

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
July 1, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive
HYBRID MEETING

Members attending:

Jay Watkins, Chair, School of Music
Carol Demas, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics
Linda Dixon, Planning Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
William Smith, Assistant Athletic Director, University Athletic Association
Sarah Erikson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries
Ericka Olgaard, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Immunology & Lab Medicine
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
Nancy M. Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Life
Cydney McGlothlin, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction

Members not attending:

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
Pawel Petelewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy
Lin Yang, Soil and Water Science
Matt Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division

Visitors attending:

Rick Falcon, Administrative Specialist, Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall, Senior Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director of Construction, Planning, Design & Construction
David Wood, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Kaylee August, Office of Sustainability
Stefan Rogers, Parking and Transportation
Laurie Hall, NV5
Thomas Feather, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction

CHAIR: Jay Watkins**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jay Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Mark Leeps moved to approve the May minutes and the agenda; Lauren Grant seconded; motion passed unanimously.

UF- 689 – Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education**PRESENTING: David Wood**

DISCUSSION: David presented the advanced schematic design for the Hamilton Center renovation project, with Laurie Hall from NV5 joining to provide additional insights. The project involves converting the former infirmary building into a new center while maintaining its historic character. The project has been approved by the Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping, Parking and Transportation, and Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites committees. The renovation includes exposing the basement level, creating steps and ramps on the east side, and adding a new drop-off area on the west side of the building. The building will pursue LEED gold certification.

The committee discussed plans for renovating the Florida Gym building, with David noting that funding for the project has not yet been secured. Mark Leeps inquired about the layout of the south side, including the DRC testing area and service drive, which Frank Javaheri clarified will remain as a parking lot for now and eventually move to the new housing location. Laurie explained that the service drive will see minimal changes, with a reduction of three service spaces, and the team is working to relocate these spaces to avoid a net loss.

Sarah raised concerns about the accessibility of the building's entrance, particularly the number of steps between the parking lot and the front entrance and asked about the installation of permanent patio umbrellas for shade in the study area. Laurie confirmed that the site furniture, including commercial-grade aluminum umbrellas, would comply with landscape master plan standards. Mark and David discussed the path from the parking lot to the infirmary, clarifying that the current diagonal sidewalk would be maintained. Nina inquired about

preserving the historical facade, including the stone signage, and Frank confirmed that the facade would remain unchanged.

The committee addressed concerns about flood mitigation in the building, with Laurie explaining that a retaining wall on the north side would be removed to create an emergency outfall to the service drive, which is lower than the building's entrance. Megan raised concerns about historic preservation, and David confirmed that Ramsa is working with Joe Walker and the Division of Historic Resources in Tallahassee to ensure the building's envelope is not altered excessively.

The committee discussed access to the building, with confirmation that the west entrance will be key carded and accessible to UF ID holders, while the north entrance is primarily for egress and contains mechanical closets. Cydney McGlothlin explained that Lenel panels will be installed at all doors, with security determining which doors remain open during specific hours and require swipe access. The group also addressed concerns about people flow and slope access, noting that while the main entrance on the east side has ramps on both sides, the Hamilton Center team is considering keeping back doors open to provide easier access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.

MOTION: Margaret Fields made a motion to approve the project as presented.

Sarah Erikson seconded.

Mark Leeps abstained from voting.

The motion passed due to majority vote.

INFORMATION:

Chair Report Jay Watkins

No chair report.

The committee decided to postpone elections for chair and vice chair until September to allow for complete membership lists to be finalized.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.