

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
May 6, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive
HYBRID MEETING

Members attending:

Carol Demas, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics
Linda Dixon, Planning Director, Planning, Design & Construction
William Smith, Assistant Athletic Director, University Athletic Association
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Sarah Erikson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries
Ericka Olgaard, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Immunology & Lab Medicine
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture
Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Coordinator, Health Affairs
Lauren Grant, Lecturer, School of Business
Ira Harkness, Instructional Assistant Professor, Material Sciences & Engineering
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts & Sciences
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Nancy M. Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism

Members not attending:

Jay Watkins, Chair, School of Music
Shannon (Lexie) Holliday, Associate Professor, Orthodontics
Ronnie Cooper, Project Director, IFAS Facilities Planning
Michael O'Malley, Academic Advisor, Honors Program
Nicholas Andrews, Student
Aleah Henley, Student
Jordan Gebaide, Student
Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Robert Hatch, Professor & Director of Medical Students
Andrew Persons, City Planner, City of Gainesville
Lynda Reinhart, Director, O'Connell Center
Brandi Renton, Assistant Vice President, Business Affairs
Joseph Riley, Professor, Community Dentistry
Laura Dedenbach, Instructional Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning
Joe Aufmuth, Associate University Librarian, LB-Government Documents
Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Life
Pawel Petelewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy
Lin Yang, Soil and Water Science
Cydney McGlothlin, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction

Visitors attending:

Rick Falcon, Administrative Specialist, Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall, Senior Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
Stephen Caron, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Forrest Eddleton, City of Gainesville
Mike Castine, Alachua County

CHAIR: Jay Watkins (absent), Megan Forbes led the meeting in absence of the chairman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Megan Forbes called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Nancy Clark moved to approve the April minutes and the agenda; Carol Demas seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF- 692 – Chemical Engineering Renovation & Remodeling**PRESENTING: Stephen Caron**

DISCUSSION: Stephen presented a renovation project for the Chemical Engineering building. The project includes fully renovating 54,000 square feet of the 60-year-old structure and adding a 1,250 square foot entry on the north side. The renovation will provide new labs, spaces, and restrooms. While the interior will be completely gutted, the exterior facade will largely remain intact, with some window additions and potential replacements.

Stephen discussed existing equipment on the roof, including AT&T equipment and two large silver structures. Mark Leeps asked about the purpose of the structures and if they would be hidden. Stephen confirmed that the silver structures are part of the existing exhaust system and will be removed. He also mentioned that some mechanical equipment will remain, but efforts are being made to conceal them.

Linda emphasized the importance of respecting the character-defining features of the building, including the stairs and glass. Forrest Eddleton asked about the construction laydown area, which Stephen confirmed would be in the parking area and a small grass lawn section

MOTION: Mark Leeps made a motion to approve the project as presented.

Sarah Erikson seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION:**Chair Report Jay Watkins**

No chair report.

Mark Leeps inquired about the green areas on the corner of West and Gail Lemerand, which Mark Helms explained as a landscape enhancement project.

Sarah Gamble asked for updates on the music building, which Frank Javaheri said would need approval from BOT Chair.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.