

Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
November 4th, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Planning, Design & Construction Division, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive

Members attending:

Angie Price, Marston Science Library
Carol Demas, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics
Forrest Eddleton, City of Gainesville
Jason Kruse, Associate Professor, Environmental Horticulture
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
Linda Dixon, Planning Director, Planning, Design & Construction
Madeleine Thron, Student
Margaret Fields, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts & Sciences
Mark Helms, AVP, Facility Services Division
Mark Leeps, Assistant, Journalism
Mark Rush, Professor, Department of Economics
Megan Forbes, Chair, English Language Institute
Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Coordinator, Health Affairs
Robert Dreasher, Student
Ronnie Cooper, Project Director, IFAS Facilities Planning
Sarah Erekson, Associate University Librarian, University Libraries
Sarah Gamble, Lecturer, School of Architecture
Sheri Kittelson, Clinical Professor & Division Chief, Medicine
Thomas Hawkins, Lecturer

Members not attending:

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
Gail Hansen De Chapman, Chair, Lakes, Vegetation & Landscaping Committee
Jessica Cooper, Extension Agent, Youth Development
Lin Yang, Soil and Water Science
Matthew Webster, AVP, Planning, Design & Construction
Nancy Chrystal-Green, AVP – Division of Student Life
Nancy M. Clark, Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Pawel Petelewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy
Richard Dolson, Student
William Smith, Assistant Athletic Director, University Athletic Association

Visitors attending:

Adam Hall, Senior Planner, Planning, Design & Construction
Cole Menhennett, NV5
Kate Farmer, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Laura Scott, Administrative Assistant, Planning, Design & Construction
Milo Zapata, Project Manager, Planning, Design & Construction
Spencer Jaskiewicz, RJA
Jeff Tate, BBCRG Group
Jessica Kluttz, Alachua County BOCC
John Michaels, NV5
Justin Foy, RJA
Mike Castine, Alachua County BOCC

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 October minutes, Sara Erekson seconded.

Motions passed unanimously.

MINOR PROJECTS:

NONE

MAJOR PROJECTS:

UF- 705 – Student Housing & Disability Resource Center (DRC)

PRESENTING: Kate Farmer

Kate presented the UF705 Student Housing and Disability Resource Center project, which recently passed the schematic design phase. The project involves constructing new buildings with approximately 2,200 beds and a 10,000 square foot DRC in Building 1. The site was chosen for its proximity to the Reitz Union and classrooms for first year students.

The project will feature a reclaimed water feature, ADA-compliant paths, and a package distribution center. The project is currently going through the permitting process with the St. Johns Water Management District. Two buildings will have trash service, and the other two buildings will have compactors and electric powered cart movers for efficient waste management.

The site has significant grade changes from north to south and proposes relocating a 48-inch stormwater pipe to accommodate the new buildings.

Phase 1 comprises Building 1 and Building 2, which will provide approximately 1,100 beds and is scheduled for summer 2028. Phase 2 comprises Building 3 and Building 4, with the remaining 1,100 beds and is scheduled for summer 2029.

Sarah Erikson asked if the fact that only 2 buildings will have trash service and service deliveries will affect the flow of recyclables and deliveries. Kate said they are working closely with sanitation and that there will be compactors, so trash collection does not have to be as frequent. All buildings will have trash chutes. Building 2 and Building 4 will have electric powered carts to move the trash. All buildings will have vehicle access to facilitate service and deliveries.

Carol Demas and Sarah Erikson expressed concern about impacts from outdoor concerts to the buildings adjacent to Flavet Field. Kate said the team is looking into soundproofing.

The committee discussed parking concerns, with Kate noting there may be \$1.8 million in parking mitigation fees, although TAPS is still researching parking reallocation options. Mark Rush said the number of parking spaces being reduced is his main concern. Thomas Hawkins added that the Parking and Transportation committee asked that service area parking be kept to the greatest extent possible.

Megan Forbes asked that signage and drop off be considered carefully and asked about preventing cyclists going too fast through area. Kate responded that they are looking at stripping.

Sarah Erikson asked if the 10,000 square feet for DRC is an upgrade to their current space. Kate responded that, yes, it is more than what is currently available.

MOTION:

Mark Leeps made a motion to approve the project.

Mark Rush seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member comments:

Mark Leeps asked for updates on the Mcguire/UVS field and Corry Village projects which Kate provided.

Chair's Report: Jay Watkins

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.