

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
February 3, 2026, at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive

Members attending:

Carol Demas, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics
Jay Watkins, Chair, School of Music
Joe Aufmuth, Associate University Librarian, LB-Government Documents
Laura Dedenbach, Instructional Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning
Lauren Grant, Lecturer, School of Business
Madeleine Thron, Student
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Nancy Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Coordinator, Health Affairs
Ronnie Cooper, Project Director, IFAS Facilities Planning
Sarah Erikson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture
Sheri Kittelson, Clinical Professor & Division Chief, Medicine
Thomas Hawkins, Lecturer
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts & Sciences
Mark Rush, Professor, Department of Economics
Matthew Webster, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Yang Lin, Soil and Water Science

Members not attending:

Angie Price, Marston Science Library
Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library
Brandi Renton, Vice President, Business Affairs
Chris Carlson, Associate Director, Environmental Health and Safety
Colt Little, VP for Construction, Facilities, and Real Estate
Cydney McGlothlin, Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Forrest Eddleton, City of Gainesville
Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Jason Kruse, Associate Professor, Environmental Horticulture
Jessica Cooper, Extension Agent, Youth Development
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Life
Pawel Petelewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy
Richard Dolson, Student
Robert Dreasher, Student
William Smith, Assistant Athletic Director, University Athletic Association

Visitors attending:

Forrest Eddelton, City of Gainesville
Francisco Oquendo, Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey, Planning, Design & Construction
Jennifer Setlow, College of the Arts
Keith Humphreys, Planning, Design & Construction
Kimberly Mull, Maintenance & Operations
Laura Scott, Planning, Design & Construction
Laurie Hall, NV5
Leslie Cliffe, Bora
Nancey Jones, Walker
Rick Falcon, Planning, Design & Construction
Trent Weller, College of the Arts

CHAIR: Jay Watkins

CALL TO ORDER:

Jay Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Joe Aufmuth moved to approve the agenda and the January meeting minutes, Megan Forbes seconded.

Motions passed unanimously.

MINOR PROJECTS:

None

MAJOR PROJECTS:

UF-672 New Music Building

PRESENTING: Keith Humphreys & Lelie Cliff

Keith presented the design plans for the 39,000-square-foot addition to the existing School of Music building. The project includes a 500-seat concert hall, faculty teaching studios, and renovations to existing practice rooms. Dedicated drop-off facilities will not be added due to budget and space limitations. Traffic management during events will instead be handled by staff. The building will pursue Green Globes 3 certification and feature a red brick base and white metal panel facade. The exact tree species to be used along Newell Drive remains undecided due to palm tree disease concerns. The committee noted that the project should give the university one of the better concert halls in the southeast.

The committee discussed project location, outdoor seating, bike parking, project materials, tree removal and planting, landscaping, concert hall capacity and allocation of indoor practice and teaching spaces.

MOTION:

Sarah Erekson made a motion to forward the project to the VP for Construction, Facilities and Real Estate with a recommendation to approve as presented.

Joe Aufmuth seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Comments:

Members discussed faculty and staff frustration about lack of clear communication regarding flooding due to broken pipes and heating outages due to the recent winter storm. Margaret noted that she contacted leadership about flooding and temperature issues, leading to an email from the dean allowing employees in frigid rooms to work from home.

Public Comments:

None

Chair's Report: Jay Watkins

Jay mentioned concerns about campus parking.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.