

**Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee**  
**August 5, 2025, at 2:00 PM**  
**Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive**

**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  
Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Coordinator, Health Affairs  
Lauren Grant, Lecturer, School of Business  
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Nancy M. Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture  
Ann Baird, Librarian, UF AFA Library  
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Life  
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division

**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  
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  
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture  
Sarah Erikson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries  
Ericka Olgaard, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Immunology & Lab Medicine  
Ira Harkness, Instructional Assistant Professor, Material Sciences & Engineering  
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism  
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  
Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Kate Farmer, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Jamie Lindsey, Architect, Planning, Design & Construction  
Thomas Feather, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Milo Zapata, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Andrew Meeker, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction  
Marty Dempsey, Senior Associate Director, Facilities & Operations  
Mike Castine, Alachua County  
Laurie Hall, NV5  
Niti Gajjar, Cooper Carry

**CHAIR: Jay Watkins**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jay Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

Megan Forbes moved to approve the July minutes and the agenda; Margaret Fields seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Chair's Report: Jay Watkins**

Jay discussed the revised protocols for committee meetings, including rules for public comments, agenda items, and decorum. Jay explained that these changes, developed in collaboration with Linda and the General Counsel's office, aim to unify processes across all committees.

**INFORMATION:**

**PL00507 Lake Wauburg Master Plan**

**PRESENTING: Andrew Meeker**

Andrew presented the master planning process for the Lake Wauburg properties, which encompasses both the north and south shores. He explained that the project involves updating the master plan to guide strategic investments in facilities, operations, and infrastructure. The selection of Cooper Carry as the consultant team was highlighted for their multidisciplinary expertise, including architecture, recreation planning, and cost estimation. Niti Gajjar, provided an overview of the four-phase master planning process, emphasizing the collaborative effort with the University of Florida team and Cooper Carry.

Niti went over the master planning process for the two properties, highlighting the extensive documentation and data available, including the identification of heritage trees and infrastructure conditions. She also described the stakeholder engagement process, which

included an online survey and in-person discussions, revealing that transportation limitations to Lake Wauburg were a significant concern for students.

Niti and Andrew elaborated on the plans for North and South shore properties, highlighting infrastructure improvements and new developments. They discussed the need for an indoor air-conditioned event space and proposed a 15,000 square foot Lakefront Retreat Center on the South shore. The plan includes updates to existing amenities, new parking areas, and design guidelines to connect both properties with UF branding. They also considered comparable local facilities for context and planning.

Niti and Andrew continued their report for both properties, with total proposed investments of around \$12 million on North Shore and \$30 million on South Shore. The projects will be phased with Andrew noting that UF Rec Sports has already received approval for three initial projects

This item is presented for discussion only and no vote was taken.

#### **MINOR PROJECTS:**

**MP-09448, 09449, 09450, 09451 – Trusler Hall, Simpson Hall, Graham Hall, Graham Commons & Pool**

**PRESENTING: Kate Farmer**

**DISCUSSION:** Kate presented the projects which involve the demolition of four buildings: Trusler Hall, Simpson Hall, Graham Hall, the Graham Commons, and Pool area. The project aims to increase the bed count from 622 to 2,200 beds, which is part of project UF-705. Kate explained that some parking lots will be repurposed, including areas west of Flavet Field and the Graham parking lot, which will be upgraded to include a drop-off for the DRC. The team is in the process of conducting a survey of Graham Woods for a separate project that will address stormwater flow from Graham Woods to Graham Pond. The project is set to begin demolition in September and aims to have all buildings removed by December.

**MOTION:** Nancy Clark made a motion to approve the project as presented. Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **MAJOR PROJECTS:**

**UF-705 Student Housing and Disability Resource Center (DRC)**

**PRESENTING: Kate Farmer**

Kate presented an overview of the student housing and disability resource center project, located at the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive, and Museum Road. The project involves demolishing four buildings and a swimming pool (the previously presented minor projects), with plans to construct new buildings ranging from 7 to 9 floors, totaling approximately 2,200 beds plus the DRC.

**MOTION:** Margaret Fields made a motion to approve the project as presented.  
Ann Baird seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

**UF-318B Dental Science Building**

**PRESENTING: Kate Farmer & Jim Vignola**

Kate Farmer presented UF 318B Dental Science envelope replacement, which was originally UF 683.

The project's purpose is to replace the brick facade of the Dental Science Building with aluminum composite material (ACM) panels, covering 92,500 square feet. The project is a deferred maintenance initiative to address water intrusion issues.

The project involves removing 16 trees, including 15 palm trees and one cypress tree, and will be coordinated with Jim Vignola's larger dental science area project. The committee discussed the decision to change from brick to ACM panels, with Jay noting that the cost of maintaining the brick would be exorbitant compared to recladding the building.

**MOTION:** Margaret Fields made a motion to approve the project as presented.  
Megan Forbes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

**No additional comments from committee members were received.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:18pm.