UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
September 2nd, 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
Ronnie Cooper, Project Director, IFAS Facilities Planning
Joe Aufmuth, Associate University Librarian, LB-Government Documents
Lin Yang, Soil and Water Science
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture
Sarah Erekson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries
Cydney McGlothlin, Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Forrest Eddleton, City of Gainesville
Richard Dolson, Student
Robert Dreasher, Student
Madeleine Thron, Student

Members not attending:
Thomas Hawkins, Lecturer
Chris Carlson, Associate Director, Environmental Health and Safety
Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Jessica Cooper, Extension Agent, Youth Development
Sheri Kittelson, Clinical Professor & Division Chief, Medicine
Laura Dedenbach, Instructional Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning
Pawel Petelewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy
Jason Kruse, Associate Professor, Environmental Horticulture
Colt Little, VP for Construction, Facilities, and Real Estate
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Angie Price, Marston Science Library
Brandi Renton, Vice President, Business Affairs
Mark Rush, Professor, Department of Economics
Matthew Webster, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Matthew Williams, Director, Office of Sustainability

Visitors attending:
Rick Falcon, Administrative Specialist, Planning, Design & Construction
Adam Hall, Senior Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Frank Javaheri, Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Jim Vignola, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Jamie Lindsey, Architect, Planning, Design & Construction
Thomas Feather, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Stephen Roberts, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Marty Dempsey, Senior Associate Director, Facilities & Operations
Mike Castine, Alachua County
Laurie Hall, NV5
Josh Vacca, Smith Group
Tom Wannen, Hunton Brady Architects

CHAIR: Jay Watkins

CALL TO ORDER:
Jay Watkins called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:
Joe Aufmuth moved to approve the September agenda, Sarah Erekson seconded.

Sarah Erekson moved to approve the August minutes, Joe Aufmuth seconded.

Motions passed unanimously.

MINOR PROJECTS:

MP-09448, 09449, 09450, 09451 – Trusler, Simpson, Graham, Graham Commons Demolition

PRESENTING: Frank Javaheri

DISCUSSION: Frank presented on behalf of Kate Farmer regarding the Graham Commons project, noting that Farmer had already met with the land use committee previously.
The presentation focused on the demolition project for Graham, Graham Pool, Trusler, and Simpson Hall, which includes the removal of 60 trees, including 9 heritage trees, as part of the site preparation for the UF-705 construction project starting in spring 2026. Laurie Hall explained that tree removals are necessary for demolition, utility rerouting, and temporary site stabilization, with mitigation requirements of planting two trees for each removed, per UF policy. The project was accepted by the LVL committee in August, with emphasis on protecting Graham Woods and Graham Pond.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

UF-318B Dental Science Building

PRESENTING: Jim Vignola

Jim presented the schematic design phase for the UF 318 Dental Science building project, which includes a 3-story addition and renovation of the existing 10-story Dental Science building. He reviewed the project's history, site plan, and transportation improvements, while Tom Wannen discussed the architectural vision and sustainability goals, including pursuit of Green Globes 3-globe certification. The project aims to create a welcoming gateway to the Health Science Center with improved facilities for teaching, research, and care.
The committee focused the discussion on the design of the new building’s entrance and parking facility, highlighting accessibility and pedestrian safety.
Jim clarified that Center Drive would remain open and addressed concerns about crosswalks and traffic signals, noting that a traffic study would be conducted in the fall. The group also discussed plans to upgrade the garage elevator and reduce the slope of the new entrance, which Tom explained would be shorter and less steep than the current one.
Sarah Erekson raised questions about the retaining wall and pedestrian protection near Archer Road, which Laurie confirmed would likely include some retaining walls to manage the grade change while maintaining accessibility.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee Orientation: Adam Hall

Adam Hall conducted a committee orientation to provide an overview of the Land Use Facilities Planning Committee's responsibilities and structure. He explained that the committee is essential for campus planning, providing recommendations on the campus master plan, land use changes, and project designs. Adam encouraged members to review the committee's website for further information and emphasized the importance of communication between different colleges and areas of campus.
He went over the procedures for attending and participating in committee meetings, emphasizing that while committee members and associated staff can attend via Zoom, the public must attend in person. He outlined the typical meeting agenda, which includes project presentations, public comments, and informational staff reports, and clarified that projects are categorized as major or minor based on construction costs. Adam also stressed the importance of following protocols, such as avoiding discussions of committee business outside meetings, and mentioned that the committee's role is typically the last stop for projects before they go to the VP for construction, facilities, and real estate for final approval.
The committee discussed the role and scope of their architectural review process, clarifying that while they don't typically get involved in detailed design decisions, they can intervene if major concerns arise.

<u>Chair's Report: Jay Watkins</u>

No Chair's report.

The election for new Chair and Vice Chair took place instead.

Megan Forbes presented a motion to vote for Jay Watkins to stay as committee chair and Sarah Erkeson as new vice chair.

Lauren Grant 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 3:12pm.