marker on the site."

Motion: Carl Van Ness made the motion to approve the application for demolition with a thorough review of the building to determine what can be preserved for reuse in the next building, and the review of the antenna's historical significance.

Second: Priya Sharma

Motion Carried Unanimously

Joe Aufmuth took over at 2:20pm to chair the rest of the meeting since more members arrived.

UF-200 New Public Safety Building – UFPD Building

Wendy Simonson

Wendy introduced herself and stated that she was here today to request site approval for the University of Florida Public Safety Building. This new building will be located on the existing UPD compound, at the corner of Museum Road and Newell Drive.

She showed the committee the site plan with critical telecom utility lines that traverses it. Superimposed on this site plan were the footprints of both the proposed 17K square foot footprint for the 34K 2-story building and the parking lot. She indicated that the UF 200 program mandates to the A/E, that the orientation of the new building and parking lot be maintained as shown, in order to protect the existing critical telecom utility infrastructure.

The program budget for UF 200 currently includes a provision to renovate specific areas of Jennings Hall Office (Bldg. 0596) but does not include any funding to renovate the Centrex Building (Bldg 0132).

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

Second: Priya Sharma

Motion Carried Unanimously

III. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM.