

MINUTES
Preservation of Historic Buildings & Sites Committee
April 15th, 2025, at 2:00 PM
HYBRID MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ann Baird – Associate University Librarian, Libraries
Sarah Coates – University Archivist, Special Collections, UF Libraries
Linda Dixon – Director of Planning, Planning, Design & Construction
Aimee Bourassa – Lecturer, CLAS Academic Advising
Tyler Rodibaugh – Director, Facilities Operations
Carolyn Kelly – Senior Lecturer, University Writing Program
Samir Shah – Assistant Professor, Vascular Surgery
Joe Aufmuth – Associate University Librarian, UF Libraries
Clarissa Carr – Research Assistant Professor, DCP Interior Design
Shawn Kapersaud – Student

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alferez Fernando – Assistant Professor, Citrus Horticulture
Daniel Dickrell - Associate Instructional Professor, Student Programs
Chad Doering – Director of Facilities, Housing & Residence Education
Cydney McGlothlin – AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Francisco Oquendo – Asst. Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Cleary Larkin – Acting Dir., Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning
Brandi Renton – Associate Vice President, Business Affairs
Amy Martinelli – Assistant Instructional Professor, Dial Center
Kara Casy – Instructional Assistant Professor, Plant Sci & Gen Teaching
Brent Carr – Associate Professor, Psychiatry
Lori Dassa – Director, Clinical Experiences and Partnerships
Aaron Amster – Student

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Falcon – Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall – Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri – Planning, Design & Construction
Stephen Caron – Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey – Planning, Design & Construction
Amanda Myers – Planning, Design & Construction
Marley Concha – Student

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and APRIL 2025 MINUTES

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the April minutes.

Second: Aimee Bourassa (Agenda) and Samir Shah (Minutes)

Motions Passed Unanimously

II. MAJOR PROJECTS

UF- 692-0723 – Chemical Engineering Renovation & Remodeling

Presenting: Stephen Caron

Stephen provided a detailed overview of the current project, which involves the renovation of the chemical engineering building. The project includes the renovation of approximately 54,000 gross square feet, adding a new main entrance, and improving the loading dock. The building is almost 60 years old, and the proposed renovations include updating the labs, support spaces, restrooms, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Stephen also mentioned that the project has grown in scope since the initial plan was just for an interior renovation. The project has been reviewed by the preservation of historical buildings and site committee, and they have provided an opinion that the project is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the historical properties.

Joe and Stephen discussed the addition of windows to the project, with Stephen explaining that they are currently under contract with a commissioning agent to evaluate all buildings. The base scope includes re-weatherizing the worst ones, but if additional funding is found, they would like to replace all the windows with a storefront type. Stephen confirmed that this information was shared with the Division of Historic Resources and included in their review. The project's architect and client have expressed concerns about the lack of a significant main entrance to the building.

The committee questioned why the project was brought in for review if the building is over 50 years old but not in a historic district. Linda explained that all buildings of this age are presented to the Division of Historic Resources for review. Stephen clarified details about the building's exterior features, including projecting elements above windows and a new mechanical room with ductwork and equipment on the roof. The committee members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to review the project and its alignment with the existing building's design.

Motion: Joe Aufmuth made a motion to approve the project as presented.

Second: Clarissa Carr

Motion Passed Unanimously

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Report

Ann Baird

Ann reported on the City of Gainesville transportation survey and a major utility infrastructure project for the new stadium renovation, infirmary, and disability resource center. The infrastructure project is in the design phase and is expected to begin soon, more information to be provided when available.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.