

**Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee**  
**January 16, 2024, at 2:00 PM**  
**Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive**  
**ZOOM MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ann Baird – Associate University Librarian, Libraries  
Kara Casy – Instructional Assistant Professor, Plant Sci & Gen Teaching  
Sarah Coates – University Archivist, Special Collections, Libraries  
Megan Daly – Assistant University Librarian, Smathers Library  
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction  
Ira Harkness – Instructional Assistant Professor, College of Engineering  
Melina Jimenez – Lecturer, College of Liberal Arts and Science  
Wiley Johannesmeyer – Student  
Sidney Ruedas - Student  
Samir Shah – Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Alferez Fernando – Assistant Professor, Citrus Horticulture  
Anthony Coman – Lecturer, Management Communication Center  
Tom Dana – Sr. Associate Dean and Professor, Dean’s Office, Education  
Lori Dassa – Director, Clinical Experiences and Partnerships  
Daniel Dickrell - Associate Instructional Professor, Student Programs  
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education  
Cleary Larkin – Acting Director, Historic Preservation  
Amy Martinelli – Assistant Instructional Professor, Dial Center  
Cydney McGlothlin – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction  
Francisco Oquendo – Assistant Dir., Planning, Design & Construction  
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rachel Mandell – Planning, Design & Construction  
Melissa Thomas - Planning, Design & Construction  
Tamera Baughman – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Melanie Heflin – Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Caeli Tolar – CHW Landscape Architect for UF-687  
Arturo Lopez – Wannemacher Jensen Architects  
Jason Jensen – Wannemacher Jensen Architects  
Israel Sanchez – Wannemacher Jensen Architects  
Laurie Hall – CHW  
Jamie Lindsey – Architectural Designer, Planning, Design & Construction  
James Harriot – CHW  
Robert Gonzalez – EHS  
Clarissa Carr – UF DCP – Historic Preservation

Rachel stated she would run the meeting until Ann arrived.

**I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and SEPTEMBER 2023 MINUTES**

**Motion:** Ira Harkness made a motion to adopt the agenda and the September minutes.

**Second:** Samir Shah

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **II. MAJOR PROJECTS**

### **UF – 675 – Disability Resource Center – Advanced Schematic Design** **Tamera Baughman**

Tamera introduced herself and the Disability Resource Center (DRC) project. She also introduced Arturo Lopez with Wannemacher Jensen Architects, stating they were presenting the Advanced Schematic Design phase of UF-675. Jason Jensen and Israel Sanchez with the design team were also present to speak.

The site is located on the corner of Fletcher Drive and Stadium Road, a highly pedestrian-oriented area of campus. Some vehicular traffic is also present because of the site's central location and proximity to the Hub and other support buildings.

The building location is on the eastern portion of the site. There will be a drop-off zone at the east entrance of the building, along Fletcher Drive. This allows the site to maintain parking to the west until the future Testing Center is constructed during Phase 2. There is a proposed courtyard between the two buildings. The main entrance will be located on the southeast corner of the site.

Due to the site's location within the historic district, the building design needs to incorporate the historic context of the surrounding buildings. A proposed courtyard is planned to open to the north of the Infirmary building, intending to create a connection with the adjacent buildings. The building will be largely comprised of timber but will feature an outer layer of brick on the front façade based on the context of the historic district.

The committee questioned the overhang at the entrance of the DRC. They also questioned whether the project enhanced the Infirmary building. The project team explained that the building location was limited due to the placement of various utility connections. The courtyard will mimic existing angles in the area of campus, with a natural angle toward the Hub, creating a sightline connection between the two buildings.

A committee member asked if the overhang should be extended for students waiting outside. This was discussed with the stakeholders who ultimately elected for the current design. It will still provide a better experience than the present DRC, where drop-off conditions are on a steep slope and located quite far from the entrance.

The committee asked if the exterior brick would match the Florida Gym façade. The project team will provide different options at a future meeting for committee feedback. The committee asked about the front face of the building, and Israel stated that when you look at the other buildings, we have tried to put them in alignment and provide the same build-to line as the Florida Gym and the Stadium.

The committee asked when Phase 2 would begin. Tamera stated that the timeline is dependent on funding. The committee questioned if the sightline to the Infirmary building from Stadium Road would be compromised during Phase 2. The project team intends to create a wide enough opening between the two buildings to ensure the Infirmary building is still visible from Stadium Road. The courtyard should enhance the Infirmary rather than hide it.

**Action:** **Tamera asked to have the project approved as presented. Ann called for a vote. There were no votes in opposition.**

**The project was approved unanimously.**

**III. MINOR PROJECTS**

**MP08578 – One Way Pairs Study & Design**

**Melanie Heflin**

Melanie introduced herself, Jim Harriot, Laurie Hall, and Caeli Tolar from CHW to present on the Fletcher and Buckman Drive One Way Pairs study and Design. The goals for the project included:

1. The feasibility of converting Fletcher Drive and Buckman Drive to one-way streets, in conjunction with the one-way pair off-campus configurations recently implemented on NW 17<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Enhanced safety for non-vehicular traffic by reducing conflicts.
3. Accommodation for buses and emergency vehicles.
4. Improved operations and safety on West University Avenue.
5. Improved loading zones for official vehicles and delivery vehicles.

9 options were presented, and Jim Harriot explained each in detail. Traffic flow will be reconfigured for Fletcher Drive and Buckman Drive. The recommended design was a one-way pair resulting in a counterclockwise loop with the nearby parking lot also being rerouted. The change of traffic on Fletcher would benefit the DRC project drop-off zone.

**Motion: Ira Harkness made the motion to approve the project as presented.**

**Second: Samir Shah**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chair Report**

**Ann Baird**

Ann stated she did not have anything to report on and requested Rachel email the member orientation materials. Rachel stated she would put them on the website.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.